



## HEADTEACHER COMMENT

One of the items that the school is currently working on is the allocation of homework for children. Following our recent parent surveys and discussions with both teachers and pupils, we think we are close to reviewing our policy. The biggest issue is the lack of time that the children spend reading at home. Part of this problem is that there is so much other homework to do that reading often gets sidelined. The new policy will have more of an emphasis on the basics of reading, spelling and times-tables. These are the foundations of so much that children need in school and life. We hope that the new policy will be less demanding on busy working parents but will get back to basics. We will continue to let children complete voluntary long term projects as we know parents and children really enjoy these.

## ATTENDANCE (W.B. 06.03.17) (REMEMBER ABSENCE LINE: 675 4525)

Class	Lates	%Attend	Days Lost		Class	Lates	%Attend	Days Lost
RSBS Otters	0	100	0		RSBS Deer	1	97.5	1
RA	2	80.33	29.5		3B	2	93.33	10
RM	1	97.33	4		3S	0	100	0
1B	2	99	1.5		4B	0	94.67	8
1F	0	96.67	5		4T	3	95.33	7
2B	3	96.33	5.5		5A	0	98.62	2
2P	0	93.33	10		5H	0	96.33	5.5
					6H	0	97.33	4
Total	16	95.65	94		6S	2	99.33	1

Sadly we have had an outbreak of chicken pox in the early years which badly affected the attendance last week. However, well done to Otters, 1B and 3S who won the pandas for last week. Thank you for your support, we are now at 96.29% 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.

## SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE

As I mentioned last week it has reached that time of the year again when we gather information for the creation of our School Development Plan for 2017-18. We are busy putting together the budget for next year and reviewing procedures and plans. One of the most important pieces of evidence for this is the Parent SDP Questionnaire. This is a chance for parents to have their say and indicate to the school management where we need to build on strengths and develop areas where we are not so strong. Obviously this is only valuable if a good percentage of the parents respond to the questionnaire. Currently we have only had 24 responses and as there are over 430 children at Hollywood this will not be very representative of the whole school situation. Like last year we will have created an online questionnaire so that it can be carefully and quickly analysed. The link for this is:

<http://perspective.angelsolutions.co.uk/diagnostics/Survey.aspx?link=9b60e59b-dc3c-4934-946b-3d0bd2a229c8>

## SLIPPER DAY – FRIDAY 17th MARCH

Today we held our first slipper day at Hollywood and it was a great success. Our Pupil Council have found some research on the benefits of wearing slippers in school, it is supposed to help with concentration, behaviour and emotional well being. Our Pupil Council are now going to ask for feedback from pupils and staff to see if we should have a regular slipper day. Thank you from Mrs Keegan.

## RED NOSE DAY – FRIDAY 24th MARCH

Our Pupil Council will be raising funds by asking pupils to donate £1 to wear their own clothes. We will also be having an outside wake and shake session led by some of the school councillors who have also created the playlist! We are still making plans so there may well be other events too. Sainsbury's will be visiting the school on Wednesday 22nd March at 3pm to sell Red Nose merchandise.

## EASTER EGG COMPETITION

Your child is invited to take part in an Easter competition. This year, your child can decorate an Easter bonnet, bling their bike/scooter or decorate a hard-boiled egg. Please bring your entries to school on Wednesday 5th April, winners will be announced the same day.

## THE BIG PEDAL

The Big pedal starts this year on Monday 20th March and lasts until Friday 31st March. The Big Pedal is the UK's largest inter-school cycling and scooting challenge that inspires pupils, staff and parents to choose two wheels for their journey to school. Each day, the amount of children who ride or scoot to school is collated and inputted in the data base where we compete against schools across the country. There are prizes for the best schools.

## RECEPTION OUTDOOR AREA

To enhance our outdoor provision, we would like to have resources that support den building. We are asking for donations of pegs, clips, cloth, wooden poles, pipes, wheels, cable reels, trellis and clothes airers. If you have these that you no longer need, please bring it to the Reception Team. We are happy to have any donations like this at any point through the year, when you are having a clear out. Many thanks, Mrs Pritchard.

## 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.

## YEAR 5 GURDWARA

Last Friday, our Year 5 staff and children went on a trip to the Guru Nanak Gurdwara, Smethwick. We spent time exploring aspects of the Sikh faith, along with a fascinating tour of the prayer room and finally enjoying a shared meal with the Sikh community.

The behaviour of the children was exceptional and staff at the Gurdwara were truly impressed and grateful for the kind food offerings from parents, all ingredients that would go in to making the next meals served at the Gurdwara. A big well done to Year 5!

## SCHOOL NURSE

Just a reminder that our school nurse is in school every second Tuesday. If anyone would like to see her please book an appointment through Ms Schwartz in year 4.

## 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 20th March and 3rd April.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### MARCH

Friday 24th March - Comic Relief Red Nose Day

### 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

***“You can conquer almost any fear if you will only make up your mind to do so. For remember, fear doesn't exist anywhere except in the mind.” ~ Dale Carnegie***

Many thanks

Mr. S. Dix  
(Headmaster)

