



Friday 8th September 2017

HEADTEACHER COMMENT

Welcome back to all the parents and children, I hope that everybody had a deserved rest and both staff and children have recharged their batteries and are now raring to go. A particular welcome to all the new families to the school, we hope that the relationship will be long and fruitful. We welcome Mrs Henry to the teaching staff along with Miss Money and Miss Jackson, we wish them all the best in their future at Hollywood. This academic year looks to be one full of challenge and excitement, brimming with hope and opportunities.

ATTENDANCE (Last Year) (REMEMBER ABSENCE LINE: 675 4525)

Class	Lates	%Attend	Days Lost	Class	Lates	%Attend	Days Lost
RSBS Otters	9	91.53	77.5	RSBS Deer	11	94.96	69.5
RA	31	94.76	280	3B	87	96.3	204.5
RM	40	94.66	285	3S	28	97.27	151.5
1B	34	96	220.5	4B	28	96.74	175
1F	27	95.65	241.5	4T	52	96.59	185
2B	58	96.52	190.5	5A	35	96.01	220
2P	51	94.54	301.5	5H	43	95.69	236.5
				6H	61	97	164.5
Total	674	95.98	3174	6S	79	96.91	171

Well done to 2B and 3S who won the pandas for last year. Thank you for your support, we reached 95.98%, sadly we did not reach our target of 97% this year. However, punctuality has certainly improved from last year when it was 864. The Lord Mayor will be joining us at our 100% attendance celebration at Highbury Hall on Monday 18th September. Our Target this year is 97% and I am sure that it is an achievable target. We also hope that we will be able to improve the figure for punctuality.

Minutes late per day during the year	Equal days' worth of teaching lost in a year	Which means this numbers of lessons missed
5 minutes	3.7 days	20 lessons
10 minutes	7.4 days	41 lessons
15 minutes	11.0 days	61 lessons
20 minutes	14.7 days	82 lessons
30 minutes	22.0 days	123 lessons

ATTENDANCE NEWS AND REWARDS

We would like to remind children/parents about our ongoing attendance rewards. Each week the class with the best attendance gain the attendance panda. Every half term individual pupils who achieve 100% attendance for that half term receive a certificate. Every term pupils who achieve 100% attendance for the whole term receive a certificate in attendance assembly and 100% attendance badge (bronze – one term, silver- two terms and gold three terms). All pupils who receive 100% for the term also have a special reward in school, e.g. cinema trip, pantomime, etc.

In addition to these rewards we also hold an Afternoon Tea with the Lord Mayor at Highbury Hall for each child who achieves 100% attendance for the whole year. Any pupil who has achieved 100% attendance for over 3 years will receive a bike when they leave in year 6.

We also need to point out that we are a spotlight school and will be issuing fines for persistent poor attendance.

INCREASE IN CHARGES

As I indicated earlier in the year we will be increasing the charges for our before and after school clubs, our music tuition and school dinners. We have surveyed local schools and providers and we think it is still great value for money.

Charges:

After school club	£7.00 first hour, £10 for full session
Before School Club	£2.00 per child per session
School Dinners	£2.20 per day
Music Tuition termly charge	£60 (recorder tuition £35)

COUCH TO 5K

There will be a new session of our popular running club for parents starting soon. This has proved very popular in the past and is a great way to get fit. Taster sessions will be held on Monday 11th and Wednesday 13th September at 9am. We will be meeting at Daisy Farm park car park in Maypole Lane, B14 4PJ. Further details can be obtained from Taz Parvaz on 07903 789665.

SECONDARY TRANSFERS

There will be a short meeting for the parents of any Year 6 children on Tuesday 12th September at 6.30pm where I will explain the procedure for secondary transfer.

The secondary school open days are as follows:

Woodrush Academy - Thursday 21st September 5.30 - 8.30pm

Light Hall School - Thursday 21st September 5.00 - 8.00pm

MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON

We will be hosting the Macmillan coffee afternoon on Friday 29th September. Please put this date in your diary and come along and support this excellent charity, I hear it is going to be bigger and better this year and the fun will start at 2.00pm.

LIBRARY NEWS

Please look out for the "Library News" pamphlet sent out recently with lots of great ideas for the coming weeks.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 12th September

Wednesday 13th September

Monday 18th September

Tuesday 19th September

Friday 29th September

- Year 6 parents Secondary Transfer & Information Evening 6.30pm

- **Year 5 Information Evening 6.00pm (DATE CHANGE)**

- Attendance Event – Highbury Hall 5.00-7.00pm

- Year 4 Information Evening 6.00pm

- Macmillan Coffee Afternoon at 2pm

TERM DATES 2017 - 2018

Autumn Term 2017	Spring Term 2018	Summer Term 2018
Monday 4 September To Friday 20 October ~ HALF TERM ~ Monday 30 October to Friday 22 December (75 days)	Monday 8 January to Friday 16 February ~ HALF TERM ~ Monday 26 February to Thursday 29 March (54 days)	Monday 16 April to Friday 25 May ~ HALF TERM ~ Monday 4 June to Tuesday 24 July (66 days)

N.B May Day is Monday 7th May 2018

The Teacher Training Days will be:

Monday 4th September, Tuesday 5th September, Monday 8th January, Monday 23rd July, Tuesday 24th July

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Optimism is the most important human trait, because it allows us to evolve our ideas, to improve our situation, and to hope for a better tomorrow."

Seth Godin

Many thanks

Mr. S. Dix
(Headmaster)