



Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017

## HEADTEACHER COMMENT

We have had a great response to our two parents' evenings and an overwhelming feeling of support from the parents. There are a few more sessions to be organised with both Mrs Southern and Mrs Brown but it is very heart-warming to get such a positive response.

One of the parents heard me practising my trumpet. As the children may have told you I am learning to play this instrument as it is the Hollywood year of learning. When you learn something from scratch you can appreciate the learning process so much better. I have found that the process is very similar to when the children learn to read. They make rapid progress with lots of practise. However, once they have been taught the basics they then need to discuss the books to understand their meaning. Just like music, you can learn all the notes but to make beautiful music you must fully understand the tune, rhythm and finer details.

## ATTENDANCE (w.b. 13.11.17) (REMEMBER ABSENCE LINE: 675 4525)

Class	Lates	%Attend	Days Lost	Class	Lates	%Attend	Days Lost
RSBS Otters	0	84	4	RSBS Deer	2	97.5	1
RF	1	94.26	8.5	3E	4	99.31	1
RH	4	96.67	5	3S	4	98.71	2
1CB	1	99.33	1	4A	0	94.67	8
1RB	3	98.33	2.5	4B	2	93.67	9.5
2BP	0	98.67	2	5H	1	96.3	5
2P	1	98.33	2.5	5T	0	97.59	3.5
				6H	0	98.67	2
Total	25	97.2	60	6S	2	98.33	2.5

Despite the sickness bug at school our attendance figures are slowly climbing up and we are currently above last year's figures. I hope that we can reach our target of 97%, the punctuality certainly seems to be improving. Well done to 1CB and 3E who had great attendance.

## HOLLYWOOD CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY ON 12<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

Jackie and the ladies in the kitchen will be cooking our Hollywood Christmas meal on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

## BIKES IN SCHOOL

On a health and safety angle can I ask that children, parents and guests do not cycle on the premises. We had a near miss earlier this week where a small child was almost hurt by a cyclist.



## HOLLY HELPERS HUGE SUCCESS

Last week was the annual Holly Helper Job Fair and nearly 70 children turned up at lunchtime in 3S to apply for roles around the school, contributing to the wider life of the school. Every child who wanted a job has been "employed" by an adult, ranging from First Aider to Litter Picker, Maths Toolkit Technician to Catering Assistant and Library Promotions Officer. Children are paid for their time in Holly Helper tokens which they collect from the Holly Helper Bank. They are encouraged to save and then they are able to go to the Holly Helper shop and spend their tokens. Lots of the KS2 children are also Play Leaders and give up their lunchtimes to support other children in leading games and activities. Many thanks to all these children, it is lovely that so many of you are keen to work together to make Hollywood a special place to be.

Mrs Powell & Mrs Southern

## BAD WEATHER REMINDER



In the event of severe overnight winter weather, leading to general closure of schools, announcements will be made on local radio from 7.00am onwards. Where extreme weather is localised and affects a small number of schools, the names of the closed schools will be broadcast. It is vital that parents tune into local radio stations for updates. We will also text parents as soon as we can.

RADIO WM (95.6FM) FREE RADIO (96.4FM) HEART FM (100.7FM)

No announcements mean school is open; therefore there is no need to phone school.

## YEAR 2 MATHS LEARNING BITE – TUESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

Year 2 parents are invited to 2P at 2.45pm on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December for a practical, hands on Maths Learning Bite. The session will cover the methods we use for place value, addition and subtraction plus ideas for problem solving tasks and games you could try at home. We look forward to seeing you there. *Miss Prottey*

### LIBRARY NEWS

**Book Fair:** I wish to say a BIG THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Book Fair, it was a great success and we managed to raise over £600 commission to spend at the scholastic book store. Congratulations to our Book Fair raffle winners: Zack Y1, Maya Y3, Darcy Y4, Lydia Y6 & Jessica Y6.

**Story and Rhyme Time for Under 5's:** Mondays at 2.30pm in the Library 50p. Tea and coffee available. Many thanks from Mrs Haddock.

### RECEPTION YEARS 1 & 2 NATIVITY PERFORMANCES

Children have brought home a letter with details of the nativity tickets. Please return your request by 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017. Spare copies of the letter can be obtained from the school office.

### SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Our school photographers came in and took portraits of our students on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2017. Photos should be ordered online, don't forget your early bird discount code AB4FX1 as it runs out on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017. *Ms Schwartz*

### 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.

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	- Year 2 Parents Inspire Workshop at 9.15am
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	- Year 2 Maths Learning Bite session at 2.45pm
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	- Nativity (Reception, years 1 & 2) 9.30am
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	- Nativity (Reception, years 1 & 2) 2.00pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	- Nativity (Reception, years 1 & 2) 9.30am & 2.00pm
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	- Children's Christmas Party Day
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	- KS2 Carol Service to parents 10am and 2pm
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	- School closes at 1.30pm – Reports sent home to parents
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	- Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> 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 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 2018, Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*"If you can see yourself doing something, you can do it. If you can't see yourself doing something, usually you can't achieve it."*

~ SEAL

Mr. S. Dix  
(Headmaster)