



Friday 17th November 2017

HEADTEACHER COMMENT

The governors and I recently met to discuss the school Charging and Remission Policy. Whilst discussing this we also discussed the current issues with the ever-reducing budget. In the past Birmingham LA has been able to be very generous resulting in the school affording to top up lots of exciting activities for the children to experience. We have tried to maintain the same exciting curriculum with a much smaller budget.

Unfortunately, this means that voluntary parental contributions for trips, theatre visits and entertainment we receive will now be crucial. Indeed, if we do not get the funds from parents we will not be able to hold these additional activities. I would therefore strongly encourage you to make your contributions. We often get consent forms but with no contribution. I know that we are all going through a period of austerity, but I urge parents to support the school.

Some schools are even considering closing for half a day on Fridays to cut costs, we are not proposing this currently.

ATTENDANCE (w.b. 06.11.17) (REMEMBER ABSENCE LINE: 675 4525)

Class	Lates	%Attend	Days Lost	Class	Lates	%Attend	Days Lost
RSBS Otters	0	96	1	RSBS Deer	1	95	2
RF	3	95.67	6.5	3E	0	98.62	2
RH	5	96.67	5	3S	2	94.19	9
1CB	0	99.33	1	4A	4	89.33	16
1RB	1	98.33	2.5	4B	1	93	10.5
2BP	2	96.67	5	5H	5	98.15	2.5
2P	0	94	9	5T	1	98.62	2
				6H	0	98.33	2.5
Total	27	96.01	85.5	6S	2	94	9

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 1CB, 3E and 5T who had great attendance.

BIRMINGHAM CITY MISSION CHRISTMAS CHARITY COLLECTION

We are sending home a letter with the children today outlining our Christmas Charity toy collection this year. We have decided to support the Birmingham City Mission who provide toy gifts to over 2,500 children belonging to families in need within the Birmingham area. We are asking that all gifts donated are new and unwrapped so they can be easily allocated by age and gender. Representatives of the Birmingham City Mission will collect the donated gifts during the morning of Wednesday 13th December 2017 – please do not send in any gifts after this time. On behalf of Birmingham City Mission and the children receiving their gifts I would like to thank you and take this opportunity to wish you all a happy Christmas.

Mrs Keegan

PARENTS CONSULTATION EVENINGS

The second parent evenings for this term will be on 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.

HOLLYWOOD CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY ON 12th DECEMBER

Jackie and the ladies in the kitchen will be cooking our Hollywood Christmas meal on Tuesday 12th December. Please book on Parentpay. The menu includes roast turkey or chicken, vegetarian sausages, yorkshire pudding, mashed and roast potatoes and mixed vegetables. This will be followed by festive cracknell, Christmas ice cream tubs or fresh fruit.

BOOK FAIR RUNNING TILL WEDNESDAY 22nd NOVEMBER

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

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.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 21 st November	- Parents Evening 3.40pm – 6pm
Tuesday 28 th November	- Parents Inspire Workshop for Year 2 at 9.15am
Tuesday 12 th December	- Nativity (Reception, years 1 & 2) am
Wednesday 13 th December	- Nativity (Reception, years 1 & 2) pm
Thursday 14 th December	- Nativity (Reception, years 1 & 2) am & pm
Wednesday 20 th December	- Children's Christmas Party Day
Thursday 21 st December	- KS2 Carol Service to parents 10am and 2pm
Friday 22 nd December	- School closes at 1.30pm – Reports sent home to parents
Monday 8 th January 2018	- Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 9 th January	- School reopens to children

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 2018, Monday 23rd July 2018, Tuesday 24th July 2018

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“Uncertainty is the root of all progress and all growth. As the old adage goes, the man who believes he knows everything learns nothing. We cannot learn anything without first not knowing something. The more we admit we do not know, the more opportunities we gain to learn.”

~ Mark Mason

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