



# November Newsletter 2

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy two weeks since our last newsletter with lots of exciting experiences for the children both in and out of school. Years 4 and 5 have both had history days with Timezone to support their topics. All of the children said they had enjoyed the days and learned lots too. The children learned about E-safety with Freshwater Theatre group and know about the importance of keeping themselves safe when they are using the internet. Early Years children also had a visiting theatre group last week, they performed the story of Dick Whittington. This week, Key Stage 2 had a visit from the 'Stringcredibles' – a string quartet – who played some fantastic musical pieces, great inspiration for the many children learning to play instruments in school.

Year 1 children enjoyed a visit to Aston Hall last week to support their topic learning.

The children in Year 5 had a brilliant time on their residential at Edmond Hall. They took part in activities such as team building, orienteering, shelter building and a night walk. There was lots of time for them to enjoy playing outdoors and spending social time with their friends as well as eating together and sharing a dormitory. The children took part with great enthusiasm and demonstrated a high standard of behaviour, even when they were tired from a full day of activities – well done Year 5!

We were pleased to have so many parents and carers come to our Reception open sessions last week. There were many positive comments about the school and the Year 6 children who helped to show them round.

This week has been Anti-Bullying Week, the theme for this year has been the promotion of difference and equality with the tag-line 'All different, all equal'. Lots of different activities have taken place in class following this theme as well as assemblies. Class 6R rounded off the week with a fantastic class assembly reminding us all about the key messages of the week and that they are important all of the time, not just during this week.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs S. Pecheur  
Head Teacher

## Attendance News

For the week 30<sup>th</sup> October – 3<sup>rd</sup> November the following classes achieved above our 97% target: RH, 1B, 2C, 2T, 3H, 4K and 5A. The best classes that week were 2T and 5A both with an excellent 100%. Our overall school attendance was 95.7% which is below our 97% target. The classes with the fewest number of lates were RD, RH, 2W, 4K, 4SF and 5A all with no lates across the week – well done!

For the week 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> November the following classes achieved above our 97% target: RH, 1B, 1J, 3B, 3H, 5B, 5JB, 6M and 6R. The best class that week was 5JB with 98.7%. Our overall school attendance was 95.4% which is below our 97% target. The class with the fewest number of lates was RH with no lates across the week – well done!

Remember to check out our website [www.wheelerslane-pri.bham.sch.uk](http://www.wheelerslane-pri.bham.sch.uk)



## Dates for your Diary

<b><u>November</u></b>	<b><u>December</u></b>
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> 'Trompos' session for Year 6	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> at 9am Key Stage 2 Concert
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> at 8.35am Anti-Bullying Meeting for parents	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> Christmas Parties
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> at 10am and 2.30pm Reading event for Nursery parents	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> theatre group for Nursery and Reception
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> at 9am Class 6M Assembly	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> a.m. Class Behaviour Rewards
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> at 9am Meeting for Year 6 parents	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> 9am – 10am Optional Stay and Play session for Nursery children
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> Young Shakespeare in for Year 6	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> at 12pm Break up for Christmas holidays
<b><u>December</u></b>	<b><u>January 2018</u></b>
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> Theatre trip - 101 Dalmatians Years 2 & 5	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> Teacher Training Day
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> Theatre trip - 101 Dalmatians Years 1 & 4	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> Term begins for children
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> at 8.30am and 2.30pm Winter Workshop for Nursery parents	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> at 9am 3H Class Assembly
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> Theatre trip 101 Dalmatians Years 3 & 6	<b><u>February 2018</u></b>
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> at 2pm Key Stage 1 Christmas Play	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> at 9am 3B Class Assembly
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> at 2pm Key Stage 1 Christmas Play	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> Attendance Week
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> at 9am Key Stage 1 Christmas Play	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> at 9am 3A Class Assembly
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> at 2pm Reception Nativity at school	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> Aspirations Week
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> at 2pm Reception Nativity at All Saints' Church	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> Enabling Enterprise Challenge Day
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> Wheelies Christmas Event	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> Children finish for half term
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> at 2pm Key Stage 2 Concert	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> Parent and Carer Consultation Day
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> at 9am Key Stage 2 Concert	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> Children return to school
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> Christmas Dinner	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> Year 3 Swimming begins for 2 weeks
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm Early Years Christmas Craft Fair	

### Parking

Further complaints have been received from local residents regarding parking at the beginning and end of the school day. Please park considerately ensuring you are not blocking anyone's driveway and try to avoid parking on both sides of narrow streets so there is clear access for emergency vehicles. Local residents have said that they will be contacting the police to report any parking that restricts access to their street or property. We thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

### Unauthorised Absence

There have recently been fines issued to the parents of four children in our school because of poor attendance due to unauthorised absence. While attendance for the majority of children is generally good, we have a few children whose attendance has fallen below 90%, which is the Government set threshold for determining persistent absence. In school we follow the 'Spotlight' programme which supports families to improve attendance, particularly those where there is persistent absence. There have been good results for some and attendance has improved, however, those families where persistent absence continues are referred to court and a decision is made about whether to issue a fine.

If your child is absent from school due to illness, please phone us and let us know so that the absence can be authorised. For medical appointments, a copy of the appointment card or letter is required to authorise the absence.

Three families have also received fines under the new Birmingham City Council Leave in Term Time Policy for taking their children out of school to travel abroad without authorisation from the school. Please consider carefully the implications of travel abroad or holidays during term time on your child's education, as they will miss out on learning and you may be issued with a fine.



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