



January Newsletter 2

Friday 24th January 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

January seems to be flying by with only one more week to go. The term is moving on at a brisk pace with lots of great learning experiences for the children. Year groups had their "Wow starters" for their spring term topics in the first week. These have included Year 2 dressing as rainforest animals, Year 4 having a day of Italian experiences and Year 1 being visited by Pirate Ron.

Children received their attendance award certificates for the autumn term. We were very pleased to give out 390 certificates altogether – that's 62% of the school who achieved above our 97% target. 163 children, more than a quarter of the school, received a gold certificate for 100% attendance, they are on track to achieve their Attendance Ambassador Award at the end of the year.

Parent lunches have started again and have been well attended – dates for future lunches are on the calendar. We have also started Buddy Class lunches this term. Each class in school has a buddy class, usually in a different key stage, and they get together for activities throughout the year. This year, pairs of buddy classes will have a lunch together, which they don't usually have the opportunity to do because of the split lunchtimes. Our first one took place on Monday with 3A and Nursery having their lunch together. It was lovely to see the children chatting and enjoying their time together. A session is planned for each pair of buddy classes during this academic year.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs S. Pecheur
Head Teacher

Attendance News

For the week 6th – 10th January the following classes achieved above our 97% target: RP, 2T, 3W and 5A. The best class that week was 5A with an amazing 100%. Our overall school attendance was 94.4% which is below our 97% target. The classes with the fewest number of lates were RP, 1CT and 6M each with no lates across the week – well done!

For the week 13th – 17th January the following classes achieved above our 97% target: 2T, 3W, 5A, 5C and 6R. The best class that week was 5C with 99.3% - well done! Our overall school attendance was 94.9% which is below our 97% target. The classes with the fewest number of lates were RJ, RP, 1CT and 2T each with no lates across the week.



Dates for your Diary

<u>January 2020</u>	<u>March 2020</u>
Tuesday 28 th at 12.30pm 6M Parents' and Carers' Lunch	Thursday 26 th at 9am workshop for Reception parents
Tuesday 28 th Chinese New Year lunch for children	Friday 27 th Vision Day
Friday 31 st at 9am Class 3W assembly	Tuesday 31 st at 12.30pm 5A Parents' and Carers' Lunch
<u>February 2020</u>	<u>April 2020</u>
Tuesday 4 th at 12.30pm 6B Parents' and Carers' Lunch	Wednesday 1 st Year 1 to Multi-Skills at Billesley Tennis Centre
Friday 7 th at 9am Class 3B assembly	Thursday 2 nd Year 2 to Multi-Skills at Billesley Tennis Centre
Monday 10 th – Friday 14 th Enterprise Themed Week	Friday 3 rd Non-Uniform Day £1 donation
Tuesday 11 th at 2.10pm Internet Workshop for parents and carers	Friday 3 rd am Class Behaviour Rewards
Friday 14 th Children finish for half term	Friday 3 rd Class 1R assembly
Friday 14 th Non-Uniform Day £1 donation	Friday 3 rd at 12pm Children break up for Easter holidays
Monday 24 th Consultation Day	Monday 20 th Term begins for children and staff
Tuesday 25 th Children return to school after half term	Tuesday 21 st Year 1 Hatton trip
Wednesday 26 th am 4HS visit to Pizza Express	Thursday 23 rd St George's Day lunch for children
Wednesday 26 th Animal Man visiting Year 2	Tuesday 28 th at 12.30pm 5K Parents' and Carers' Lunch
<u>March 2020</u>	<u>May 2020</u>
Tuesday 3 rd at 12.30pm 6R Parents' and Carers' Lunch	Tuesday 5 th at 12.30pm 5C Parents' and Carers' Lunch
Thursday 5 th Reception children height and weight check	Friday 8 th Bank Holiday – School Closed
Friday 6 th World Book Day celebrations	Monday 11 th – Thursday 14 th Year 6 SATs
Friday 6 th at 9am Class 2J assembly	Monday 11 th – Friday 22 nd Year 2 SATs
Monday 9 th – Friday 20 th Swimming for 3A and 3W	Friday 22 nd Finish for half term
Monday 9 th – Friday 13 th Attendance Week	<u>June 2020</u>
Tuesday 10 th at 12.30pm 4F Parents' and Carers' Lunch	Monday 1 st Return to school after half term
Wednesday 11 th am 4F visit to Pizza Express	Monday 8 th – Friday 12 th Year 1 and Year 2 Phonics Check
Friday 13 th Sport Relief	Monday 8 th – Friday 12 th Year 6 Residential
Friday 13 th at 9am Class 2M assembly	Monday 8 th – Friday 26 th Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
Tuesday 17 th 4H Parents' and Carers' Lunch	<u>July 2020</u>
Friday 20 th at 9am Class 2T assembly	Thursday 16 th at 11.30am Community Picnic and Term ends for children
Monday 23 rd March – Friday 3 rd April Swimming for 3B	Friday 17 th Training Day
Tuesday 24 th at 12.30pm 4HS Parents' and Carers' Lunch	Monday 20 th Training Day

Leave in Term Time

The Birmingham City Council Policy for Leave in Term Time includes the issuing of penalty notices where unauthorised leave is taken which meets their criteria. We are required to publicise the information regarding recent penalty notices. Last term we had 1 family where the parents were issued with a penalty notice for unauthorised leave by Birmingham City Council. Currently, the penalty notice is for £60 per parent or carer per child. If you are considering taking your child out of school during term time, please speak to Mrs Johnston in the school office.

Snowy Weather

We have been lucky so far not to have had any very bad winter weather, however, I would 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 message on ParentMail, however we do know that when there is a high volume of messages being sent if lots of schools are closed, it can take a while for them to arrive.

You can also listen to local radio stations such as BRMB, RadioWM 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.



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