



Friday 15th December 2017

## HEADTEACHER COMMENT

The weather has obviously caused a great deal of disruption this week with the school closed on both Monday and Tuesday. Conditions were treacherous on Wednesday morning, but the forecast was much more optimistic. Many parents acknowledged the reasons for our closure and I think understood that the risks were too great to gamble with.

It was lovely to see such a big turn out from parents at the three performances of the Phases 1 & 2 Nativity. I think the children really enjoyed taking part and the teachers, teaching assistants and helpers deserve major credit for the work they put into the production. The last performance will be the rescheduled one on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December. I know teachers are finding it more and more difficult to make sure they can squeeze rehearsals into an already busy timetable, but it is worth it when the children and parents enjoy the experience so much.



## ATTENDANCE (W.B. 04.12.17) (REMEMBER ABSENCE LINE: 675 4525)

Class	Lates	%Attend	Days Lost	Class	Lates	%Attend	Days Lost
RSBS Otters	0	91.11	2	RSBS Deer	0	77.78	8
RF	6	92.13	10.5	3E	2	88.97	16
<b>RH</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>96.67</b>	<b>4.5</b>	3S	2	95.34	6.5
1CB	0	93.7	8.5	4A	6	97	4.5
1RB	0	90.74	12.5	4B	1	90.41	13
2BP	1	89.67	15.5	5H	6	94.81	7
2P	0	93.33	10	<b>5T</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>97.93</b>	<b>3</b>
				6H	1	96.33	5.5
Total	27	93.58	131.5	6S	1	97	4.5

With the snow day last week, the attendance slipped to just below last year's figure. I hope that we can reach our target of 97%, the punctuality however has also dipped recently. Well done to the RH and 5T who had great attendance.

## 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 21<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER

Jackie and the ladies in the kitchen will be cooking our Hollywood Christmas meal on Thursday 21<sup>st</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.

## NON UNIFORM DAY

School Council have asked if the children can wear their own clothes instead of uniform on the last day of term (Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December). It would be lovely to see some Christmassy clothes but please remember they will be having playtime outside as usual. There will be no charge for this.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY – WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

Just a reminder as party day approaches - if you are sending your child in with food and snacks for the party day please ensure that it does not contain any nuts or nut essence. Please remember that we are a nut free school and you may need to check the labels. Many thanks from Ms Schwartz.

## TOYLINK PROJECT – BIRMINGHAM CITY MISSION

All the toys were collected on Wednesday and have been taken to their base ready for Father Christmas to collect them - we have a photo which should be on our website shortly. The representative from the Mission was completely overwhelmed by the generosity of our families and wished to thank you all for participating. He said there were just over 1100 families on their distribution list for this year with additional families being referred daily. Some children forgot to bring their toys in before they were collected but I will be visiting the Mission next week so can take them along if you would like to send anything in. Thank you again and merry Christmas to you all from Mrs Keegan.

## LIBRARY NEWS

All next week there will be Christmas activities at lunchtimes for the children to enjoy. There is a Light up penguin raffle for 50p a ticket (there are 5 to be won), Santa search and find, a Grinch bookmark to make plus old library books for sale. **Reminder:** Can all library books be returned before we break up for our Christmas holidays. Many thanks from Mrs Haddock.

## 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.

## COACH TO 5K GROUP

Taz the Run Birmingham Coach is looking to start a new 5K running group at Trittiford Mill Pool (B28 0TE) from January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9.00am. If you are interested just turn up on the day.

## IMMANUEL CHURCH SERVICES

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.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	- Nativity (Reception, years 1 & 2) 9.30am (Replacing snow day event)
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

*We all have this perfect picture in our minds of how things are supposed to be and that's why we all end up being disappointed.*

Mr. S. Dix  
(Headmaster)