



HEADTEACHER COMMENT

We held our first session of Couch to 5K running for parents and friends with support from a Run Birmingham coach, Taz, on Thursday. There was a good response from parents and they liked it so much that it will continue next week on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday and then for a further 8 weeks. The group are going to meet up in the car park of Daisy Farm Park at 9.00am so why not come along and join in the Pre-Christmas campaign. The programme is a nine week course and the coach from Run Birmingham will support the sessions. Taz will continue to support the group with follow up ideas and basic running advice including warming up, stretching and cooling down routines.

ATTENDANCE (W.B. 14.11.16) (REMEMBER ABSENCE LINE: 675 4525)

Class	Lates	%Attend	Days Lost		Class	Lates	%Attend	Days Lost
RSBS Otters	0	96	1		RSBS Deer	0	90	3.5
RA	2	97.33	4		3B	0	97.67	3.5
RM	2	91.67	12.5		3S	0	95.33	7
1B	2	92.33	11.5		4B	0	97.78	3
1F	2	92.67	11		4T	1	98.57	2
2B	1	96.21	5.5		5A	0	97.67	3.5
2P	2	98	3		5H	1	99.33	1
					6H	2	95.52	6.5
Total	17	95.84	88.5		6S	2	93.33	10

Well done to 2P and 5H 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 96.34%, which is closer to our target of 97%.

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.

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.

SAFEGUARDING ADVICE

It appears there is a new app called 'Dumbsmash' which is a video messaging app where people can upload themselves singing over famous songs and then choose to share via whatsapp, facebook, instagram or via a text message. It is not intended for children under 18 and you must be 18 or 13 years or older with parents' permission to use it. However there are some primary school children utilising this app. Within the Q&A section of the app there is a question posed by someone asking whether or not they should upgrade to Dumbsmash 2. It says: 'Dumbsmash 2 has nothing to do with Dumbsmash but is a malware app that hides itself on phones and then pushes users to porn sites. As soon as it is set up, the icon deletes itself and runs in the background without the user's knowledge.'

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. 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.

Key Stage 1 - Spelling lists on the Website for Parents

Key Stage 1 parents. We sent a note just over a week ago telling you about the high frequency words and common exception words that Year 1 and Year 2 are focusing on as part of the children's weekly homework and spelling lessons. These lists will be available on the website during the coming week - follow the English tab and look for spellings. There are 4 lists, each of 100 words. They are organised by frequency as identified by the Government listings so each group of 10 has a mixture of different words. The final Take 4 list includes numbers, colours and other topic based words that will be useful for your child. As always we appreciate the time you are able to give at home to support your child and hope that these lists help you. *The Key Stage 1 Team*

HSBC BANK – KS2

Our next visits from Mrs Howes from HSBC Bank will be on 5th December.

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.

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.

RECYCLED CANDLES

Recycled candles: 1F are collecting used candles stumps for a project. If you have any candles lying around that you no longer need then please send them into us asap. Thanks Mrs Keegan.

JOB VACANCIES

We are currently looking to appoint a Lunchtime Supervisor and a "reserve" Breakfast Club Organiser a.s.a.p. Breakfast Club duties would start at 7:30 a.m. until 8:55 a.m. If you or anyone you know is interested in joining our team, then please collect an application form from the school office.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Life is full of disappointments, failures and setbacks. None of those things can permanently stop you. You have the power in you to overcome anything that life throws at you. There is nothing as powerful as a made up mind. Surround yourself with people who remind you that you matter, and support you in the ways that matter most to you. No person, situation, or circumstance can define who you are. Don't give up, cave in, or stop believing that it's possible. It is not over until you win.

Many thanks
Mr. S. Dix
(Headmaster)