



HEADTEACHER COMMENT

We have had a great start to the school year, the children have reacted well to the new reward systems and behaviour policy. The new children in Reception have had a great start and we are looking forward to them joining us full time next week. It has been lovely to welcome them, they have been amazingly well settled and calm in their first week at Hollywood (Big School). A big welcome also to all the new parents to the Hollywood community, let us hope that it will be a long and fruitful relationship.

Although we sent the dates for the year out last week we have had to change one; the second training day was to be on Tuesday 3rd January but this training day is now on Friday 14th October. This will result in the children returning to school after the Christmas break on Tuesday 3rd January. I apologise for the inconvenience caused by this date change but the training provider was not available for our original date.

ATTENDANCE (W.B. 06.09.16) (REMEMBER ABSENCE LINE: 675 4525)

Class	Lates	%Attend	Days Lost		Class	Lates	%Attend	Days Lost
RSBS Otters	0	55	4.5		RSBS Deer	0	87.5	1.5
RA	0	0	0		3B	0	75.83	14.5
RM	0	0	0		3S	0	88.33	7
1B	0	93.1	4		4B	0	86.21	8
1F	0	79.17	12.5		4M	0	100	0
2B	0	100	0		5A	1	84.48	9
2P	1	99.14	0.5		5H	0	92.5	4.5
					6H	1	100	0
Total	4	90.77	67		6S	1	98.33	1

We have had a disappointing start to the term but I am confident we will be able to reach our target of 97%. Well done to 2B, 4M and 6H who all had the magical 100% attendance and no lates. It was great to celebrate the 100% Attendance Awards at Highbury Hall on Monday with over 100 children who achieved their 100% certificate for last year. The Lord Mayor was really impressed with the children and complimented our parent's commitment.

SECONDARY TRANSFERS

The secondary school open days are as follows:

- Woodrush Academy** - Thursday 22nd September 5.30 - 8.30pm
- Light Hall School** - Thursday 22nd Sept 5.00 - 8.00pm, open morning 23rd Sept 9.30 - 12.00am
- King Edward's School** - Saturday 17th September 1.00 - 3.30pm

MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON

We will be hosting the Macmillan coffee Afternoon on 30th September. Please put this date in your diary and come along and support this excellent charity, I hear it is going to be bigger and better this year and the fun will start at 2.00pm.

SAFEGUARDING AND IMPROVEMENTS

You may have noticed that we now have an additional gate to the right of the front entrance. We have had this erected to increase the safety of the children if the car park gates are open. The front gate is now remotely controlled; it is important that you buzz both for entering and leaving the school.

SAFEGUARDING

The Designated Senior Lead (DSL) for safeguarding is Miss Parkes. If anyone has concerns regarding a child's welfare please inform her immediately. If you have any concerns about e-safety you should also speak to Miss Parkes. For advice, help or to make a report visit the safety centre at: www.ceop.police.uk. There are age appropriate buttons to click on to get advice and help.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Individual photos will take place on 15th November from 8.30am in the school hall. Please make sure children are wearing full school uniform.

SCHOOL NURSE VISITS

Our school nurse will be in school every other Tuesday afternoon beginning on 27th September. This is no longer a drop in service, therefore if you wish to see Nicola please arrange an appointment time through Ms Schwartz in Year 4 (email: m.schwartz@hollywood.bham.sch.uk).

Please also see me if there are any new medical issues I need to be aware of or if you would like any advice/support. Many thanks, Ms Schwartz.

MESSAGE FROM BOURNEVILLE SCARECROW FESTIVAL

Come and join in the fun at Bournville Scarecrow Festival tomorrow (Saturday 17th September) from 10am-4pm on Bournville Village Green and surrounding roads! This year the theme of the scarecrows is "Heroes & Villains" from children's books and films. We're raising money for Epilepsy Action. As well as the scarecrow trail, there will be exotic animals on the Green, Harry Potter crafts at Selly Manor, and hula hooping in the afternoon (1-3pm) plus a cake stall. Entry is £1 per adult, £2 per child or £5 per family group. We'd be really grateful for your support at this great community event. Hope to see you there!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 20th September	- Year 3 & Year 4 Information Evening 6.30pm
Thursday 22nd September	- Year 5 Information Evening 6.30pm
Tuesday 27th September	- Year 2 Information Evening 6.30pm
Friday 30th September	- Macmillan coffee afternoon at 2pm
DATE CHANGE: Teacher training day	- Friday 14th October – children not at school (takes place of Tuesday 3rd January)
Monday 31st October	- Teacher Training Children not at School
Tuesday 3rd January	- Children return to school

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

It's fine to celebrate success but it is more important to heed the lessons of failure. Bill Gates

Many thanks
Mr. S. Dix
(Headmaster)