



Friday 16th June 2017

HEADTEACHER COMMENT



I was at a headteacher briefing on Tuesday and a speaker from the Local Authority Prevent Team gave an important and useful presentation. He reiterated the schools' need to be vigilant in these challenging times and reinforced the need for us to follow the proper process when under the rare event of attack. We should run from possible dangers, hide and, when safe to do so, contact the Police. However, he also explained how it is so important that parents do the same when they are in other countries on holiday and gave the example of Tunisia some years ago. So, I urge parents to take this

advice and follow the procedures.

ATTENDANCE (W.B. 05.06.17) (REMEMBER ABSENCE LINE: 675 4525)

Class	Lates	%Attend	Days Lost	Class	Lates	%Attend	Days Lost
RSBS Otters	0	98	0.5	RSBS Deer	0	97.5	1
RA	0	97.33	4	3B	1	98	3
RM	1	94.67	8	3S	1	99.67	0.5
1B	0	95.33	7	4B	0	99.67	0.5
1F	1	92.33	11.5	4T	1	93.33	10
2B	2	98.67	2	5A	0	96.67	5
2P	2	96.33	5.5	5H	0	88.62	16.5
				6H	4	97.67	3.5
Total	15	96.25	81	6S	2	98.33	2.5

Well done to the 2B, 3S and 4B who won the pandas for last week. Thank you for your support, we are now at 96.08% and I remain hopeful that with your help we will get closer to our target of 97%. Punctuality has certainly improved from last year.

SCHOOL BUDGET CUTS

Obviously before the recent general election there was limit on how much I could communicate about political issues. Birmingham over the years has been blessed with adequate funding to meet the needs of school's remit. However, times are changing and the government has cut the school's funding. In real terms, the governors have to set a budget with about 5% less funding. This will have an enormous effect on staffing and resources. In September, we will need to pass on some of these costs to parents like other local schools. We will be making increases in school meals, breakfast club, afterschool club and music tuition fees. This will not cover the increasing cost of running the school therefore I will need to make further cuts in other areas of the budget. I hope that these adjustments do not adversely affect the children's education but I know that there will be a noticeable difference in our service.

NEXT YEAR'S CLASSES

Last year we reviewed the procedures involved in transition from one year group to the next, we have decided to continue the procedure this year. We will mix the classes up across the school our policy clearly lays out the rationale for this:

- To create opportunities for children to learn and play with a wider variety of peers
- To enable greater social interaction between children as they move through the school
- To ensure that the classes remain balanced in response to pupil transfer and transition during phases
- To promote a greater sense of community in a large two-form entry primary school

We will be notifying parents about next year's classes before the end of term. We will obviously do our best to ensure that the children's best interests are at the very heart of any changes.

CLASS PHOTOGRAPH ORDERS

If you wish to order your child's class photograph, please follow the instructions on the proof sheet given. All orders are to be made online but if you have any questions please see Ms Schwartz in year 4.

NEW RUNNING TRACK

Could I ask parents at both the start and finish of the day to prevent children from cycling or riding their scooters on the new track. The track is bedding in and will take a while to settle down so we are using it exclusively for running around.

LIBRARY NEWS

The library will be holding a book sale to sell off some of the old/duplicated books and children can purchase these in their lunch hour. Books will be priced at 50p or less. Please note that the Library will be closed after school on **Friday 16th** and **23rd** of June. Many thanks from Mrs Haddock.

PHONICS CHECK – YEAR 1

Children in Year 1 will do their Phonics Screening Check during the week beginning 12th June. During the check, they will read a combination of real and nonsense words. They will be using their knowledge of sounds to decode the words. Over the next few weeks, please encourage children to sound out and blend unfamiliar words in books, leaflets, comics and magazines. If you would like further information, you can find some very useful videos on www.oxfordowl.co.uk or speak to your child's teacher. There are also some free phonics games available on www.phonicsplay.co.uk. Please concentrate on the Phase 5 games.

Many thanks, Mrs Pritchard.

SAINSBURYS ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHER

You can no longer collect Active Kids vouchers from Sainsburys but they can be donated until 30th June. Every voucher counts towards brand new cooking and sports equipment and experiences. If you have any vouchers lying around at home please send them in as soon as you can. Thank you.

HSBC BANK (KS2)

The next visit from Miss Howes will be on 19th June and then on 3rd July and 17th July. Thank you.

SPORTS DAYS

We now have the dates for this year's sports days:

- Years 1 & 2 Tuesday 4th July 9.30am – 11am
- Nursery & Reception Thursday 6th July 9.30am – 11am
- Years 3 & 4 Friday 7th July 9.30am – 11am
- Years 5 & 6 Monday 10th July 1.30pm – 3pm

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JUNE

Thursday 29th June - Summer Music concert

JULY

Thursday 6th July - Hollywood's Got Talent show at 6pm

Monday 17th July - Year 6 Leaver's performance at 6.30pm

Thursday 20th July - Year 6 Prom 4.30pm – 7pm

Friday 21st July - End of Summer Term – children break up at 1.30pm

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“While positive thinking doesn't always work, negative thinking, unfortunately, almost always does.”

Gary Mack

Many thanks

Mr. S. Dix
(Headmaster)