

Friday 13th October 2017**HEADTEACHER COMMENT**

We had a great Harvest celebration on Wednesday in Immanuel Church, the theme was "Giving Thanks". I was delighted by the prayerful reading and the lovely singing. I must thank Ms Rose and Mrs Brown for organising the celebration. We were also overwhelmed by the great collection of food which will help the needy in this area through the Yardley Wood Food Bank, I must thank parents for their thoughtfulness, I know that it means so much to the people who are supported in this way not only for the food itself but also, they feel that someone cares about them, so many thanks again.

ATTENDANCE (w.b. 02.10.17) (REMEMBER ABSENCE LINE: 675 4525)

Class	Lates	%Attend	Days Lost	Class	Lates	%Attend	Days Lost
RSBS Otters	0	100	0	RSBS Deer	0	98.67	0.5
RF	0	91.5	12.5	3E	0	95.52	6.5
RH	0	96.33	5.5	3S	2	97.1	4.5
1CB	0	95.33	7	4A	1	96	6
1RB	1	95.33	7	4B	3	97.67	3.5
2BP	0	96	6	5H	0	92.22	10.5
2P	0	97.33	4	5T	3	95.86	6
				6H	0	98.33	2.5
Total	10	95.85	88.5	6S	0	95.52	6.5

Our attendance figures 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 Otters, 2P, Deer and 6H who had great attendance.

HARVEST FESTIVAL 2017

On Wednesday, we held our Harvest Festival celebration at Immanuel Church. Parents, thank you so much for all of your food and toiletry donations. All of the donations will be taken down to our local food bank - Yardley Wood Baptist Church. We really are a generous and supportive school community. Thanks to all the children for their beautiful singing and a special thanks to our wonderful, confident readers who led the service:

Eva (Rec), Ava (Rec) Isabelle (Y1), Jessica (Y1), Grace (Y2), Tiarna (Y2), Beau (Y3), Eva (Y3), Scarlett (Y4), Riley (Y4), Charley (Y5), Abigail (Y5), Isabelle (Y6), Alix (Y6) and Kayne (Y6) *From Mrs G Brown & Ms Rose*

HALLOWEEN DISCO

Friends of Hollywood will be holding their Halloween disco on Thursday 19th October.

Reception, year 1 and year 2 will have their disco from 3.30pm to 4.30pm and year 3 upwards will have their disco from 5pm to 6pm. Fliers were sent out last week, please return the reply slip by Monday 16th October with £2 if you want your child to attend, alternatively you can now pay online using Parentpay. The children should be collected at the end of the disco from the playground as if it was the end of the day. The children attending the early disco should bring in

their party clothes and change in their classrooms at the end of the day.

PARKING

I have had a number of complaints from parents about parking around the school, unfortunately some cars have parked on the footpath around the school causing parents with prams to be diverted into the road. I have also heard that some parents have been parking on areas where there is a dropped kerb blocking access to residents. This is obviously both very dangerous and illegal, the Police have been alerted to the situation and will issue tickets to offenders.

SCHOOL MEALS AND PARENTPAY

As from 30th October no meals will be booked through the school office. Bookings need to be made online through Parentpay for both free school meals and paid for school meals.

MONIES SENT INTO SCHOOL

Just a reminder that any money sent into school should be in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name, class and what it is for.

SCHOOL BANK

Sandra Howes, our HSBC Bank contact will be visiting school on 6th November, 20th November, 4th December and 18th December. She will be available to Key Stage 2 children who wish to open a bank account with her or make a deposit into their account.

YEAR 2 DIARY UPDATES

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.

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 from Mrs Haddock.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Children will be having photos taken on the 14th November. Family pictures will be available from 8.30am in the hall. The children will have the opportunity to have pictures taken with siblings. Please make sure children are wearing full school uniform.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thursday 19 th October	- Halloween Disco (Rec, Yrs 1 & 2, 3.30pm–4.30pm) (Yrs 3-6 5.00pm – 6.00pm)
Friday 20 th October	- Children Break up for Half Term
Monday 30 th October	- Children Start Back
Tuesday 7 th November	- Reception Open Day 10am & 2.00pm
Friday 10 th November	- Remembrance Service at Church 11.00am
Week beginning 13 th Nov.	- National Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 14 th November	- School Photographer from 8.30am in the school hall
Thursday 16 th November	- Parents Evening 3.40pm – 6pm
Thursday 16 th November	- Reception Open Day 10am & 2.00pm
Tuesday 21 st November	- Parents Evening 3.40pm – 6pm
Tuesday 28 th November	- Parents Inspire Workshop for Year 2 at 9.15am

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

“The greatness of a man is not how much wealth he acquires, but in his ability to affect those around him positively.”

Bob Marley

Mr. S. Dix
(Headmaster)