



HEADTEACHER COMMENT

In the newsletter on 17th February I indicated that the school would be closing early on the last day of the Spring term (7th April) the children should be collected at 1.30pm after their lunch break. The dance club that is normally on Friday after school will take place between 1.30 – 2.30pm. I have chosen to do this after many years of not closing early due to growing requests from parents who like to collect children early to escape holiday traffic. In addition at a meeting with Birmingham Heads recently it transpired that we were out of step with many other schools in the area including our main feeder school Woodrush who close at 1.00pm.

ATTENDANCE (W.B. 13.03.17) (REMEMBER ABSENCE LINE: 675 4525)

Class	Lates	%Attend	Days Lost		Class	Lates	%Attend	Days Lost
RSBS Otters	0	90	2.5		RSBS Deer	0	97.5	1
RA	0	92	12		3B	2	96	6
RM	0	84.67	23		3S	2	97.67	3.5
1B	1	96.67	5		4B	3	95.67	6.5
1F	2	100	0		4T	0	93.33	10
2B	2	96	6		5A	2	96.9	4.5
2P	0	88.67	17		5H	1	96.67	5
					6H	2	98	3
Total	18	94.93	109.5		6S	1	97	4.5

Well done to 1F and 6H who won the pandas for last week. Thank you for your support, we are now at 96.23% and I remain hopeful 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.

COMIC RELIEF RED NOSE DAY

Thanks to all pupils, parents and staff for their support in raising money for this very good cause. We had a fantastic wake and shake session this morning, Year 6 did us proud! Mr Dix, Mr O'Rourke, Mr Ryan and Mr Stone took part in the battle of the beards race. There was a photo finish between Mr Dix and Mr O'Rourke. The total raised will follow as soon as we have counted all of your very generous donations.

Thank you for your support, from Mrs Keegan and the Pupil Council.

BIKES AND SCOOTERS

The nicer weather is here and it is lovely to see so many children cycling/scooter to school. The bike sheds in Pickenham Road and Ashdale Drive are available to leave bikes/scooters in but we do suggest that you lock them even though the school gates are locked between 9.00pm - 3.00pm. If Key Stage 1 children prefer to leave scooters/bikes in the Quiet Area, due to Children Safe Guarding guidelines we would ask that parents leave their child at the school doors so that the children develop their independence and wheel their "transport" in on their own. Many thanks.

LIBRARY EASTER ACTIVITIES - Week Commencing 3rd April

"Where's the Easter Bunny" and other Activities for the children to enjoy during their lunchtime.

Children should check the Library notice board for more information.

Happy Searching - Mrs Haddock.



KEY STAGE 1 – PARENT SATs MEETING

Just a reminder that on Tuesday next week (28.3.17) at 6pm, we are holding a Key Stage 1 SATs meeting. This is mainly aimed at parents of children in Year 2 but Year 1 parents are more than welcome to join us. We will cover: the statutory reading and maths assessment tests, the ongoing writing assessments and evidence needed to make a judgement on your child's stage against National Expectations. We will also give you lots of guidance on supporting your child in fun, manageable everyday ways. The meeting should last no longer than 45 minutes. We look forward to seeing you.

KEY STAGE 1 – LEARNING BITE – CURSIVE HANDWRITING

The next Key Stage 1 Learning Bite session will be held at 2.45pm on Wednesday 5th April in the school hall. This will be to help you with the formation of cursive writing and also give you details about WHY, as a school, we have adopted this style of writing for our children. The last session on spelling was very well attended so we look forward to seeing you again. The session will end by 3.20pm in order that you can collect your children as normal.

TEN MILLION MINUTES READING CHALLENGE

Children at Hollywood School took part in this week long challenge and the results showed that we read for a total of 20,649 minutes which equates to 344 hours and 15 minutes! Thank you so much for your support with this. I am delighted with how much time you and your children gave to 'reading for pleasure' over the week. Please keep it going. Reading for just 10 minutes a day makes such a difference to vocabulary, inference and meaning. Thank you, Mrs Pritchard.

EASTER EGG COMPETITION

Your child is invited to take part in an Easter competition. This year they 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 started 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.

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

"When we help others, the focus of our mind assumes a broader horizon within which we are able to see our own petty problems in a more realistic proportion. What previously appeared to be daunting and unbearable, which is what often makes our problems so overwhelming, tends to lose its intensity." Dalai Lama

Many thanks

Mr. S. Dix
(Headmaster)