



Dear Parents/Guardians

9 January 2018
No 17

Forthcoming Events

Young Voices – Wednesday 10 January 2018

If you have ordered tickets for the above event, please come to the school office to collect. If your child is attending the rehearsal this evening, you will be able to collect your tickets from Miss Brown. A letter will be handed out to your child today giving final details. Please ensure your child has a packed tea in a disposable container and drinks.

Year 4 Trip to the Think Tank – Thursday 25 January 2018

Year 4 have organised a trip to the Think Tank for Thursday 25 January 2018. A letter will be sent out this week giving you full details regarding the trip.

Year 3 Trip to the Think Tank – Monday 29 January 2018

Year 3 have also organised a trip to the Think Tank for Monday 29 January 2018. A letter will be sent out this week giving you full details regarding the trip.

4B and 3E – Swimming Lessons - Tuesdays

4B and 3E will commence their swimming lessons on Tuesday 16 January 2018. Please ensure your child has their swimming kit in school with them on a Tuesday morning. Girls should wear a one-piece swimming costume and boys should wear swimming trunks NOT long shorts. All long hair should be tied back.

3M Class Assembly – Wednesday 17 January 2018

Parents/guardians of pupils in 3M are invited to attend their class assembly on Wednesday 17 January at 9.05 am. The assembly will last approximately 40 minutes. We look forward to seeing you at the assembly but appreciate that not all will be able to attend due to family/work commitments.

4H Class assembly will take place on Wednesday 31 January 2018


General Information

School Attendance

In an attempt to improve our school attendance and lateness record, we take this opportunity to remind our parents/guardians of the importance of your child's attendance at school.

As you are aware, the school does not grant any leave of absence during term time **unless** there are exceptional circumstances. We ask parents/guardians to put in writing any request for leave during term time to the Head of School (Mrs Silverwood). This should be done, giving two weeks' notice. It is also possible for you to obtain a copy of the 'Leave of Absence due to Exceptional Circumstances' form from the school office.

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Birmingham City Council – ‘Leave in Term Time (pupils) guidance notes for schools’

emphasizes the importance of attendance at school and states that ‘pupils with 85% or less attendance between September and the Easter holidays are counted as persistent absentees whether their absence is authorised or not and that those pupils whose attendance is less than 95% for the academic year is shown to compromise pupil attainment.’

If your child is absent from school due to illness, please contact the school office by 10.30 am on the first day of their absence. If your child has a medical appointment, please ensure the office know in advance. If you are collecting your child from school before the end of the school day for an appointment, it is important that the school office and your child’s class teacher know in advance.

School Lateness

With regard to the start of the school day, it is possible for your child to arrive in school at 8.45 am. However, they must be in school by 8.55 am in time for registration, otherwise they will receive a ‘late’ mark in the register. We appreciate that there may be an occasion when you are unable to ensure that your child arrives on time and on this occasion, we ask that you contact the school office to let them know when your child will be arriving. However, we do continue to monitor those children who arrive in school late on a regular basis. It is important that children are in school for registration as this is a time when important information is relayed to children regarding the school day.

We celebrate pupil attendance in school in a variety of ways. On a weekly basis, the class with the highest attendance percentage is recorded in our newsletter and celebrated in our celebration assembly, we celebrate individual pupils who have achieved 100% attendance each term and at the end of the academic year.

We thank all our parents/guardians for their support in ensuring that their child attends school on a regular basis and on time.

Dinner Money and Milk Money for this half term/term

Dinner money for this term up to **February half term = £65.25 (£11.25 per week).**

If you would like your child to have a meal, please ensure that you have paid via ParentPay in **advance and that you are in credit for that week.**

Roast Wednesday meals for the whole term up to Easter = £24.75

Pizza Friday meals for the whole term up to Easter = £22.50

Both RW and PF meals for the whole term up to Easter = £47.25

A reminder that the price of **milk has risen to 22p per carton.** The cost for the WHOLE term up to Easter will be **£10.78.** Closing date for receipt of your order and payment is Friday 12 January. Please note that milk orders will NOT commence until week beginning Monday 15 January 2018.

Please note, we sent out a letter to all our parents/guardians before Christmas regarding the implementation of **a strict debt policy** relating to our school meal service. If you have not received a copy of the letter, please contact the school office. **All school meals must be paid for in advance.**

Lunchtime and After School Clubs – Spring Term 2018

Letters regarding **Jewellery/Craft Club, Teckers Football and lunchtime tennis lessons** were sent out before Christmas regarding our various lunchtime and after school clubs for the Spring term. Copies of these letters are also on the school’s website. **Please note that all payments for these clubs must now be made via ParentPay by the closing date indicated**

on the letter (Thursday 11 January 2018) and all consent slips must also be handed into the school office by that date. It will not be possible for you to hand any payment over to the organiser direct.

Karate Lessons – Jason Smith – Fridays – Letters will be handed out today to all those who attended Jason Smith’s Karate lessons last term. There are some spare places available. Please contact the school office for details.

Please note that there will be no choir with Mr Forbes (Nu Day) on a Tuesday during this term, until further notice.

Aspire Sport – Year 3 – Spring Term 2018 – After school club - Mondays

During this term, after school games club with Aspire is being offered to year 3 pupils only. Letters will be sent out today. Please ensure you return your consent slip by Thursday of this week as the sessions will commence next Monday. There is no charge for this club. For more details please contact Mr Uppal.

After School Football with Mr Uppal – Years 5 and 6 - Thursdays

After school football for years 5 and 6 will commence Thursday 18 January 2018. For more details contact Mr Uppal. This club will be weather dependent.

Music Lessons – Spring Term 2018 payment is now due

Unless otherwise advised, music lessons will commence next week (week commencing 15 January 2018). A reminder that payment is now due for this term’s lessons. The cost for woodwind, violin, cello and brass is £75 for this term. Please make your payment via ParentPay by Monday 15 January 2018.

Donation of Books to School Library

We are always pleased to received donations of suitable books for our school library and we would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Aston who has kindly donated fifty new classic adventure books and magazines. All donations of books, children’s newspapers, annuals etc. are most welcome.

Busy Bodies parents and carers,

Happy New Year to all our families, thank you for all the kind wishes and gifts, it was very much appreciated. Just a polite reminder that this is the **last week to hand in your booking forms and fees for January**. Fees MUST be in by this Friday 12th January.

Thank you very much.

VERY IMPORTANT – Busy Bodies

Kindly ensure that from January when adding up your monthly fees you separate and clearly indicate the total amount for each child as indicated on your booking form. We now have to input this information individually on our booking system and your support will help us to ensure that there is a speedy input of and clarity towards your monthly payments.

Yours sincerely

Mrs N Silverwood
Head of School