



HEADTEACHER COMMENT

School Gate Parking across the city has become problematic for Birmingham Schools with inconsiderate and/or illegal parking in the vicinity of schools during morning drop off and afternoon pick up. Parking illegally or inconsiderately not only causes inconvenience to local residents and undermines the school's efforts to be a good neighbour but causes road safety issues, including danger to pedestrians crossing the roads.

The Council has identified our school as having a school gate parking issue. A resident has contacted Selly Oak Constituency regarding the School Crossing Patrol which crosses Highters Heath Lane in the vicinity of Pickenham Road. They are concerned about the number of vehicles parked where the School Crossing Patrol is trying to cross pupils, and in fact masking the School Crossing Patrol from passing vehicles.

The Council has encouraged us to sign up to Modeshift STARS which is a national accredited awards scheme that supports schools in the promotion of active, sustainable and safe travel. This online tool collects travel data on how pupils currently travel to school with an action plan to encourage pupils to get involved with activities to reduce car use and to use other modes of travel such as walking and cycling. I will keep you informed with the progress of this initiative.

REMINDER

For the safety of the children and parents, scooters and bikes should not be ridden in the playground or school grounds before and after school. They should be wheeled to and from the gates. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

ATTENDANCE (W.B. 26.09.16) (REMEMBER ABSENCE LINE: 675 4525)

Class	Lates	%Attend	Days Lost		Class	Lates	%Attend	Days Lost
RSBS Otters	2	100	0		RSBS Deer	0	100	0
RA	0	94.33	8.5		3B	3	98	3
RM	1	98.28	2.5		3S	1	97.33	4
1B	1	93.79	9		4B	0	97.78	3
1F	1	99.33	1		4M	3	93.7	8.5
2B	2	96.55	5		5A	2	95.67	6.5
2P	1	85.17	21.5		5H	0	98.33	2.5
					6H	0	96.55	5
Total	21	96.13	81.5		6S	4	99	1.5

Well done to 1F, the Deer Class, Otters Class and 6S who won the panda last week. Thank you for your support with punctuality too, after a disappointing start to the term we are now at 96.4%, which is much closer to our target of 97%.

MACMILLAN RAFFLE

A massive thanks to everyone for their kind donations for the Macmillan coffee afternoon, it was a great success as always, due to parent's and staff's hard work and kindness. The raffle will be drawn during assembly on Monday 17th October. We have raised a whopping £1,034.00, well done! A special thanks go to Mrs Devaney (who rallied on even though she was unwell) and her band of merry helpers.

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.

PARENT GOVERNOR

I have sent out a letter to all parents asking for nominations for a parent governor, please contact the main office if you have not received this information. Following nomination, both the Chair of Governors and myself will interview nominees so that the role can be fully discussed before taking on such a big commitment.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

On Wednesday 19th October, the whole school will be taking part in a Harvest Festival Celebration at Immanuel Church. As part of our community cohesion work, during the service each class will present a hamper of produce to Reverend Rebecca who will arrange for these to be distributed amongst members of the community.

From Friday 14th October, we would be grateful for donations of dried, packet or tinned goods which can be added to your child's class hamper. Store cupboard staples such as pasta, rice, tea, coffee, sugar, baked beans, tinned ham, tomatoes and tuna, and some sweet products such as tinned fruit, pie fillings or biscuits are all great ideas and all donations, however small, will be gratefully received.

Unfortunately due to space in the church we are unable to invite parents to this service but pictures and details will be added to our school website. Thank you, Mrs G Brown.

APPEAL FOR RESOURCES

If you have any plastic tea sets, small boats, play figures such as pirates, corks, shells, any natural materials and old kitchen utensils, pots and pans that you would like to get rid of, our Reception classes would love them! Thank you.

HSBC BANK – KS2

Our next visits from Mrs Howes from HSBC Bank will be on 17th October, 7th November, 21st November and 5th December.

LIBRARY NEWS

Reminder Orders for the Scholastic Book Club need to be in by Monday 17th October 2016 . Go to <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/hollywood> to browse the latest books and order online or send the cash in along with your orders for my attention. Many thanks from Mrs Haddock.

PARENTS CONSULTATION EVENING

The parent evenings for this term will be on Thursday 17th November and Tuesday 22nd November. This will be a chance for you to discuss how your child is settling down in their new class and also for the teacher to discuss their targets for the year ahead. The meetings with staff will only be for approx. 6 or 7 minutes, however if there are issues that need greater length then alternative meetings should be arranged.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Black History Month** - October
- Friday 14th October** - **TEACHER TRAINING DAY 2 (SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHILDREN)**
- Wednesday 19th October** - Harvest Celebration
- Wed 19th - Fri 21st October** - Year 6 Residential
- Thursday 20th October** - Halloween Disco (Reception Years 1 & 2 - 3.45 – 4.45)
(Years 3-6 - 5.00 – 6.00)
- Friday 21st October** - Children Break up for Half Term
- MONDAY 31ST OCTOBER** - **TEACHER TRAINING DAY 3 (SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHILDREN)**
- Tuesday 1st November** - Children Start Back

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“Teamwork is the fuel that allows common people to produce uncommon results” Unknown

Many thanks

Mr. S. Dix
(Headmaster)

