



Friday 8th December 2017

## HEADTEACHER COMMENT

At the full governing body meeting on Wednesday evening we were delighted to approve the appointment of a new and very experienced co-opted governor Mr Simon Richards. Mr Richards comes with a wealth of experience as a governor of several schools, in addition he works for the NGA (National Governors Association). I hope that with his addition the leadership of the school can continue to develop from good to outstanding.

If there are any parents who would like to join the governing body, please let me know and I can talk through the role and expectations. There is one vacancy for a parent governor currently but in March we will have another vacancy as Mr Hadi Al-Ayfari finishes his four-year term of office.

We have recently reviewed the Local Authority's Safeguarding policy. The governors were keen to ensure that parents were made aware of an aspect of this policy. 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.

## ATTENDANCE (W.B. 27.11.17) (REMEMBER ABSENCE LINE: 675 4525)

Class	Lates	%Attend	Days Lost	Class	Lates	%Attend	Days Lost
RSBS Otters	1	100	0	RSBS Deer	2	87.5	5
RF	4	93.56	9.5	3E	3	95.52	6.5
RH	1	95.33	7	3S	3	96.77	5
1CB	0	99.33	1	4A	3	96.33	5.5
1RB	3	87.33	19	4B	2	98.33	2.5
2BP	0	87.67	18.5	5H	3	98.52	2
2P	0	95	7.5	5T	3	96.21	5.5
				6H	0	98.67	2
Total	35	94.89	109.5	6S	4	98	3

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 the Otters, 1CB and 6H who had great attendance.

## CHRISTMAS PANTO

To all Hollywood parents and carers. Can I express great thanks for making the contributions and consent towards this year's panto. The money given enabled us to host our 2017 panto of Peter Pan. The contributions helped to give our children a taste of Christmas and an insight in to drama and pantomime productions. We are so pleased that our Hollywood community has come together to support this most valuable event.

Many thanks from Mrs E Brown - Performance Arts co-ordinator.

## 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.

## 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.

## BIRMINGHAM CITY MISSION TOY APPEAL

We have had some fantastic gifts donated for this appeal - it is really heart warming to see the generosity of our children, their parents and members of staff. There are a wide variety of items, construction packs, games, books and craft activities for the younger children along with an ample supply of toiletries and make up for those older young people. We still have some room left in our collection boxes though and a few more days before the BCM representatives come into school on Wednesday 13th December. They will collect the gifts and get them ready for Father Christmas to drop off on Christmas Day. I appreciate that funds are always tight at this time of year but it would be great if you could spare a pound or two on a gift for a child caught up in a situation beyond their control. Many thanks and Happy Christmas, Mrs Keegan.

## CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Children are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers on the last day of term (Friday 22nd Dec). They should however wear their normal school trousers or skirt with their Christmas top.

We are **NOT** collecting donations for Save the Children this year as we hope parents will support the Toy Appeal from the Birmingham Mission instead. Mrs Keegan.

## OUR CHRISTMAS TREE

A big thank you to Ambleside garden nursery for the donation of the Christmas tree in the hall. Ambleside in Earlswood has reopened under new management and you are invited to drop in for a festive mince pie, cake and barista coffee. They also have lots of lovely Christmas plants to brighten up your home.

## IMMANUEL CHURCH SERVICES

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm - Messy Church service. Come and get messy with craft, stories, and tea for all the family. Children, please bring an adult.

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 10am – Gift service.

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 10am – Nativity play.

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm – Carol service.

Christmas Eve at 8am and 10am – Holy Communion. 4pm Christingle service.

Christmas Day at 10am – Holy Communion.

Please see the website [www.immanuelhighlightsheath.com](http://www.immanuelhighlightsheath.com) for further details.

## SCHOOL BANK

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

## 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.



## 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.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

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

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*“There are two ways to be happy: change the situation, or change your mindset towards it.”*

Mr. S. Dix  
(Headmaster)