

**Friday 15th September 2017****HEADTEACHER COMMENT**

We have had a great start to the school year, the children have settled in really well. The new children in Reception have had a great start and we are looking forward to them joining us full time next week. It has been lovely to welcome them, they have been amazingly well settled and calm in their first week at Hollywood (Big School). A big welcome also to all the new parents to the Hollywood community, let us hope that it will be a long and fruitful relationship.

MRS DEVANEY

Mrs Devaney is currently unavailable as she is waiting for a stem cell transplant. She will be working part time completing other work for the school. Should you need to speak with a mentor, please speak with Mr O'Rourke on 0121 675 4525.

ATTENDANCE AWARDS

We are really excited about this year's 100% attendance celebration at Highbury Hall with the Lord Mayor of Birmingham, Councillor Ann Underwood. We will be gathering together at the Hall at 4.15pm, there is parking at the venue on Yew Tree Road in Kings Heath. It will be great to celebrate the 100% Attendance Awards on Monday, we have invited over 70 children to the event for those who achieved 100% for 2016-17.

ATTENDANCE (Week beginning 4.9.17) (REMEMBER ABSENCE LINE: 675 4525)

Class	Lates	%Attend	Days Lost	Class	Lates	%Attend	Days Lost
RSBS Otters	0	100	0	RSBS Deer	0	100	0
RF	0	0	0	3B	0	93.1	3
RH	0	0	0	3S	0	93.55	3
1CB	0	91.11	4	4B	0	94.44	2.5
1RB	0	97.78	1	4T	0	93.33	3
2BP	1	88.89	5	5A	0	92.59	3
2P	0	91.11	4	5H	0	88.51	5
				6H	0	96.67	1.5
Total	1	92.71	40	6S	0	88.1	5

We have had a better start to the term and I am confident we will be able to reach our target of 97% this year. Well done to 1RB, Otters, Deer and 6H who all had great attendance and no lates.

FLU IMMUNISATIONS

Nasal immunisations for Reception – year 4 children will take place on 6th November. Please return the consent forms to school as soon as possible. Thank you.

RECEPTION CLASSES INSPIRE WORKSHOP

Our new reception children will be having their first INSPIRE workshop on Tuesday 26th September at 10am in the school hall. Please look out for the letter coming home soon.

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. This week there were two taster sessions in Daisy Farm Park, further details can be obtained from Taz Parvaz on 07903 789665.

SECONDARY TRANSFERS

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

REMEMBER THAT PARENTS MUST COMPLETE THEIR ONLINE SECONDARY CHOICES BY 31ST OCTOBER, THIS INCLUDES BIRMINGHAM RESIDENTS WHO CHOOSE WOODRUSH.

MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON

We will be hosting the Macmillan coffee Afternoon on 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.

SHOE SHARE

We collected 12 bags of shoes which were taken to Clarks for Unicef. Three boxes of shoes were donated to other charities including the Grenfell appeal fund. Thank you for your generous donations to our appeal. Mrs Keegan.

YEAR 4 TRIP TO ROMAN MUSEUM

Year 4 travelled back in time this week to 'Ancient Alcester' to investigate an archaeological dig! The children had a great day and were able to ask lots of thought provoking questions!

During their time there, they met a Roman soldier and were able to distinguish between different ceramics from the past. The staff at the museum mentioned the impeccable behaviour of our incredible year 4's and asked for a mention in today's newsletter! Well done year 4, we are super proud of how you behaved and we thoroughly enjoyed the day. Many thanks Year 4 staff - Hail Caesar!

AMERICAN THEMED MEAL

We are having an American themed meal on Thursday 5th October and will be serving hot dogs, fish dogs, french fries, coleslaw, donuts, water melon and milkshakes. If your child is in KS1 (Rec, Year 1 and Year 2) they will be automatically be booked in so you will need to opt them out if they do not want the themed meal. If your child is in KS2 (Year 3-6) and doesn't usually have a school meal please book and pay online through Parentpay.

LIBRARY NEWS

Reading Cloud - This September we are launching "Reading Cloud", children can access our library books online, post book reviews and talk with their school friends about what they are reading. Subject to parent/guardian consent – Letters to follow over the next week for those children who hold a library account.
Book Review Raffle – A raffle ticket will be given for each book review approved and posted onto our "reading cloud" System. At the end of each term one lucky winner will win a £5 voucher. The more reviews the more chances. There is also a prize for the most reviews at the end of the academic year – Good Luck.

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)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 18th September - Attendance Event – Highbury Hall 4.15pm
Tuesday 19th September - Year 4 Information Evening 6.00pm
Tuesday 26th September - Reception classes INSPIRE workshop at 10am
Friday 29th September - 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

"All who have accomplished great things have had a great aim, have fixed their gaze on a goal which was high, one which sometimes seemed impossible."

Orison Swett Marden

Many thanks

Mr. S. Dix
(Headmaster)

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