



## HEADTEACHER COMMENT

It was lovely to see such a big turn out from parents at the four performances of the Phases 1 & 2 Nativity. I think the children really enjoyed taking part and the teachers, teaching assistants and helpers deserve great credit for the work they put in to the production. A particular mention must go to Ms Waldron who worked so hard to sort out the costumes and artwork.

I know teachers are finding it more and more difficult to make sure they can squeeze rehearsals into an already busy timetable but it is worth it when the children and parents enjoy the experience so much.

## ATTENDANCE (W.B. 28.11.16) (REMEMBER ABSENCE LINE: 675 4525)

Class	Lates	%Attend	Days Lost	Class	Lates	%Attend	Days Lost
RSBS Otters	0	94	1.5	RSBS Deer	0	100	0
RA	0	94.67	8	3B	5	99.33	1
RM	2	98	3	3S	2	97.33	4
1B	2	96	6	4B	2	99.29	1
1F	0	97.33	4	4T	4	91.72	12
2B	3	98.97	1.5	5A	3	100	0
2P	2	96	6	5H	4	98.33	2.5
				6H	2	95.17	7
Total	32	97.12	61.5	6S	1	97.33	4

Well done to the Deer Class, 2B and 5A who won the panda for last week. Thank you for your support with punctuality too, we are now at 96.35%, we are getting to our target of 97%.

## REPORTS TO PARENTS

Next week parents will receive the termly report for the autumn term. In September 2015, we introduced Assertive Mentoring to measure and track progress and attainment in Maths, Writing, Spelling and Grammar. This was due to the Government introducing both a new curriculum and abolishing the old "levels" system. Assertive Mentoring uses Stages and relates the Stages to the programmes of study outlined for each year group in the new national curriculum. Stage 1 is Y1; Stage 2 is Y2 etc.... Each Stage is broken down into sub stages (similar to old sub levels). There are 4 Sub Stages per Stage: Emerging; Developing; Secure & Next Stage Ready.

The reports use this information to give parents an idea of the kind of progress that the children are making through the year. Parents must be aware that these stages have taken a little time to settle down so don't worry at this stage if you feel your child is suddenly behind, the curriculum has changed and coverage needs to catch up. Parents should keep each termly report and track the progress in each report through the year. Please do not hesitate to contact me for further information.

## RECEPTION INTAKE SEPTEMBER 2016

Do you have a child who was born between 1st September 2012 and 31st August 2013? If so, it is important that you apply online for your child's Reception class place for September 2017 by 16th January 2016. For further information and to apply online please visit [www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions), alternatively contact a member of the Children's Information and Advice Service on 0121 303 1888.

## 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.

## POPPY APPEAL

A big thank you to all who supported our recent Poppy Appeal, we raised £84.50 for this very worthy cause.

## NATIVITY POSTER COMPETITION

Congratulations to our three winners from KS1 and Reception for the Nativity poster competition. The winning designs were used for the front cover of the programmes and posters which were displayed around school. Well done Renai (2B), Ben (1F) and Maisie (RA).

## NSPCC PANTS CAMPAIGN

The NSPCC wants to help you, as parents and carers, talk to your children about staying safe from abuse. Talking PANTS teaches children important messages, like their body belongs to them and they should tell an adult if they're upset or worried. PANTS stands for;

Privates are private, Always remember that your body belongs to you, No means no,  
Talk about secrets that upset you, Speak up, someone can help.

Go to the website [www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk) and sing along with Pantosaurus to get the conversation started. Take the quiz to test your PANTS knowledge and download the PANTS guides for more support. There will be a brochure on our website that you can download too.

If you would like further information, please contact me on [k.pritchard@hollywood.bham.sch.uk](mailto:k.pritchard@hollywood.bham.sch.uk).

## PUPIL PREMIUM FUNDING – IS YOUR CHILD ENTITLED TO ADDITIONAL FUNDING?

Our census day will be in mid-January when our funding and budget for 2017/18 is set. We would like all of our children to receive all the funding to which they are entitled. Your child may be eligible for additional funding of up to £1320 per year through the school's budget if you are eligible for any of the following:

- \* Income support
- \* Income-based jobseekers' allowance
- \* Income-related employment and support allowance
- \* Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- \* The guaranteed element of state pension credit
- \* Child tax credit, provided that you are not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of £16,190 or less
- \* Universal credit

\* Funding is also available for service children, adopted children or any child who has been looked after by the local authority. Even if you do not want your child to have a school lunch we would encourage you to apply for free school meals to ensure that our school receives the maximum amount of funding possible.

Forms and pamphlets with more details are available at the school office. Forms only need a very small amount of information and are strictly confidential. Please ask to speak to Mrs Powell if you require any support in completing the forms.

## BAD WEATHER REMINDER

In the event of severe overnight winter weather, leading to general closure of schools, announcements will be made on local radio from 7.00am onwards. Where extreme weather is localised and affects a small number of schools, the names of the closed schools will be broadcast. It is vital that parents tune into local radio stations for updates. We will also text parents as soon as we can.

**RADIO WM (95.6FM)**

**FREE RADIO (96.4FM)**

**HEART FM (100.7FM)**

No announcements mean school is open; therefore there is no need to phone school.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### DECEMBER

**Wednesday 14th December - Children's Christmas Parties**

**Thursday 15th Dec. at 10am & 2pm - Carol Service in Church for KS2**

**Friday 16th December - Reports go home to Parents**

**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

***"When you understand, you cannot help but love. You cannot get angry. To develop understanding, you have to practice looking at all loving beings with the eyes of compassion. When you understand, you cannot help but love. And when you love, you naturally act in a way that can relieve the suffering of people."*** Thich Nhat Hanh

Many thanks  
Mr. S. Dix  
(Headmaster)