

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017****HEADTEACHER COMMENT**

I am looking forward to a very busy half term leading up to Christmas with parents' evenings, open days, Inspire workshops, carol singing and nativities. Along with these we have the Christmas parties.

I sat with Mrs Powell and Mr O'Rourke to review attendance for last half term. The picture is better than this time last year but there were a group of children with less than 90%. Although it is very early in the year I felt that it was important to highlight this to the parents. As a result we will be sending letters out shortly to those parents who have children with low attendance.

**ATTENDANCE (w.b. 16.10.17) (REMEMBER ABSENCE LINE: 675 4525)**

Class	Lates	%Attend	Days Lost	Class	Lates	%Attend	Days Lost
RSBS Otters	0	100	0	RSBS Deer	1	100	0
RF	3	97.33	4	3E	2	95.86	6
RH	1	97.33	4	3S	2	94.84	8
1CB	0	97	4.5	4A	2	94	9
1RB	0	99.33	1	4B	2	100	0
2BP	2	96.55	5	5H	4	98.52	2
2P	2	98	3	5T	2	95.17	7
				6H	1	96.67	5
Total	24	97.13	61.5	6S	0	98	3

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, 1RB, Deer and 4B who had great attendance.

**PARENTS CONSULTATION EVENING**

The parent evenings for this term will be on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November and Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November. This will be a chance for you to discuss how your child is settling down in their new class and for the teacher to discuss their targets for the year ahead. The meetings with staff will only be for approximately 10 minutes, however if there are issues that need greater length then alternative meetings should be arranged.

**SEPTEMBER 2018 RECEPTION INTAKE**

Children born between 1<sup>st</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018. Please visit [www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions) to apply online. We are holding our open days on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November from 10.00am to 11.00am and between 2.00pm to 3.00pm. There is no need to book, just come along.

**SCHOOL BANK**

Sandra Howes, our HSBC Bank contact will be visiting school on 6<sup>th</sup> November, 20<sup>th</sup> November, 4<sup>th</sup> December and 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

There has been an increase in the number of books returned wet from leaking drinking beakers, in most cases these books have to be thrown away. Please take care of the books to avoid a request for replacements.

**Reminder:** Under 5s' Story and Rhyme time in the Library on Mondays at 2:30pm - 50p entry (tea and coffee available). Many Thanks from Mrs Haddock.

**MENUS**

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

**FLU NASAL VACCINE**

The flu vaccine will be administered on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November to those children in years Reception to year 4 whose parents have given consent.

## CLIVE MARK UNIFORM

We have been advised by Clive Mark uniform suppliers that they are holding a 3 for 2 offer at the moment. The offer is only available in store with the cheapest item being free and runs until stocks last.

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

Children will be having photos taken on 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

Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	- Reception (for children starting in September 2018) Open Day 10am & 2.00pm
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	- Remembrance Service at Church 11.00am
Week beginning 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	- National Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	- School Photographer from 8.30am in the school hall
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	- Parents Evening 3.40pm – 6pm
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Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018

The Teacher Training Days will be:

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September, Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September, Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January, Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*“John Wooden, the legendary basketball coach, says you aren't a failure until you start to blame. What he means is that you can still be in the process of learning from your mistakes until you deny them.”*

~ Carol Dweck

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