



HEADTEACHER COMMENT

This will be my last newsletter this year so may I wish all the parents, governors and all associated with the school a very peaceful Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Can I also thank all the parents and pupils for all the gifts and cards; we all appreciate them, particular thanks to the parents who have sent letters, thanking teachers for their hard work for the Christmas events.

It was wonderful to see so many parents at the Key Stage Two Carol Concerts. The children did their parents proud and the teachers were thrilled that all their hard work paid off. Well done to all the children and many thanks to the teachers and support staff for their tremendous efforts, particular thanks must go to Ms Rose who co-ordinated the choir and the carol concerts, not only in the church but also in the local community.

ATTENDANCE (W.B. 5.12.16) (REMEMBER ABSENCE LINE: 675 4525)

Class	Lates	%Attend	Days Lost	Class	Lates	%Attend	Days Lost
RSBS Otters	1	98	0.5	RSBS Deer	0	98.57	0.5
RA	3	97	4.5	3B	1	98	3
RM	5	95	7.5	3S	0	97.33	4
1B	3	97	4.5	4B	0	96.9	4.5
1F	0	97	4.5	4T	2	98.97	1.5
2B	2	95.17	7	5A	0	95.33	7
2P	3	98.67	2	5H	5	98	3
				6H	4	98.62	2
Total	32	97.06	63	6S	3	95.33	7

Well done to 2P and 4T who won the panda for last week. Thank you for your support we are now at 96.41%, so we are creeping closer to our target of 97%.

IMPORTANT DATE CHANGES FOR 2017

We have been reviewing the way we assess at Hollywood and in order to get accurate data we will be assessing the children throughout the year with the next big assessment period being at the end of the spring term. In order to give parents useful and up to date information we will be postponing the next parents evening from the end of March to the following dates at the start of the summer term:

Thursday 27th April Parents Evening with Reports
Tuesday 2nd May Parents Evening with Reports

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, alternatively contact a member of the Children's Information and Advice Service on 0121 303 1888.

CHOIR - MANY THANKS

We had a lovely message from the Vice chairman of the Townswomens Guild: "I would like to say thank you for allowing your wonderful school choir to entertain us today at the Townswomens Guild Christmas concert. They are a credit to your school, such delightful, well behaved and talented children. We have come to think of them as "our" choir and our members really love hearing them perform.

Thanks so much, Happy Christmas to all staff and children. Sue Davies, Vice Chairman TG.

SAFEGUARDING

The Designated Senior Lead (DSL) for Safeguarding is Miss Parkes. If anyone has concerns regarding a child's welfare please inform her immediately. If Miss Parkes is not available, please contact the Deputy DSL, Mrs Pritchard. During the Christmas Holidays, if you have a concern you should call Children's Advice and Support Service (CASS) on 0121 303 1888. Also, if you are concerned about keeping children safe on the Internet over the Christmas Break, please look at www.thinkyouknow.co.uk and www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/topics/stay-safe

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.

WELL DONE EDDIE FAIZEY

We had a lovely letter from Steve McCabe MP who congratulated Eddie Faizey on his entry to the Christmas card competition, he thought his design was very imaginative and creative. Eddie received bowling tickets as a prize so I hope he enjoys his experience.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (SEE ITEM ON FIRST PAGE)

JANUARY 2017

Tuesday 3rd January - Children return to school after the Christmas break
Monday 16th January - Reception - Inspire Workshop - Literacy/Numeracy - am
Tuesday 17th January - Inspire Workshops Year 5- Literacy/Numeracy am
Monday 23rd January - Inspire Workshops Year 3 - Literacy/Numeracy am
Tuesday 24th January - Year 6 - Inspire Workshop - Literacy/Numeracy - am
Friday 27th January - Young Voices Event - School Choir
W.B. 30th January - National Story Telling Week

FEBRUARY 2017

Tuesday 2nd February -Year 2 - Inspire Workshop - Literacy/Numeracy - am
Tuesday 6th March - Inspire Workshops Year 4 - Literacy/Numeracy am
Tuesday 7th February - Safer Internet Day
Thursday 16th February - FOH Valentine Disco
Friday 17th February - Break up for half-term
Monday 27th February - Return to school

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Anthony's birthday

Anthony had a birthday

But everyone had forgotten.

In fact not only had they forgotten

But they had been invited to another party.

He saw them all going in their party hats and clothes with big smiles and big presents and he sat there uninvited.

Silent

By himself.

Anthony felt lonely.

On his special day he felt left out.

Rejected

And he cried

And imagined how Jesus may feel on the 25th of December every year.

Many thanks

Mr. S. Dix
(Headmaster)

