

Birmingham City Council

Friday 18th November wood Primary School Newsletter

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HEADTEACHER COMMENT

This has been a very busy week, not only was it anti-bullying week but we also had a visit from three OFSTED inspectors. Mr McCauley was the very experienced Lead Inspector and he was supported by a local serving head Dr Kentish and a specialist SEN Inspector Ms Ashley. The team were thorough and determined to find plenty of evidence to back up their judgments, whilst doing this they also discovered a very warm and caring community. I must thank parents for their contribution which overwhelmed the team. We had a very positive "Parentview" return and the parents that the Inspectors met were completely positive about the work of the



school. The Governors supported the school through the process and again the Inspectors were full of positive praise for their part in developing the school's strategy. Unfortunately the report will not be available until the end of November; when I will send it out to all parents, it will also be available on the school's website.

The staff showed their true spirit all the way through and I must wholeheartedly thank them for this. They must be exhausted as they were also here late on Thursday night at the first of the parent consultation evenings. On top of all that Mr Ryan was able to take a team of basketball players to a local tournament that they won.

ATTENDANCE (W.B. 07.11.16) (REMEMBER ABSENCE LINE: 675 4525)

Class	Lates	%Attend	Days Lost	Class	Lates	%Attend	Days Lost
RSBS Otters	1	85	3	RSBS Deer	0	100	0
RA	1	99.33	1	3B	1	95.33	7
RM	1	97.33	4	3S	1	96.33	5.5
1B	1	97.24	4	4B	1	99.26	1
1F	0	94.67	8	4T	2	100	0
2B	1	95.17	7	5A	0	98.67	2
2P	1	91.67	12.5	5H	1	99.67	0.5
				6H	2	99.66	0.5
Total	16	97.1	61	6S	2	96.67	5

Well done to the Deer Class, RA and 4T who won the panda for last week. Thank you for your support with punctuality too, after a disappointing start to the term we are now at 96.39%, which is closer to our target of 97%.

RUN BIRMINGHAM COACH TO 5K

Next Thursday 24th November at 9.00am we will be holding the first session of Couch to 5K running for parents and friends with support from a Run Birmingham coach. The programme will be a nine week course and we will have our own dedicated coach. He will support the group with follow up ideas and basic running advice including warming up, stretching and cooling down routines. Come along and have a go!

RECLAIM SPORT

Could parents please send unwanted sports kit to school for our "Reclaim Sport" kit collection initiative, we have an empty combination trolley in the playground waiting for your donations. The sports kit will be used for Birmingham community sports activities. The donation wish list:

Football shirts, sports tops, training shoes, football boots, spikes etc, cycling clothing, bikes, team kits, balls, rackets, hockey sticks, weights, trampets, boxing gloves, golf clubs and sports bags.

This initiative is linked to the BBC "Get Inspired" campaign and more information can be found at www.bbc.co.uk/getinspired.

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.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

This will take place on Friday 9th December from 2pm. Parents can collect their children from the classrooms from 2pm onwards to go and enjoy the festivities.

YEAR 2 INSPIRE WORKSHOP

Year 2 are holding their Inspire workshop on Tuesday 22nd November at 9.15am, it will last approx.1 hour. All parents and carers

BOOK FAIR RUNNING TILL LUNCHTIME ON WEDNESDAY Wednesday 23nd NOVEMBER

This is held in the Library after school 3.30pm onwards. Lunchtimes: Children can visit the library to view and purchase any books should they wish to. The Book Fair will also be running throughout Parents Evening so feel free to come along and take a look. Thanks from Mrs Haddock.

HSBC BANK - KS2

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

RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS AWARD

Following our announcement that Hollywood is working towards recognition as a Rights Respecting School, we are delighted to let everyone know that we have achieved the first stage, called the 'Recognition of Commitment'. This means that we have started to put in place the necessary actions and strategies, and that everyone at Hollywood knows about it. Students have had assemblies, staff have had some information and completed an initial questionnaire, there is a display in school, and we have a working group set up to generate ideas and to ensure that the plans are actioned. This group includes staff, parents, governors and pupils. We have also appointed Rights Ambassadors that who support me in implementing this initiative. Thank you to the parents who have expressed an interest in supporting us with this! *Mrs Pritchard*.

KEY STAGE 1 LEARNING BITE QUESTIONNAIRE

Many thanks to all the Key Stage 1 parents who completed the Learning Bite questionnaire at Parent's Night yesterday. For those of you who have appointments on Tuesday, please look out for the brief questionnaire which will be on clipboards by the children's books. The Learning Bites are short, informal workshops we are planning to put on each half term – your completion of the Menu Choices will determine what top five sessions we put on to support you and your child. The questionnaire is also on the website in the Parent Area in case you missed it and would like to download it. Thank you, The Key Stage 1 Team.

RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2

Don't forget competition entries for the front cover of the Nativity programme are due by Friday 25th November. There will be a prize for the 3 winners - one from each year group. Good luck!

- 1. Draw your cover idea on a piece of A4 paper.
- 2. Write you name and class on the back.
- 3. Hand your entry to your teacher or to Mrs Akhtar.

NON UNIFORM DAY

On Friday 2nd December we will have a non uniform day. We would like donations for our tombola stall at the Christmas fayre. Items such as gifts, bottles/jars and chocolates. Thanks in advance.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Our festive lunch will take place on Tuesday 13th December, the cost is £2.05, please book as usual through parentpay.

SCHOOL COFFEE MORNING

The school nurse will be attending our school coffee morning on Tuesday 22nd November at 9.15am. This will be taking place on a regular basis throughout the year. Each session Nicola, our nurse, will be available to discuss and advise on different medical issues. On this occasion the topic shall be toileting. Therefore if you have any issues regarding toileting with your child please come along to the reception area at 9.15am. Nicola will be happy to discuss any worries you may have and offer medical advice. If you have any questions please come and see Ms Schwartz or Mrs Devaney.

CHRISTMAS NATIVITIES

Please see below for the dates and times of the Christmas nativities. As in previous years they will be "ticket only" shows, letters will be sent out in mid November, please look out for these and then return them ASAP with your ticket requests.

PARENT GOVERNOR

I have had a number of parents who have enquired about the role of parent governor but as yet we have not had any nominations. If you would like to be a school governor please pop in and see me.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 22nd November - Parents Evening

Tuesday 22nd November - Parents Inspire Workshop for Year 2 at 9.15am

Thursday 24th November - Couch to 5K Parent Running Group Starts

DECEMBER

Tuesday 6th December - Nativity at 2pm

Wednesday 7th December - Nativity at 9.30am

Thursday 8th December - Nativity at 9.30am

Thursday 8th December - Nativity at 2pm (siblings welcome)

Monday 12th December - Reports go home to Parents

Wednesday 14th Dec' - Children's Christmas Parties

Thursday 15th December - Carol Service in Church

Friday 16th December - Break up for Christmas Break

JANUARY 2017

Tuesday 3rd January - Children return to school after the Christmas break

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"If we become angry at our anger, we will have two angers at the same time. We only have to observe it with love and attention. If we take care of our anger in this way, without trying to run away from it, it will transform itself. This is peacemaking. If we are peaceful in ourselves, we can make peace with our anger. We can deal with anxiety, fear, or any unpleasant feeling in the same way."

Thich Nhat Hanh

Many thanks Mr. S. Dix (Headmaster)

