

**Friday 10th November 2017****HEADTEACHER COMMENT**

We have had a very productive and eventful first half term of this new academic year. We have also had a number of staff changes. Both Mrs Healy and Mrs Brown have begun their leave from school and Miss Tough has moved on from Hollywood.

We have appointed two new members of staff to help fill these roles. We welcome Miss Gibbons to the Year 6 team, she has had many years' experience teaching this year group and will remain in year 6 for this year. We also welcome Mrs Wilks into the Reception team, she has worked at Hollywood in a part time capacity for some time but has now taken on this new full-time post. I know you will join me in welcoming the new starters and hope they have a long and fruitful career with us.

ATTENDANCE (w.b. 30.10.17) (REMEMBER ABSENCE LINE: 675 4525)

Class	Lates	%Attend	Days Lost	Class	Lates	%Attend	Days Lost
RSBS Otters	0	98	0.5	RSBS Deer	1	100	0
RF	3	94.67	8	3E	2	94.14	8.5
RH	1	96.67	5	3S	2	95.16	7.5
1CB	0	97	4.5	4A	1	99.67	0.5
1RB	0	98.67	2	4B	3	98	3
2BP	1	97.33	4	5H	1	100	0
2P	0	91.33	13	5T	5	98.97	1.5
				6H	0	97.67	3.5
Total	20	96.9	66.5	6S	0	96.67	5

Our attendance figures are slowly climbing up and we are currently above last year's figures and hope that we can reach our target of 97%, the punctuality certainly seems to be improving. Well done to the 1RB, Deer and 5H who had great attendance. We had over 250 children who had 100% attendance for the first half term of the year, which is wonderful.

PARENTS CONSULTATION EVENINGS

The parent evenings for this term will be on Thursday 16th November and Tuesday 21st 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.

CHILDREN IN NEED DAY

This year we will **NOT** be holding a special event or collecting donations for the charity. Pupils should wear school uniform as normal. However if you have purchased any of the special Pudsey merchandise (e.g headbands, socks, T shirts etc.) then children can wear them with their uniform - for example, instead of their white polo shirt they can wear their Pudsey Tshirt.

BOOK FAIR – THURSDAY 16th TILL WEDNESDAY 22nd NOVEMBER

The book fair will be running in the Library during both Parents Evenings and till 4pm on Friday 17th till Wednesday 22nd May. **Lunchtimes:** Children can also visit the library to purchase any books should they wish to do so. Thanks Mrs Haddock.

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 second open day on 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.

APPEAL

The Deers class in the resource base are going to be making hedgehog houses next week as part of their forest skills lesson. If anyone has any old plastic boxes or unwanted sturdy boxes or pieces of plastic, please could you send them in by Tuesday 14th November. Thank you, Mrs Kiernan.

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.

SCHOOL BANK

Sandra Howes, our HSBC Bank contact will be visiting school on 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.

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.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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 (for children starting in September 2018) 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

You can learn new things at any time in your life if you're willing to be a beginner.

If you actually learn to like being a beginner.

The whole world opens up to you.

Mr. S. Dix
(Headmaster)