



Friday 20th October 2017

HEADTEACHER COMMENT

We have had an eventful but very rewarding first half term of this new academic year. The Reception children have settled in well and the teachers across the school have all worked hard to make sure the children have had a positive start.

The parent evenings for this term will be on Thursday 16th November and Tuesday 21st November from 3.40pm - 6.00pm. Last year we used an online method to try to streamline the process. We had some positive feedback from parents. As a result, we will continue to use this much more effective booking system, which is linked to our texting service. I must ask parents who require a longer session to arrange for an additional meeting. Obviously if parents keep to their allotted time then other parents will not have to wait.

ATTENDANCE (w.b. 09.10.17) (REMEMBER ABSENCE LINE: 675 4525)

| Class | Lates | %Attend | Days Lost | Class | Lates | %Attend | Days Lost |
|-------------|-------|---------|-----------|-----------|-------|---------|-----------|
| RSBS Otters | 0 | 96 | 1 | RSBS Deer | 1 | 100 | 0 |
| RF | 0 | 99 | 1.5 | 3E | 0 | 98.28 | 2.5 |
| RH | 1 | 98 | 3 | 3S | 0 | 97.1 | 4.5 |
| 1CB | 2 | 95.67 | 6.5 | 4A | 1 | 97.33 | 4 |
| 1RB | 1 | 96.67 | 5 | 4B | 0 | 96 | 6 |
| 2BP | 2 | 99.66 | 0.5 | 5H | 2 | 97.78 | 3 |
| 2P | 2 | 96 | 6 | 5T | 2 | 97.59 | 3.5 |
| | | | | 6H | 1 | 97 | 4.5 |
| Total | 10 | 95.85 | 88.5 | 6S | 1 | 96.67 | 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 2BP, Deer and 3E who had great attendance.

SCHOOL MEALS AND PARENTPAY

As from Monday 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.

SEPTEMBER 2018 RECEPTION INTAKE

Children born between 1st September 2013 and 31 August 2014 are due to start school in September 2018. If this applies to your child you should apply online for their Reception year place from now until 15th January 2018. Please visit www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions to apply online. We are holding our open days on Tuesday 7th November and Thursday 16th November from 10.00am to 11.00am and between 2.00pm to 3.00pm. There is no need to book, just come along.

RECEPTION PARENTS

Over the holidays, please add any observations of your child onto Tapestry so that we can look at their adventures together when we return. It is such a good speaking and listening activity and your children love talking about what they get up to at home. If you haven't got a log in for Tapestry, please email k.pritchard@hollywood.bham.sch.uk with your child's name, your full name and your preferred email address. Thank you for all of your support over this half term. The children have settled so well. We are very proud of them and their achievements.

APPEAL

If you have any bean bags, cushions or rugs that need a new home, please could you send them into school. We would like to create some 'cosy corners' in the Reception Classrooms. Thank you, the Reception Team.

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.

IMMANUEL PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUP

Immanuel are looking to appoint a Manager to work with a small team of experienced staff. Applicants must have a minimum level 3 early years education and childcare qualification or equivalent, with proven experience in running or helping to run a similar service. For an application form and full job description please send CV to: Mrs Andrea Green, Immanuel Preschool, 105 Henlow Road, Kings Heath, Birmingham, B14 5DY or email to immanuelpreschool@gmail.com. Closing date for applications is 31st October 2017.

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.

MENUS

Our current menus are displayed on our website, they will start again from week 1 after October half term.

SECONDARY TRANSFERS

The closing date for applications to be submitted to the Local Authority for those transferring to secondary school in September 2018 is 31st October 2017. The only way to apply is by visiting www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions and submit an application online.

LIBRARY NEWS: We have been busy this week making some fancy socks for Dr Seuss's Fox display. Congratulations to Ben H - Y6 for guessing the correct amount of sweets in Horton's Jar and to Louisa W Y3 for winning the £5 WHS voucher for the Book Review Raffle. Just keep your book reviews coming, there is another WHS voucher to be won next term. **Reminder:** Under 5s' Story and Rhyme time in the Library starts Monday 30th October at 2:30pm, 50p entry (tea and coffee available).

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

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| Friday 20 th October | - Children Break up for Half Term |
| Monday 30 th October | - Children Start Back |
| Tuesday 7 th November | - Reception (for children starting in September 2018) 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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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

When it comes to success, there will ALWAYS be a struggle in some way, shape, or form and we should drop the notion of living a struggle-free life—it simply won't happen. So, what's the solution then?

Mr. S. Dix
(Headmaster)