



HEADTEACHER COMMENT

We have had a busy week again at Hollywood with INSPIRE workshops, tonight's Young Voices event and the post ofsted parents evening. At the post ofsted parents evening I shared the school's response to the Ofsted report which was distributed to parents recently. I was pleased that parents were encouraged by our planned actions and hope that the school will continue to demonstrate improvement in every aspect of school life. Next Monday both Steve Anderson and myself will be holding a meeting to discuss the vacancies on the governing body, please come along if you have an interest in the way the governing body works (see below).

In addition we have also had a visit from Birmingham Audit who have worked for three days examining not only the school's financial systems but also safeguarding and attendance. The Auditor seemed generally pleased with the work the school is doing and will produce a report with recommendations within the next two weeks.

ATTENDANCE (W.B. 16.1.17) (REMEMBER ABSENCE LINE: 675 4525)

Class	Lates	%Attend	Days Lost		Class	Lates	%Attend	Days Lost
RSBS Otters	0	96	1		RSBS Deer	0	95.71	1.5
RA	2	93.33	10		3B	1	97.67	3.5
RM	1	96	6		3S	1	98.67	2
1B	0	93.67	9.5		4B	0	94.48	8
1F	1	96.33	5.5		4T	0	98.62	2
2B	5	94.33	8.5		5A	1	98.67	2
2P	2	92.33	11.5		5H	1	91	13.5
					6H	5	97.33	4
Total	28	95.62	94		6S	8	96.21	5.5

Well done to 1F, 3S and 5A and the Otters who won the pandas for last week. Thank you for your support, we are now at 96.3% and I am confident that with your help we will reach our target of 97%.

WITNESS NEEDED

One of our neighbours' walls has been knocked over, the house is opposite the Pickenham Road entrance to school and the incident took place on Thursday 19th January before 7.50am. We believe the car involved was a silver Zafira. The homeowner was not notified at the time but we obviously need to trace the driver to sort out an insurance claim. If anyone has any information can they please advise the school office, thanks in advance.

KEY STAGE 1 – FIRST LEARNING BITE SESSION – WEDNESDAY 8th FEBRUARY at 2.45pm

Following the parent survey last term the first Learning Bite session will take place next Wednesday 8th February 2017 at 2.45pm in one of the KS1 classrooms. This first session will be focusing on spelling and will be a short, informal session when the details for spellings in Key Stage 1 will be shared, along with hints, tips and tricks for supporting teaching spellings. The session will last approximately 25 minutes and details will be shared on the school website for parents who are unable to attend. All Key Stage 1 children will have received a letter about this session with a slip to be returned so that we can anticipate numbers of parents/carers attending. We look forward to helping you support your child. The Key Stage 1 Team.

WALKING BUS

We have had a good response for the walking bus so we will be setting it up from Daisy Farm Park for the two weeks of disruption. The walking bus will be available from 8.30am – 8.40am on a daily basis. Staff will arrive at 8.30am and take children to school at 8.40am. Please let us know before then if you want to use the service. We will operate the bus with two members of staff, we will obviously need to increase this if the demand increases. We will also have a wider drop off time scale, the current 8.45am – 8.55am window will be extended to 8.40am – 9.00am during the two weeks of disruption.

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

We continue to have vacancies for the role of parent governor at the school. If you would like to find out more, without committing yourself, please come along to a meeting at school on Monday 30th January at 4.30pm.

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**

HSBC BANK – KS2

Our next visit from Miss Howes will be on 6th February.

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

JANUARY 2017

Friday 27th January - **Young Voices Event – School Choir**
Monday 30th January - **Parent Governor information meeting 4.30pm**
W.B. 30th January - **National Story Telling Week**

FEBRUARY 2017

Thursday 2nd February - **Year 2 – Inspire Workshop – Literacy/Numeracy – 9.15am**
Monday 6th March - **Inspire Workshops Year 4 – Literacy/Numeracy am**
Tuesday 7th February - **Safer Internet Day**
Thursday 16th February - **FOH Valentine Disco CANCELLED**
Friday 17th February - **Break up for half-term**
Monday 27th February - **Return to school**

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“We are incredibly well informed, yet we know incredibly little. Why? Because two centuries ago, we invented a toxic form of knowledge called ‘news.’ News is to the mind what sugar is to the body: appetizing, easy to digest—and highly destructive in the long run.” Rolf Dobelli

Many thanks

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