



HEADTEACHER COMMENT

We have had a really good week at Hollywood with lots of exciting events and activities. On Monday we started our mile a day challenge for the children and by today the children collectively must have walked or ran about 1000 miles. We will try to increase this day by day, the initial response from both children and staff is that it raises the energy levels for their work in class during the day. We had a great response for our World Book Day and the story tellers and author were very enthusiastic about the children's response. Today we finished off the book day activities with a visit from a theatre group – a great start to the new half term! Thanks to parents and children for their support and thanks to staff for dressing up in some great costumes – a special thanks to Mrs Pritchard for organizing the day.

ATTENDANCE (W.B. 13.02.17) (REMEMBER ABSENCE LINE: 675 4525)

Class	Lates	%Attend	Days Lost		Class	Lates	%Attend	Days Lost
RSBS Otters	0	76	6		RSBS Deer	0	82.5	7
RA	0	93.33	10		3B	2	99	1.5
RM	0	93.67	9.5		3S	2	97.67	3.5
1B	0	97	4.5		4B	2	98.67	2
1F	1	94.33	8.5		4T	2	98	3
2B	1	96.33	5.5		5A	0	93.45	9.5
2P	0	97	4.5		5H	0	91.33	13
					6H	2	98.67	2
Total	14	95.56	96		6S	2	96	6

Well done to 1B, 2P and 3B 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 again last week, the children really benefit from being here on time.

WALKING BUS

We are **NOT** going to continue with the walking bus as the numbers dropped to just 3 families during the week. When the weather improves we will look to reintroduce the scheme on a permanent basis as the children and parents who did use it were really keen.

WORLD BOOK DAY

Thank you to parents and children for creating some of the most amazing book character costumes I've ever seen. Both staff and children looked great and made such an effort. We had a fantastic World Book Day at Hollywood. We had a storyteller from Toni's Tots Drama, a travelling library inside a blue caravan from a company called 'How Brave is the Wren'; a successful local childrens author, Juliet Clare Bell and our own resident illustrator Jess Mikhail. We all had a fantastic day and I hope that children feel even more inspired to read for pleasure and enjoyment. Each child has a voucher to spend on a free World Book Day book at participating stores. Our nearest one is WHSmith in Kings Heath. Please redeem them by the end of March. Remember, reading for just 10 minutes a day will make such a difference to your child's vocabulary, understanding and fluency. Many thanks for your ongoing support.
Mrs Pritchard.

Books shouldn't be daunting, they should be funny, exciting and wonderful; and learning to be a reader gives a terrific advantage."

- Roald Dahl



IMMANUEL PRE-SCHOOL

Our local pre-school (held in Immanuel Church Hall) currently have funded places for eligible 2, 3 and 4 year olds. For more information please ring 07979 237 800.

NSPCC FUN DAY

Our recent NSPCC Fun Day was a great success and lots of fun for the children and staff. We raised £371.52, thanks to all concerned and to Miss Prottey for organising it.

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

Monday 6th March at 10am - Inspire Workshops Year 4 – Literacy/Numeracy
Friday 17th March - Slipper day for whole school – more information to follow
Friday 24th March - Comic Relief Red Nose Day – more information to follow
APRIL
Friday 7th April - End of term, school closed at 1.30pm
Monday 24th April - School reopens for Summer term
Thursday 27th April - Parents Evening with Reports
MAY
Monday 1st May - Bank Holiday
Tuesday 2nd May - Parents Evening with Reports
Week commencing 8th May - KS2 SATS week
Week commencing 22nd May - My Money Week
Friday 26th May - End of Half Term

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“Through books you can start today where the great thinkers of yesterday left off, because books have immortalized man’s knowledge. Thinkers, dead a thousand years, are as alive in their books today as when they walked the earth.” Wilfred Peterson

Many thanks

Mr. S. Dix
(Headmaster)