



HEADTEACHER COMMENT

As I mentioned a few weeks ago we are reviewing our School Travel Plan so that we can improve the parking situation and the safety of children around the school. The STP considers the journey to school for our pupils and looks at ways to make journeys safer, healthier and more sustainable.

We would value your views on the school journey, opinions on what issues need to be dealt with through the School Travel Plan, and ideas for possible solutions to the travel issues that we face. To give the school and Birmingham City Council the right information to work with we need your ideas and opinion. So I would really appreciate if parents could spend five minutes and complete the short survey on the following link:
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/JTVZNBX>

ATTENDANCE (W.B. 21.11.16) (REMEMBER ABSENCE LINE: 675 4525)

Class	Lates	%Attend	Days Lost	Class	Lates	%Attend	Days Lost
RSBS Otters	0	95	1	RSBS Deer	0	98.21	0.5
RA	3	93.67	9.5	3B	0	95.56	6
RM	4	97.67	3.5	3S	1	98	3
1B	1	96.33	5.5	4B	1	97.86	3
1F	0	94	9	4T	1	95.49	6.5
2B	1	95.86	6	5A	0	97	4.5
2P	4	92.33	11.5	5H	1	94	9
				6H	1	95.86	6
Total	21	95.7	90.5	6S	3	96	6

Well done to the Deer Class, RM and 3S 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 96.27%, which is closer to our target of 97%.

SMOKING ONSITE

This is a no smoking site as many parents will already know and understand, but in the same spirit can I ask the parents and families do not use vapourisers on site. Many children do not recognise the difference and the "NO SMOKING" message is given less importance.



GOOGLE EXPEDITIONS

On Thursday the children experienced the most up to date technology when they were wowed by the google expedition app and the google budget virtual reality headsets. This may be the next wow day tool for the teachers but also parents might be getting requests for an additional Christmas gift!

BIKES IN SCHOOL

On a health and safety angle can I ask that children, parents and guests do not cycle on the premises. We had a near miss earlier this week where a small child was almost hurt by a cyclist.

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.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Our festive lunch will take place on Tuesday 13th December, the cost is £2.05, please book as usual through parentpay. All children will receive a Christmas cracker and wear their hats and join in the Christmas spirit. Crackers are kindly provided by Friends of Hollywood.

FESTIVE CHRISTMAS OUTFIT DAY – 16th DECEMBER

At the request of the School Council, we are holding a fundraising day in aid of Acorn Children's Hospice on the last day of term. Children can dress up in anything Christmassy – the wackier the better! The suggested donation is £1 per child, we look forward to seeing the wacky outfits.

CHRISTMAS NATIVITIES

Please see below for the dates and times of the Christmas nativities. All tickets have now been sent home. Our Tuesday and Wednesday performances are now full. Can we ask that spectators only turn up if they have a ticket as we are unable to admit any more people due to health and safety regulations. Tickets will be checked on the door.

HSBC BANK – KS2

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

LIBRARY NEWS

A big thank you to all those parents and children who supported the book fair, we had a fantastic response and have raised over £500 to spend on Scholastic books. Congratulations to our 5 raffle tickets winners: Maggie, Jaesh, Sam, Carys and Isabelle. I would also like to say a big thank you to my library helpers who worked really hard, I couldn't have done it without them. *Mrs Haddock.*

LIBRARY COMPETITION TIME

Next week in the library I will be running a quiz at lunchtimes for the children to join in. Thanks to Mrs Waldron there are two signed copies of "Generation Next" by Oli White up for grabs as prizes. *Mrs Haddock.*

KEY STAGE 1 – SPELLING LISTS ON THE WEBSITE FOR PARENTS

We recently sent a note home 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. **Key Stage 1 Team**

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 7:30am until 8:55am. 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 December - Children's Christmas Parties
- Thursday 15th Dec. at 10am & 2pm - Carol Service in Church for KS2
- 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

"Each problem has hidden in it an opportunity so powerful that it literally dwarfs the problem. The greatest success stories were created by people who recognized a problem and turned it into an opportunity." Joseph Sugarman

Many thanks
Mr. S. Dix
(Headmaster)