



HEADTEACHER COMMENT

On the last Friday of the month the local councillors, Susan Barnett, Phil Davis and Alex Buchanan hold an advice bureau at school. They offer advice and support on any council issues, whether about housing, refuge collection, transport or any other council related matters. Last Friday I was discussing with Councillor Barnett the traffic issues around the school.

We also discussed the possibility of the council using part of the pavement/grass verge on Highters Heath Road for a cycle path for the children to travel to school. I think this would be a great idea but we need to gauge parental support and she suggested having a petition that she could then take to the council. If the demand was high she felt sure that this would be a distinct possibility. Could I urge parents to watch out for the petition which will be sent digitally today or follow this address <https://www.ipetitions.com/petition/cycle-route-for-children>

ATTENDANCE (W.B. 23.1.17) (REMEMBER ABSENCE LINE: 675 4525)

Class	Lates	%Attend	Days Lost		Class	Lates	%Attend	Days Lost
RSBS Otters	0	100	0		RSBS Deer	0	85.71	5
RA	1	91	13.5		3B	4	97.62	3.5
RM	2	89.33	16		3S	0	97.33	4
1B	0	96.67	5		4B	2	98.67	2
1F	1	98	3		4T	3	94.14	8.5
2B	2	95.33	7		5A	1	94.67	8
2P	1	96	6		5H	2	97.33	4
					6H	2	97.67	3.5
Total	24	95.75	91.5		6S	3	98.33	2.5

Well done to 1F, Otters and 4B 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%.

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 STARTS NEXT MONDAY

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. 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

Unfortunately nobody attended the meeting on Monday. As a result, at the time of writing the newsletter there remain two parent governor vacancies.

KEY STAGE 1 – FOOD FESTIVAL, INSPIRE AND LEARNING BITES

This week has been busy in KS1 with Year 2 holding their Food Festival and their Reading Inspire Workshop. Thank you to all those parents who were able to join us, we hope you found both events interesting and helpful to find out more about your child's learning and ways you can support them.

The Reading Inspire Workshop PowerPoint will be accessible on the Website in the next few days.

This Wednesday 8th February is the first KS1 Learning Bite session. This is for parents and carers of children in Year 1 and Year 2. If you are able to attend, please arrive at the main office at 2.45pm - if you can return the slip that was sent last week that will be helpful so that we have an idea of numbers. The session will be very informal and will be held in one of the classrooms. Again, the PowerPoint will be accessible on the website after the session so that you can access it at a later date or if you were unable to attend. **The Key Stage 1 Team**



BOOK FESTIVAL

Bournville BookFest 2017 is back, and this time it's bigger than ever, stretching out over 10 days. Learn to draw Harry Potter, speak like a pirate, meet the real Spy Dog herself, create your own comic, enjoy story time with guinea pigs and racoons, walk our Fairy Tale trail, have a Winnie the Witch selfie, and sing along to Roald Dahl's Revolting Rhymes.

Older teens have a separate programme, including beatboxing, a spoken word Teen Takeover at P Cafe, and The Everest Files with climber Matt Dickinson, draw your own Art Deco selfie and writing workshops. There's something for everyone, from 2-18 year olds. Tickets on sale at www.bournvillebookfest.com.

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

FEBRUARY 2017

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

MARCH 2017

Monday 6th March	- Inspire Workshops Year 4 – Literacy/Numeracy am
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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

In the connected age, reading and writing remain the two skills that are most likely to pay off with exponential results. Reading leads to more reading. Writing leads to better writing. Better writing leads to a bigger audience and more value creation. And the process repeats. Seth Godin

Many thanks
Mr. S. Dix
(Headmaster)