



October Newsletter

Friday 6th October 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

The term is going well and has been packed full of learning opportunities for the children. The weeks seem to be whizzing by and we will be breaking up for half term in two weeks' time.

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our Parent and Carer Consultation Evenings this week. There were lots of positive comments about the great start children have made to their year of learning. If you were unable to see your child's teacher, please speak to the teacher to arrange an appointment at a mutually convenient time – it is important to us that we speak to every child's parent or carer.

Last week, Year 6 children had their residential visit or day trip to Woodlands Adventure. I was lucky to also be able to take part with the second group of children and we had a brilliant time. The children joined in with all of the activities with enthusiasm and resilience and showed determination to succeed. The staff at Woodlands commented upon their friendliness and lovely manners as well as their willingness to support each other. The children were a credit to you and must be commended on the way they dealt with their time away from school and home.

A big thank you to everyone who donated goods for our Harvest collection. The House Captains organised the collection and have enjoyed the competitive element and working as a house team to bring in the most donations – news on the winner in our next letter. All of the food collected is being donated to our local foodbank.

Thank you also to everyone who came along to our MacMillan Coffee Morning this morning. Our House Captains worked with Mrs Sumner to make many of the cakes on sale, as well as encouraging others to bring in donations. We will let you know how much was raised in our next newsletter.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs S. Pecheur
Head Teacher

Attendance News

For the week 18th – 22nd September the following classes achieved above our 97% target: RH, 1B, 1J, 1CH, 2C, 2W, 3A, 3B, 3H, 4F, 4SF, 5A, 5JB and 6M. The best classes that week were 2C, 2W and 6M all with a fantastic 99.3%. Our overall school attendance was 97.2% which is above our 97% target. The class with the fewest number of lates was RD with no lates across the week – well done!

For the week 25th – 29th September the following classes achieved above our 97% target: 1B, 1J, 1CH, 2C, 2T, 2W, 3A, 3H, 4K, 4F, 4SF, 5JB, 5B, 6R and 6M. The best classes that week were 2T, 4K and 6M all with 99.3% - well done! Our overall school attendance was 96.4% which is below our 97% target. The class with the fewest number of lates was RH with no lates across the week.

Remember to check out our website www.wheelerslane-pri.bham.sch.uk



Dates for your Diary

<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>
Monday 9 th – Friday 13 th Attendance Week	Monday 13 th November Stringcredibles performance for Key Stage 2
Tuesday 10 th Timezone Vikings for Year 5	Tuesday 14 th Flu immunisation Reception – Year 4
Tuesday 10 th Height and Weight checks for Year 6	Friday 17 th at 9am Class 6R Assembly
Thursday 12 th Individual School Photographs	Friday 24 th at 9am Class 6M Assembly
Thursday 12 th at 9am Parent and Carer Forum meeting	Wednesday 29 th Young Shakespeare in for Year 6
Friday 13 th at 9am Class 4F Assembly	
Friday 13 th at 2.30pm Parent Reading Session for RR	<u>December</u>
Wednesday 18 th Diwali Lunch	Thursday 7 th Theatre trip - 101 Dalmatians Years 2 & 5
Thursday 19 th 20 Year 6 children Enabling Enterprise trip	Friday 8 th Theatre trip - 101 Dalmatians Years 1 & 4
Friday 20 th Class 4K Assembly	Monday 11 th Theatre trip 101 Dalmatians Years 3 & 6
Friday 20 th break up for half term	Monday 11 th at 2pm Key Stage 1 Christmas Play
Monday 30 th return to school after half term	Tuesday 12 th at 2pm Key Stage 1 Christmas Play
Monday 30 th – Friday 3 rd November Rights Respecting School Week	Wednesday 13 th at 9am Key Stage 1 Christmas Play
<u>November</u>	Wednesday 13 th at 2pm Reception Nativity
Friday 3 rd at 9am Class 4SF Assembly	Thursday 14 th at 2pm Reception Nativity
Monday 6 th Timezone Romans for Year 4	Friday 15 th Wheelies Christmas Event
Monday 6 th Bonfire Night Lunch	Monday 18 th at 2pm Key Stage 2 Concert
Tuesday 7 th Timezone Greeks for Year 5	Tuesday 19 th at 9am Key Stage 2 Concert
Tuesday 7 th at 2pm Open session for prospective Reception parents	Tuesday 19 th Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 8 th 1CH to Aston Hall	Wednesday 20 th at 9am Key Stage 2 Concert
Wednesday 8 th at 9.30am Open session for prospective Reception parents	Thursday 21 st Christmas Parties
Wednesday 8 th 'Trompos' session for Year 6	Thursday 21 st visiting theatre group for Nursery and Reception
Wednesday 8 th E-safety performance for Years 2-6	Friday 22 nd at 12pm Break up for Christmas holidays
Friday 10 th 1J and 1B to Aston Hall	<u>January 2018</u>
Friday 10 th at 9am Class 6S Assembly	Monday 8 th Teacher Training Day
Monday 13 th – Friday 17 th Anti bullying week	Tuesday 9 th Term begins for children

Attendance Week

Next week (9th – 13th October) is our first Attendance Week of the year. We use this week to focus on the importance of attendance and punctuality and how it supports successful learning. At the end of the week we identify all of the children who achieve 100% attendance and are also on time every day. These children receive a small reward. Any class which has every child in school and on time every day that week will also win a class prize. We usually have a high percentage of children being rewarded for attendance and punctuality – remember, the doors are locked at 8.50am, after this, children are marked as late. We hope to be rewarding lots of children who have achieved 100% attendance and punctuality.

Parking

We have received a complaint from concerned local residents regarding the parking of people picking up and dropping off children at our school and Wheelers Lane Technology College. In particular, residents of Chesterwood Road and Holly Lucas Road are being put at risk by cars parked on both sides of the road at the beginning and end of the school day. Parking in this way restricts access for emergency vehicles. Very recently there was a serious house fire on Chesterwood Road, had this been at the beginning or end of the school day, the fire engines would not have been able to reach the house. Please park considerately when you come to collect your children and only park on one side of the road where the street is narrow so that large vehicles can get through. You are able to use the car park at 'Corks' on the Alcester Road or the one at The Billesley, both of which are only a short walk to school. We thank you for your co-operation with this matter.



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