



## HEADTEACHER COMMENT

The road works have arrived and I am happy to report that there has not been a noticeable effect on the children's punctuality. However, I have had a number of complaints from local residents about inappropriate parking which has not only affected them but has also been particularly dangerous. Could I ask that parents please take a little more care next week.



On a much brighter note, it was really great to join the parents and Mr O'Rourke on the final part of their Couch to 5K run at Cannon Hill Park on Wednesday. They were brilliant and showed massive progress in the nine week course. The Run Birmingham "Activator," Taz was really impressed. Some parents are hoping to go further and prepare to run the Birmingham 10K run later in the year. We are also going to continue to recruit new runners and start a new Couch to 5K program after the half term break. See the note from Mr O'Rourke below.

## ATTENDANCE (W.B. 30.1.17) (REMEMBER ABSENCE LINE: 675 4525)

Class	Lates	%Attend	Days Lost		Class	Lates	%Attend	Days Lost
RSBS Otters	0	100	0		RSBS Deer	0	97.14	1
RA	1	96.33	5.5		3B	4	97	4.5
RM	2	96.67	5		3S	1	95.33	7
1B	2	93.67	9.5		4B	2	96.33	5.5
1F	1	98.67	2		4T	0	96.6	5
2B	2	94.67	8		5A	1	96	6
2P	1	93.33	10		5H	0	98	3
					6H	3	95.33	7
Total	21	96.15	83		6S	1	97.33	4

Well done to 1F, Otters and 5H 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%.

## WALKING BUS

We have had a good response for the walking bus so will continue to collect children from Daisy Farm Park next week. 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 continue to have a wider drop off time scale, the 8.45am – 8.55am window will be extended to 8.40am – 9.00am during the two weeks of disruption.

## CYCLING FOR CHILDREN

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 sign the petition by following this link <https://www.ipetitions.com/petition/cycle-route-for-children>

## 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](http://www.bournvillebookfest.com).

## COUCH TO 5K SUCCESS!

Over nine weeks ago, a group of parents started the Couch to 5k programme and on Wednesday the hardy souls who took up the challenge completed their first 5k run in a chilly Cannon Hill Park!

CONGRATULATIONS to all involved and thanks to Taz and Run Birmingham for everything! Details about another Couch to 5k and a 5k to 10k to follow. If anyone fancies a fun and free way to get in shape then please get in touch!

Thanks from Mr O'Rourke.

## KS1 LEARNING BITE

Many thanks to all the parents who were able to attend the first KS1 Learning Bite session on Wednesday afternoon.

It was a great turn out of almost 50 mums and dads and we hope that you enjoyed the informal atmosphere and left with lots of ideas of ways to support your child with their spellings. The PowerPoint is being added to the school website in the KS1 area. Our next Learning Bite session will be on Cursive Handwriting and will take place early next term - the date will be confirmed in next week's newsletter and added to the website so please keep an eye out. Thank you for supporting our working partnership. *The Key Stage 1 Team*

## WORLD BOOK DAY

On Thursday 2nd March, children can come into school dressed as a book character. There will be events running throughout the day related to books, stories & authors. There will also be a themed lunch based on Alice in Wonderland. More information to follow! For costume ideas, please look at <http://www.worldbookday.com/>

## PLEA FROM RECEPTION CLASSES

Reception would like to develop their outside area by having a Growing Area. Any donations of seeds or bulbs that the children could plant would be much appreciated. Thank you.

## PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

We have had a number of parents who have now shown an interest so hopefully we will soon have a full compliment of parent governors. I will obviously keep you informed with the progress in this area.

## THEMED MEAL – THURSDAY 2nd MARCH

Our next themed meal will take place on 2nd March, it costs £2.05 per child and will have an Alice in Wonderland theme. The menu consists of Wonderland cheese burger, Topsy Turvy salad, Caterpillar potato and Queen of Hearts cupcake. Please book online using Parentpay.

## 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 Mrs Howes will be on 6th March, then 20th March and 3rd April.

## 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

**Thursday 16th February - FOH Valentine Disco CANCELLED**

Friday 17th February - Break up for half-term

Monday 27th February - Return to school

Monday 6th March at 10am - Inspire Workshops Year 4 – Literacy/Numeracy

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

***“Your journey to a healthier weight is not a journey that you start and then give up. It is a journey that you are living every day for the rest of your life.” ~ Thich Nhat Hanh***

Many thanks  
Mr. S. Dix  
(Headmaster)