



January Newsletter

Friday 6th January 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to wish you all a Happy New Year and welcome back to school, we look forward to a busy Spring term, the children have settled back into school well and as always show interest and enthusiasm for their new topics.

January and February are well known for cold weather and frosty mornings. Please take care when walking or cycling to school and please ensure your child has a coat in school and is wrapped up warm. It is also important for them to have track suit bottoms in order to fully participate in the PE curriculum.

As always we will be encouraging the children to attend school regularly and to arrive on time. Our doors open at 8.35a.m. and the children are set early morning tasks, sometimes with a learning buddy, so it is important for them to arrive on time. The doors close at 8.50a.m. and any children arriving after this time need to come through the main office doors to ensure they are recorded as being present in the building.

Well done to all the children in Phoenix House who earned the most house points last term, a total of 15,654. The house captains will be meeting with staff soon to organise a reward for everyone in Phoenix house.

We are pleased to welcome a new teaching assistant, Mrs Cartmell, to our school, she is working in 2HM. We are also joined by Mrs Deane, who will be teaching every morning in Year 2; she will be supporting groups of children with English and Maths.

Have a great weekend.

Attendance News

For the week 12-16th December the following classes achieved our 97% target: 1B, 1H, 2HL, 3F, 4F,4M, 5A, 6M. The winning classes were 2HL and 4M with 98.7%, well done. Our overall attendance was 95.5% The classes with no lates were:2J, 3W and 4K.

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

Dates for your Diary

January	March
Monday-9 th NSPCC assembly for children	Wednesday 1 st March Nursery Inspire am and pm
Thursday 12 th Pirate Ron in school for Year 1	Friday 3 rd March World Book Day in school
Friday 13 th at 8.55am 6N Class assembly	Friday 3 rd March Freshwater Theatre in school YR4
Friday 13 th African Drumming for Year 4 children	Monday 6 th March Freshwater Theatre in school YR5
Friday 20 th at 8.55 am 6M Class Assembly	Monday 6 th March Year 4 to Symphony Hall
Friday 20 th Animal visiting Reception and Nursery	Tuesday 7 th March Freshwater Theatre in school YR2
Friday 20 th School nurse drop in 3-4pm	Wednesday 8 th March Nursery open morning
Tuesday 24 th 9am assessment meeting for Year 2 parents	Thursday 9 th March RLD to Pizza Express
Thursday 26 th Year 5 Inspire workshops for parents	Thursday 9 th March Nursery open afternoon
Friday 27 th at 8.55am 2J Class Assembly	Friday 10 th March at 8.55am 3W Class Assembly
Monday 30 th Year 3 swimming lessons start	Friday 17 th March at 8.55am 3F Class Assembly
February	Friday 24 th March at 8.55 3C Class Assembly
Friday 3 rd at 8.55 2HL Class Assembly	Friday 24 th March Comic Relief Day
Monday 6 th - Friday 10 th Attendance Week	Tuesday 28 th March 3F and 3C to Lapworth Museum
Thursday 9 th RD Pizza Express visit	Wednesday 29 th March 3W to Lapworth Museum
Friday 10 th at 8.55 2HM Class Assembly	Friday 31 st March at 8.551B Class Assembly
Monday 13 th Friday 17 th Creative Writing Week	Friday 31 st March YR4 parent workshop
Friday 17 th break up for half term	April
Monday 27 th Parent Consultation Day	Monday 3 rd April Year 4 to Think Tank
Tuesday 28 th all children return to school	Wednesday 5 th April at 9.00am Year 3 Inspire workshop
Tuesday 28 th -Friday 3 rd Readathon Week	Friday 7 th April at 8.55 1H Class Assembly

A message from All Saints Church

A family day 'Room on the Broom' is being held on Saturday 28th January at All Saints Church Kings Heath from 10am-12.30pm. There will be crafts, games, storytelling, a reading area, refreshments, prayer space and much more. Everyone's welcome, entry is free, donations to the poor. Please see the Facebook group 'All Saints Children and Families' for more information.

Headlice

We have reported cases of headlice in school, could we remind all parents to please be extra vigilant with hair care, advice from the school nurse is regular combing and the usual haircare products of shampoo and conditioner, thank you.

Severe weather conditions

We would just like to remind you of what happens if school has to be closed because of poor weather. We will put a message on the school Twitter feed, this can be seen on the home page of the school website www.wheelerslane-pri.bham.sch.uk if you are not a Twitter user. We will also send out a text message, however we do know that when there is a high volume of texts being sent if lots of schools are closed, it can take a while for texts to arrive.

You can also listen to local radio stations such as BRMB, Radio WM and Heart who regularly read out lists of schools that are closed and also publish them on their website. Please avoid phoning school as there will not be any staff in the office if we are closed. We will try our best to stay open but if staff are unable to get to school or the site is dangerous we will have to close the school.