

NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 1

Dear Parents

Polite Reminder

Please could we remind all our parents/carers to park safely outside and around our school. Please avoid parking on the zig-zag lines or in the staff car park. Thank you for your support.

Sponsored Walk

We were delighted with the enthusiasm with which the children took part. They had such a wonderful time collecting straws for each completed circuit. A huge thank you to everyone who supported us in our fund raising event and has sent money into school. Could we ask for any further sponsor money to be sent in as soon as possible. The money raised will help us to provide lots of fun activities for the children.

Congratulations Board

Aria Dhesi (1C), Remie Marcus (1E), Etta Barfield (1H), Siena Boyle (2B), Reece Barrows (2T), Marty Wright (2W).

Bike Rack

Please could we respectfully request that you do not leave locks fastened on our bike racks (effectively 'reserving' a space) unless you have a bike attached to it. We have received complaints that some locks have been left fastened to the bike rack for some time without a bike being brought into school.

Reception Admissions - September 2018

Information will be posted out by the Local Authority during October and they advise that the following steps are taken:

- Visit schools to find out what they offer;
- Check the chances of being offered a place at your preferred school using the "cut off" distance information at www.192.com and www.Myed.com;
- Use all three preferences to maximise the chance of being offered a place at a local school;
- Bear in mind that the grounds for a successful appeal at Key Stage 1 are very limited;
- Ensure you apply and receive acknowledge of receipt by the closing date of 15th January 2018;
- Be aware that late applications will only be processed after those received by the closing date have been offered.

Parents can visit their Local Authority website at:

www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmission for further information. The site is now open for online applications. Our open day for prospective parents will be held on Wednesday 1st November at 10:30am, 2:00pm and 6:00pm. Please note that this is an information sharing meeting for parents only and is not intended for children.

Parentmail

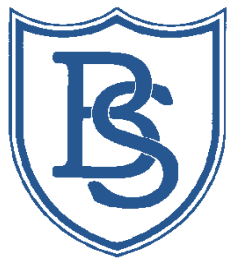
Parentmail is set up for Year One and Year Two but we are still having problems with Nursery and Reception. Please continue to be patient with us whilst we liaise with Parentmail and hopefully we will be fully operational after half term. In the meantime we will continue to send a paper copy of the newsletter home to Nursery and Reception each week and it will also be uploaded onto our website ensuring that all families are kept up to date with school news.

Celebrating Attendance

Contratulations to 2W, Lion Class for achieving 100% attendance last week. Well done Lions.

Individual Children's Photographs

The school photographer will be visiting Infant School on Friday 13th October to take children's individual photographs. He will be available between 08:15-08:45am should you wish to bring pre-school children or older children for a family portrait.



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Parents' Interviews

11th & 12th October

Confirmation of parents' evening appointments will be sent home this week. Please check your child's book bag.

Busy Bodies - Important Notices

VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR BUSY BODIES PARENTS AND CARERS. We have over thirty parents without booking forms and fees for October, this is unacceptable as we are unable to staff accurately which could result in health and safety issues. Please check to see if you have paid your fees if you have not please do so immediately. Please remember that fees are due on the last Friday in every month, please ensure your forms and fees are in **BY THIS WEDNESDAY 4th October**, all children without a form or fees will be asked to wait in the school reception where parents will be contacted as we will not have enough staff to cover the demand of children attending.

Parent pay - There are still a few teething issues with Parentpay but we are working on smoothing this out so please be patient with us. From the end of October this will be the preferred method of payment, however if you are currently using a childcare voucher scheme please continue to do so as we appreciate the benefit it has to our families.

DIARY DATES

3rd October - Sponsored Walk
11th & 12th October - 4-6:30pm Parents' Evening
13th October - Individual school photos
18th October - Flu Vaccinations
20th October - Harvest Festival at St Michael's Church-children only
20th October - Break up for half term holidays
30th October - School re-opens to all pupils
1st November - 2018 Reception Entry Open Day
3rd November - PTA Bonfire Night
7th & 8th November - 9-10:15 Y1 Maths Workshop
9th & 10th November - 9-10:15 Y2 Maths Workshop
7th & 8th November - 9-10:15 Y1 Maths Workshop
11th November - Ground Force Day
20th & 21st November - 9-10:15 Reception Maths Workshop
11th December - 9:30 Reception Dress Rehearsal
12th & 13th December - 1:45 Reception Performance
13th December - Y2 Singing at New Oscott Village
14th December - 9:30 Y1 Dress Rehearsal
14th & 15th December - 1:45 Y1 Performance
18th December - 9:30 Y2 Dress Rehearsal
18th & 19th December - 1:45 Y2 Performance
20th December - 10:30/2:30 Nursery Christmas Songs
21st December - Christmas Parties
22nd December - 9:45 Christmas Service at St Michael's Church
22nd December - Break up for Christmas holidays

PTA News

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY. The Bonfire and firework extravaganza will be held on Friday 3rd November. Tickets will be on sale shortly. Look out for the announcement.

There is a PTA Meeting tonight (Tuesday 3rd October) at the Harvester in Boldmere. 8pm. Please come along... we will be discussing bonfire night and could do with as much help as possible. See you there.

Shanika Kenny

Mrs S Kenny
Head of School
3rd October 2017