



Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017

## HEADTEACHER COMMENT

As you know we are coming to the time of year when parents come to school for various Christmas performances including the Nativity performances. Can I emphasize the need for parents to only take photographs and videos of their own children and keep them for their own albums. These images should not be shared on social media sites. I know I can count on your support with this matter.

On a similar matter, we have become increasingly aware that the older children in the school are using a range of social media. It seems that many of the children in years 5 and 6 have their own mobile phones. I can understand that parents want children to be safe on their walk to and from school, but I can see no other reason why they might need them. The big issue with mobile phones is the difficulty that parents have with monitoring their use. I would implore parents to regularly monitor their use. At school we not only have tight security measures, but teachers are also asked to restrict the children's use of the internet. Children do not always realize that what they text, type or message to others will always be available to be scrutinized, this could get them into serious trouble

## ATTENDANCE (W.B. 20.11.17) (REMEMBER ABSENCE LINE: 675 4525)

| Class       | Lates | %Attend | Days Lost | Class     | Lates | %Attend | Days Lost |
|-------------|-------|---------|-----------|-----------|-------|---------|-----------|
| RSBS Otters | 1     | 96      | 1         | RSBS Deer | 2     | 95      | 2         |
| RF          | 4     | 86.91   | 19.5      | 3E        | 5     | 94.83   | 7.5       |
| RH          | 3     | 95.67   | 6.5       | 3S        | 3     | 94.84   | 8         |
| 1CB         | 0     | 94.67   | 8         | 4A        | 4     | 94.67   | 8         |
| 1RB         | 0     | 90.67   | 14        | 4B        | 6     | 98.67   | 2         |
| 2BP         | 0     | 96.67   | 5         | 5H        | 2     | 97.41   | 3.5       |
| 2P          | 1     | 93.67   | 9.5       | 5T        | 2     | 94.48   | 8         |
|             |       |         |           | 6H        | 1     | 96.33   | 5.5       |
| Total       | 35    | 94.89   | 109.5     | 6S        | 1     | 99      | 1.5       |

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 however has dipped recently. Well done to 2BP and 6S who had great attendance.

## SAD NEWS

We were informed this week of the sad news that Lynne Bryan, a school lunchtime supervisor, passed away following a short illness. Lynne retired a little over a year ago after many years of service at Hollywood. I know that you will join with me in sending our condolences to her family at this sad time.

## VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Whilst I was on early morning gate duty this week I had a very enlightening conversation with a parent about voluntary contributions. A couple of weeks ago I tried to explain the situation with school funding but did not mention the specifics about the term voluntary contributions. The term is used in the letter that goes home to parents, so quite naturally people will feel no pressure to pay as it is voluntary. However, I had to explain that because the activity occurs on a school day we can not insist that you pay – this change in legislation occurred several years ago. The issue arises when the school needs to heavily subsidise an activity. As we now have limited funds we cannot allow for these additional activities to go ahead if it is necessary to subsidise them. I hope this gives more clarity to the situation.

## 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.

## SCHOOL BANK

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

## SEVERE 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*

## 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 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 2018 | - School reopens to children                             |

## TERM DATES 2017 – 2018

| Autumn Term 2017   | Spring Term 2018  | Summer Term 2018   |
|--|---|--|
| Monday 4 September<br>To<br>Friday 20 October<br>~ HALF TERM ~<br>Monday 30 October<br>to<br>Friday 22 December<br>(75 days) | Monday 8 January<br>to<br>Friday 16 February<br>~ HALF TERM ~<br>Monday 26 February<br>to<br>Thursday 29 March<br>(54 days) | Monday 16 April<br>to<br>Friday 25 May<br>~ HALF TERM ~<br>Monday 4 June<br>to<br>Tuesday 24 July<br>(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

*“Disappointment is inevitable when you are attempting to do anything of great scale. Instead, let your disappointments drive you to find new answers; discipline your disappointments. Learn from every failure, act on those learnings, and success become inevitable.”*

*Tony Robbins*

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