



# Parent Newsletter



Friday 18 October 2024

## Message from the Head of School

Dear parents,

We discussed the concept of **GRATITUDE** this week in celebration assembly, and how our children are so fortunate to have the opportunity to come to school every day and have amazing experiences such as baking cookies, learning swimming, playing TT Rockstars, taking part in enjoyable lessons such as art, PE, science and so much more.

In recent years, I have visited India and other developing areas and met children and families who, unfortunately, have no scope to attend any school. It is a deeply sad situation for millions of children across the world. Our children had the opportunity to reflect on this and think about how we should be grateful for everything we have in and out of school. Parents – please do remind them of this value of **GRATITUDE**.

On a separate note, I want to take a moment to address the issue of term-time leave and its impact on your child's learning and development. We have had a few children missing several days because of unauthorised term-time leave.

Taking time off during the school term can significantly affect not only academic progress, but also social and emotional growth. Missing school can lead to gaps in essential knowledge and can hinder your child's ability to form strong friendships, which are crucial at this stage in their development.

Please note that school policy requires us to follow local authority procedures regarding term-time leave, which may result in fines for families who take their children out of school without permission. We encourage all parents to prioritise school attendance to ensure your child can thrive in a stable and consistent learning environment.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Have a wonderful weekend!

**Mr Gunchala**

# Celebration

This week's **STARS OF THE WEEK** are:

Nur: Siyana

RAL: Zayan

RS: Sajjad

1D: Hudayfa

1A: Jaffar

2R: Noah

2K: Ayaan

3S: Adam

3B: Bayan

4HK: M Yahya

4N: Anais

5S: Ali

5A: Maryama

6D: Tayiba

6A: Maaz

6W: Samia

This week's  
value:

**Respect**



# Pupil Attendance

Well done to all those who are in school every day, making the most of their learning opportunities.

Well done to Class 4N for winning the attendance trophy!

1D: 90%

1A: 92%

2R: 98%

2K: 96%

3S: 95%

3B: 96%

4HK: 91%

4N: 99%

5S: 96%

5A: 95%

6D: 95%

6A: 97%



HIGH ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL GETS YOUR CHILD'S LIFE OFF TO A *FLYING START!*



INCREASING ATTENDANCE BY JUST 5% CAN DOUBLE THE CHANCES OF GAINING GOOD QUALIFICATIONS



MISSING TWO DAYS A MONTH MEANS A CHILD MISSES 10% OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

GOOD ATTENDANCE IN PRIMARY SCHOOL



Writing + MATHS SKILLS



THERE ARE 175 DAYS A YEAR NOT SPENT IN SCHOOL

PLENTY OF TIME FOR SHOPPING, HOLIDAYS AND APPOINTMENTS!



100s OF SUBJECTS | 1000s OF CLASSES

ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES



TURNING UP JUST 5 MINUTES LATE EVERY DAY ADDS UP TO OVER 3 DAYS LOST IN THE YEAR!

MORE SCHOOL =



HIGHER GRADES



INCREASED CONFIDENCE



MORE FRIENDS



BRIGHTER FUTURE



# Messages

## After-school clubs

We hope to have our Rugby Club up and running again from 11 November. Our Netball Club will run from Tuesday 5 November, and our Aikido Club will launch from 12 November.

Please wait for confirmation from Mr Davies if your child has been successful in getting a space in club, or if they are on a waiting list.

## Year 4 assembly – Wednesday 23 October 2024

All year 4 parents and families are invited to a special assembly next Wednesday from 9.00am.

## Year 6 Secondary Transfer – DEADLINE 31 October 2024

Children born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014 are due to transfer to secondary school in September 2025. Each year the School Admissions Team receives late applications from families who advise they were not aware of the process. Families who apply **late** are less likely to be offered one of their preferred schools. The deadline for applications is during half term. If you require any help in applying, please contact the School Office ASAP.

# Parent Workshops





# Reception Superstars!



# WE'RE COLLECTING FOOD FOR THE FOOD BANK THIS HARVEST!

This term, we have pledged to support our local foodbank. Sadly, over 13 million people live below the poverty line in the UK and the need for foodbanks is increasing. Last year, well over a million emergency food packages were given out to adults and children in need.

The foodbank offers help to local people in crisis, who are often referred by specialist agencies such as social services, GP surgeries, schools, care centres and probation teams. We would be grateful if your child could bring in any of the following, to help with our collection for this worthwhile cause.

In-date tinned and packaged food, including:

baby food;  
biscuits;  
cereals;  
dried pasta;  
instant coffee;  
long-life fruit juice;  
long-life milk;

baby food;  
biscuits;  
cereals;  
dried pasta;  
instant coffee;  
long-life fruit juice;  
long-life milk;

tinned meat and fish;  
tinned puddings;  
tinned soup;  
tinned vegetables;  
toiletries;  
toilet rolls;  
vegetarian options.

**Unfortunately, the foodbank is not able to store fresh or chilled items. Small packets and tins are preferred, if possible, please.**

**Please drop these to the School's Main Entrance  
before Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October.**

**Many thanks in advance for anything you can give.**





# Conway After-School Club

## Kidz Come First

*Keeping children at the center.*

[www.kidzcomefirst.co.uk](http://www.kidzcomefirst.co.uk)

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are excited to announce that Conway Primary is considering launching an After-School Club in partnership with Kidz Come First. This club aims to provide our children with a fun, engaging, and safe environment beyond regular school hours, while also offering valuable support for parents and carers by extending care and activities after school.

### Details of the After-School Club:

- Ages: 4-11
- Days: Monday - Friday
- Time: 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM
- Activities: The club will offer a variety of activities, including sports, arts and crafts, baking, and homework help. A healthy snack will be provided for the children each day.

We would love to gauge the interest of parents and carers in enrolling their child(ren) in this club. Your feedback is essential in helping us finalise our plans and ensure the club meets the needs of our children and families.

If you are interested, please complete the attached form and return it to reception by **Monday 21 October 2024.**

Your responses will help us determine the level of demand and plan staffing and activities accordingly.

We look forward to hearing from you and hope to offer a space where your child can continue to learn, play, and grow after school hours.

Warm regards,

Natalie Johnson  
**Manager**

## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM – AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

**CHILDS NAME:**\_\_\_\_\_

**CHILD'S YEAR:**\_\_\_\_\_

**DAYS REQUIRED:**\_\_\_\_\_

**PARENTS NAME:**\_\_\_\_\_

**CONTACT NUMBER:**\_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL ADDRESS :**\_\_\_\_\_

## Our Aims & Objectives

- Our fundamental aim is to ensure that 'Kidz Come First' in our welcoming, stimulating, caring and inclusive environment.
- Our staff are dedicated to building children's confidence, self-esteem, and learning, through play and structured activities.
- Our aim is to teach children practical life skills that carry them through to adulthood.
- Our ethos is to promote emotional health, wellbeing, mutual respect, safety and independence.





# Wraparound Childcare

## Parent Survey

### September 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Birmingham City Council would like to invite you to complete a survey to help us shape and support Wraparound Childcare for **Primary School Age** children in Birmingham to meet the needs of children, parents, carers and families.

#### Definition of Wraparound Childcare

Wraparound Childcare includes **Before School Care (BSC)** and **After School Care (ASC)**.

The **QR code** below will take you straight to the survey link.



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<https://www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/bcc/parent-survey-wraparound-childcare-september-2024>





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**Ambition**



**Resilience**



**Respect**