



Dear Parents/Carers,

Our parent committee had a really productive meeting this week and have shared lots of ideas that we can put into action. They have also shared a range of helpful links to places in Birmingham that families can access. I have included them later on in this newsletter.

In January, we are moving to Bromcom instead of Arbor. This will be the app that parents download and will use to pay for dinners, breakfast club, trips etc. There is information below on how to set it up. Please speak to the office if you have any questions.

As we approach the end of term, there are a range of events coming up so please check the key dates list as it may change each week. School closes on Friday 22nd December at 2.30pm and reopens for pupils on Tuesday 9th January.

We are having an end of term party on Friday 22nd December. Children can wear their own party clothes. Year groups will be asking for shop bought food donations for each party.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs. L Mahony, Headteacher

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

Each school has a Lockdown Policy which details how we as a school would respond if there was a critical incident.

Staff have read and understood the policy and as part of our safeguarding processes, we must have a practice run through of a lockdown.

We will talk to the children about this beforehand and will email you on the day it happens so that you are aware, as children may come home and talk about it.

Thank you for your support with this.



Bromcom My Child At School App (MCAS)

As you are aware we previously used the Arbor App for communicating to parents. In January 2024 we will be launching our new parent app called **My Child At School (MCAS)**. The MCAS app is our preferred method of communication with you using app notifications.

What is MCAS?

MyChildAtSchool (MCAS) is a portal that can enable parents to view their child's academic performance in real-time via a web browser or mobile app. This facility allows exclusive access to key academic dates, attendance information, timetables and the personal details the academy holds for you and your child.

The following modules which are available in MCAS:

- Notifications
- Pupil details check/update/amend
- Attendance
- Parents evening booking
- Reports
- Assessment
- Dinner/Dinner money

Downloading the app and logging in

The app is simple to download and access using the email address that you have supplied to us.

The app is available through the Google Store or Apple Store, just search for **My Child At School app by Bromcom Computers Plc**.

From the 19th January 2024 we will no longer use the Arbor app and the only way to upload funds for Dinner will be through PayPoint or MCAS app. Please note any existing Arbor (credit) will automatically transfer to your MCAS account. You can view the balance in Dinner module and top up the balance in Dinner Money.

We will be having a **drop-in session all day on Thursday 25th January 2024** where office staff will be on hand to help you get logged in.

PayPoint

In January we will supply each parent with a PayPoint letter which contains a barcode, so you can easily upload payments using the cash PayPoint facility.

Using PayPoint payments are for those parents/carers who wish to continue to pay for items via cash. PayPoint payments are also recorded by MCAS and can be seen by logging into your MCAS account and viewing your payment history online. Your nearest PayPoint is here: JET - Key Hill, Icknield Street, Hockley, Birmingham, B18 5AU

Key Dates

Wednesdays: Year 3H swimming lesson. 3B will swim after the holidays on a Wednesday

Tuesday 19th December: Music Concert 9:00am – **Only Year 4, 5 and Choir parents are invited to attend.**

Wednesday 20th December: KS1 Nativity Parents Performance at 2:15pm

Wednesday 20th December: Visit from Santa

Wednesday 20th December: Children's Christmas Dinner

Friday 22nd December: End of Term Party / Children break up for Christmas holidays.

Tuesday 9th January: Pupils return to school – 8:30am

Thursday 1st February 2024: Parent coffee morning – 8.45am

Places in Birmingham for Families to access

This is a **Geek retreat**. We're a café and local game store based in Birmingham Jewellery Quarter. Specialising in trading card games, like Pokémon, magic: the Gathering, Yu-Gi-Oh! and Digimon, as well as RPG's like Dungeon's & Dragons and more!

We host daily events, as well as having a delicious menu to keep you fed while you play. We have free to play board games and consoles to keep everyone entertained!, one is pokemon club on sundays.

[Events | Geek Retreat Birmingham \(square.site\)](#)

Well being hub for mental health is in Bullring:

[Central Birmingham Wellbeing Hub - Birmingham Mind](#)

They have an event this weekend: [Birmingham Mind - ❄️ Join us on Saturday 16th December for... | Facebook](#)

The Snow Dog Trail

[Snowdogs Discover Birmingham | Wild in Art](#)



Late Collections

Thank you to you all for ensuring your child gets to school every day and on time. Punctuality in the mornings has improved.

Can I remind parents that pupils have to be collected promptly at 3.30 every day (2.30 on a Friday). We have a significant number of families collecting children late. Staff have duties and responsibilities after school and are unable to carry these out effectively if they are supervising late collections. There is an after-school club called 'Kids come first' that many parents use if this would help you. Contact the office for details. Thank you for your support with this.

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DATES
2ND-5TH JANUARY

LOCATION
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- Dance & Drama Classes
- Sports Sessions
- Art & Crafts
- Cooking & Baking
- Life Skills

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HOURS

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