



Dear Parents/Guardians

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We hope all our families had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

General Information

Medical Information

A reminder that any medication brought into school, should be handed over to the school office for safe-keeping. Parents/Guardians must fill in a medical form regarding administration of the medication. Please **DO NOT** send your child into school with tablets/medication to keep in their bag/desk.

Please also ensure the school office is up to date with any changes in your child's medical needs etc. ***If your child uses an inhaler, please ensure it is in school.***

Previously Looked After Children

If your child was 'previously looked after' then school may be able to apply for some additional funding to support your child in school. A previously looked after child is one who has left care through one of the following routes:2

- **Subject to an Adoption Order**
- **Special Guardianship Order**
- **Child Arrangement Order (specific to residency-living with)**

If you feel that your child meets the above criteria, and is therefore eligible for the additional support, please contact Mrs Jones who will be able to look into this further for you.

Children eligible for free school meals

If you think your child may be eligible for free school meals, please contact the school office for more information.

Forthcoming Events

Dates for your diary – Spring and Summer term 2019

See attached diary dates for the Spring and Summer term 2019. There will be dates to add to this list and we will advise you asap. Any additions or amendments will be advised via the newsletter. A copy of the diary sheet will be put on the school's website.

Times Table Rockstars

A reminder that all children now have access to a new fun and exciting website called 'Times Table Rockstars'. This is a great opportunity for them to practise and improve their speed and

recall of the times tables whilst having fun at the same time. All children are expected to be able to fluently recall all times table facts, up to and including 12 x 12, by the end of year 4.

We are asking children to dress up as a Rock Star for our 'Dress up as a Times Tables' Rock Star Day which will take place on **Friday 11 January 2019**

Young Voices

Rehearsals will commence again for Young Voices, including this Thursday (10 January 2019 and Thursday 17 January 2019) after school. A reminder that the Young Voices concert will take place on Friday 18 January 2019.

Young Voices Adult Tickets

The Young Voices Adult tickets have arrived. Parents/guardians may collect the tickets from the school office from Thursday of this week. If you are unable to collect the tickets before we break up for the holiday, we will keep them in the office until the New Year.

Assessment and Review Week (14-18 January 2019)– year 6

Next week year 6 will be taking part in an Assessment Skills Week in school, which will include practicing a variety of skills and techniques and working through some test papers. Therefore the usual year 6 timetable may be amended accordingly.

Swimming Lessons – 4H and 4J – commencing Tuesday 15 January 2019

A reminder that children in classes 4H and 4J will commence swimming lessons on Tuesday 15 January 2019. Please ensure your child has their swimming kit with them each Tuesday.

Year 3 Trip to Think Tank – Friday 1 February 2019

A letter will be coming out this week regarding the above trip. Payment may be made via ParentPay. Please ensure the school office receives your signed copy of your consent.

Year 6 Trip to RAF Cosford – Monday 11 February 2019

A letter will be coming out this week regarding the above trip. Payment may be made via ParentPay. Please ensure the school office receives your signed copy of your consent.

Bikeability – Year 5

A reminder that the Bikeability course will take place on Monday 14 January and Tuesday 15 January 2018. We confirm that this course will now be run over two days and NOT four days as originally advised. Letters were sent out confirming places at the end of last term.

Unfortunately, not all children were offered a place as the number of children interested in taking part in the course exceeded the number of places available. Please ensure your child brings their cycle, helmet, warm clothing etc. into school on these days.

Clubs – Spring Term 2019

Information regarding the clubs was sent out at the end of last term, which included:

Lunchtime tennis – years 3, 4, 5 and 6 – letters were sent out to all children in school

Netball – years 4, 5 and 6 – please ask your child to contact Miss Jackson if they would like to take part.

Jewellery and Craft Club – years 4 – letters were sent out to all children in year 4.

Karate – letters were sent out to the existing children attending the club. We may have some spaces available. Please contact the school office if you would like more information or if you would like your child's name to be put on a waiting list.

Paper copies of the above letters were sent out to each child. We do have spare copies available in the school office. If you are interested in your child taking part in any of the above after school or lunchtime clubs, please return your consent slip to the school office and make your payment on ParentPay.

Music Lessons/Payment – Spring term 2019 - £80

A reminder that for those children who receive lessons from the Music Service, payment will be due the first week back in January, in the amount of £80. This will be for the Spring Term (January to April 2019) and must be paid for in advance via ParentPay. **We will require a half term's notice should you not wish your child to continue with their music lessons.** Music Lessons (Cello, Woodwind, Brass and Violin) will commence the first full week back, week commencing Monday 14 January 2019, unless you have been advised otherwise.

School Meals and Milk Orders – Spring Term 2019

Milk Orders – 12 weeks at £1.05 (21p per carton) = £12.60. There will be no milk during the first week back. Milk will be provided from Monday 14 January 2019 to Friday 12 April 2019. You are now able to make your payment via ParentPay.

Roast Wednesday – 13 weeks at £2.30 = £29.90

Pizza Friday – 13 weeks at £2.30 = £29.90

If you wish to order Roast Wednesday and Pizza Friday meals for the term, the cost will be £59.80.

Dinner Money for the half term (January 2019 to February 2019)

If you wish your child to receive a school meal each day and would like to pay for the half term, the amount will be £66.70.

Please note that school meals are £2.30 per day = £11.50 per week. All meals must be paid for in advance. **We will be unable to provide any child with a school meal until we have received payment. Please ensure that your ParentPay account is in credit.**

Should you wish your child's school meal arrangements to change (school meals to sandwiches and vice versa), please give two weeks' notice to the school office. You must ensure that you advise the school office as well as making your payment on ParentPay.

Dinner Money Debts for this term. If your child has had a school meal during this term, please check your ParentPay account to be sure that you have cleared any debts before we break up for the Christmas holidays. If you wish your child to have a school meal next term, please ensure you make your payment **in advance.** Thank you.

Busy Bodies **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Welcome back to all our families, we hope you have had a great holiday and looking forward to a bright new term.

January fees.

Let us start this New Year off with a great start; January form and fees are due in this FRIDAY 11th January 2019. Please ensure your form is handed in on time, so that we can book your children in ready for next week.

December payments.

If you have not already done so, please ensure that payments for extra December sessions are paid in full by the end of this week, should you have any queries about your child's account please inform the manager.

Staff Vacancy – Lunchtime Supervisor – Junior School

We have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor at the junior school. If you are interested, please contact the school office. Full details are available from the school office. The closing date will be Friday 11 January 2019.

Community News – Disclaimer – The following community events are for your information. Should you wish to obtain further information or attend, it is at parents' own discretion.

Information regarding Birmingham Football Coaching courses for 2019 (North Birmingham Academy and Cardinal Wiseman Catholic Tech School) is available from the junior school office.

Yours sincerely

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Head of School

