



Friday 6th October 2017

HEADTEACHER COMMENT

A really big thank you to all those parents who attended our annual Macmillan coffee afternoon event, it was a lovely community event and raised £950.68 for a really deserving cause. Special thanks must go to Miss Waldron who took over the organization in Mrs Devaney's absence.

I must inform parents that Mrs Healy, Year 6 teacher, will be taking extended leave from her post as Class Teacher and Assistant Headteacher from Monday 9th October. Additionally, I have to reassure parents that she intends to return to work in the next academic year. She has requested this leave for family reasons and I hope we can count on your support.

Mrs Healy's classroom duties will be carried out by an experienced year 6 teacher Miss Gibbons. Mrs Hayward will take over the Phase Leader Assistant Head role and Mr Stone will be leading the development of writing for this year.

ATTENDANCE (w.b. 25.09.17) (REMEMBER ABSENCE LINE: 675 4525)

Class	Lates	%Attend	Days Lost	Class	Lates	%Attend	Days Lost
RSBS Otters	0	100	0	RSBS Deer	0	93.75	2.5
RF	0	96.55	5	3E	1	97.24	4
RH	1	99.33	1	3S	3	98.71	2
1CB	2	96	6	4A	3	99	1.5
1RB	0	98.33	2.5	4B	4	94.48	8
2BP	0	98.31	2.5	5H	3	98.52	2
2P	3	98.33	2.5	5T	1	87.93	17.5
				6H	0	96	6
Total	21	97.04	63	6S	0	100	0

Great attendance figures last week, we are slowly climbing up and we hope that we can overhaul last year's target of 97%, the punctuality certainly seems to be improving. Well done to the Otter class, RH and 6S who had great attendance.

HARVEST FESTIVAL 2017

On Wednesday 11th October, we will be holding our Harvest Festival service at Immanuel Church. As part of our community cohesion work, during the service each class will present a hamper of donations which will then be distributed amongst members of our local community. From Monday 2nd October, we would be grateful to receive donations of dried, packet or tinned goods which can be added to your child's class hamper. Store cupboard staples such as pasta, rice, powdered/UHT milk, coffee, sugar, meat soups and tuna, and some sweet products such as tinned fruit, rice pudding or custard are all great ideas and all donations, however small, will be gratefully received. Any toiletry donations (toothpaste, shampoo or soap are also appreciated). Unfortunately, due to space in the church, we are unable to invite parents to this service but pictures and details will be added to our school website.

Many thanks, Mrs G Brown

LIBRARY NEWS

Our new **Scholastic Book Club is up and running!** Go to <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/hollywood> to browse the latest books and order online, alternatively you can send in cash F.A.O me or come and see me (Library is open till 4pm Mon-Fri). For **every £1 you spend** on this month's Book Club, **our school will earn 25p** in Scholastic Rewards. Please place your **order online by October 15th, 2017. Book Review Raffle** - Reminder only a few weeks left to get your book reviews in and be in with a chance of winning a £5 WHS voucher. Children can come along lunchtimes to do them. Many Thanks Mrs Haddock

PUPIL CELEBRATION

Well done to Chloe R in year 5 who performed in 'Memories are made of this', a dance show with Jenny from Emmerdale. They performed at the Core Theatre in Solihull. Chloe says they rehearsed for over two weeks and she had a great time!

STAGE COACH (stagecoach.co.uk/yardleywood)

A new Stage Coach school has opened using Kings Heath Boys school as their venue. Their fun and engaging weekly classes are for 4-18 year olds. Children are given both structure and freedom as they learn how to sing, dance and act. Ages: 4-6 year olds Saturday 9.30-11.00am. Ages: 6-18 year olds Saturday 10-1pm.

YEAR 2 DIARY UPDATES

Tuesday 10th October – 6.00pm for approx. 45 minutes – Year 2 Sats Information Evening – all welcome – come and find out what your child will be tested on in May.

Week Commencing Monday 16th October – Please can the children bring wellies and a rain coat in every day this week – we will be going down to the Eco Area to do some science work on habitats.

Tuesday 17th October – 2.45pm – Rumble in the Jungle – come and join your child in class and see some of the things we have been up to this term. This will be in the classroom so there will be limited room for buggies and siblings.

PUPIL PREMIUM – PARENT DROP IN SESSION – THURSDAY 12th OCTOBER 9am IN COMMUNITY ROOM

Mrs Powell will be running a parent drop in session if you would like help with filling in the details to see if your child is eligible for Pupil Premium funding. All welcome.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Individual photos will take place on Tuesday 14th November from 8.30am in the school hall. Please make sure children are wearing full school uniform.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Black History Month – October

- Tuesday 10th October - KS1 SATS (Year 2 Parent Information Meeting 6.00pm)
- Wednesday 11th October - Harvest Celebration
- Thursday 19th October - Halloween Disco (Rec, Yrs 1 & 2, 3.45pm–4.45pm) (Yrs 3-6 5.00pm – 6.00pm)
- Friday 20th October - Children Break up for Half Term
- Monday 30th October - Children Start Back
- Wednesday 8th November - Reception Open Day 10am & 2.00pm
- Friday 10th November - Remembrance Service at Church 11.00am
- Week beginning 13th Nov. - National Anti-Bullying Week
- Tuesday 14th November - School Photographer
- Thursday 16th November - Parents Evening
- Thursday 16th November - Reception Open Day 10am & 2.00pm
- Tuesday 21st November - Parents Evening
- Tuesday 28th November - Parents Inspire Workshop for Year 2

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

“In the connected age, reading and writing remain the two skills that are most likely to pay off with exponential results. Reading leads to more reading. Writing leads to better writing. Better writing leads to a bigger audience and more value creation. And the process repeats.”

Seth Godin,

Mr. S. Dix
(Headmaster)