



HEADTEACHER COMMENT

We have been reviewing some aspects of teaching and learning at school and as part of this we have been examining the homework we give to children. In order to get a full set of data, we would like to know what parents feel. To gather parent views I have set up a short survey at the following address:

<http://perspective.angelsolutions.co.uk/diagnostics/Survey.aspx?link=0ebf59b3-dbf4-42fd-84df-8c64f9605b0e>

Could parents please complete this survey before Friday 3rd March 2017 – many thanks.

ATTENDANCE (W.B. 06.02.17) (REMEMBER ABSENCE LINE: 675 4525)

Class	Lates	%Attend	Days Lost		Class	Lates	%Attend	Days Lost
RSBS Otters	0	96	1		RSBS Deer	1	93.75	2.5
RA	1	98.67	2		3B	1	96	6
RM	0	94.33	8.5		3S	0	97	4.5
1B	1	98.52	2		4B	3	95.67	6.5
1F	0	99.26	1		4T	1	100	0
2B	0	97.33	4		5A	0	95.55	6.5
2P	2	96.67	5		5H	0	92.67	11
					6H	0	96	6
Total	12	96.83	67.5		6S	2	99.33	1

Well done to 1F and 4T 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%. Punctuality was much better last week, the children really benefit from being here on time.

WALKING BUS

We will continue the walking bus for the week when we return after the half term break and review this initiative week by week depending on the need. If you feel strongly that you want this to continue permanently please let me know.

CYCLING FOR CHILDREN

Following my discussions with Councillor Barnett about the traffic issues around the school and 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 posted a petition to give the councillor the necessary mandate to approach the council for funding. Could I urge parents to sign the petition by following this link <https://www.ipetitions.com/petition/cycle-route-for-children> or go to our website. (www.hollywoodprimaryschool.co.uk) At the moment there are less than 80 signatures, the council have funding for this sort of project from a direct government grant, so surely we want our children to benefit from it.

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. please keep an eye out. Thank you for supporting our working partnership.

PUPILS COUNCIL PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

Congratulations to Porsha who has been elected by the pupils as their President and Sean as Vice President. Both candidates presented their Presidential Declarations during a whole school assembly and then took part in a Q & A session. All of our pupils have had the opportunity to vote in the election with a total of 388 votes cast out of 432. This was a first for Hollywood and it shows that even our youngest children are able to participate in the democratic process and have their views valued (Children have the right to give their opinion and have those opinions taken seriously - The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, Article 12).

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. Letters have already been sent out with further details. For costume ideas, please look at <http://www.worldbookday.com/>. There is also a themed meal on that day.

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.

WORLD BOOK DAY – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Author Juliet Clare Bell is visiting the school on Thursday, March 2nd for World Book Day. She is able to bring in copies of her picture books to sign during lunchbreak. If you would like to purchase any of her books, please fill out the form that should have come home with your child and return it in an envelope with cash or a cheque for the appropriate amount, payable to Juliet Clare Bell, and with your child's name and class written on the envelope. Please return the form by Tuesday, 28th February so the books can be ordered in time for the session. Thank you.

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.

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

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**

Friday 7th April - End of term school closed at 1.30pm

Monday 24th April - School reopens for Summer term

Many thanks

Mr. S. Dix
(Headmaster)

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



"your reaction to an event
can hurt you more than
the actual event."

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