



NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 4

Dear Parents

Parents' Evenings - Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th February

Parents' evening letters were sent home in your child's book bag last night. Please return to school by Monday 6th February 2017.

Children's Data Checking Sheets

Data checking sheets were sent home in your child's book bag last night. Please could these be checked and returned to the school office by Friday 10th February. Thank you for your support.

Reception Eye Tests

Parents/carers with children in Reception classes have received a letter explaining the eye tests. The letter has an opt-out form attached. Please only complete and return this form if you **do not** wish your child to receive an eye test. Children whose forms have not been returned will have their eyes tested on 1st or 6th February (parents are not required to attend).

PTA News

Our fantastic Comedy Night is Saturday 18th February. We have sold nearly half of our tickets. Please do not wait till the night, get your tickets in advance. We would hate to disappoint anyone. Details and booking forms were sent out in book bags last week. School offices have spare if you need them for other people.

Thank you to everyone who has started sorting their old clothes for our Bags to School Collection. The bags are going to be sent in book bags this week and we would love you to bring them back full of your old things on Wednesday 15th February. It would be fabulous if you could have a spring clear out in the next two weeks.

Congratulations Board

Well done to these children for being nominated by their teachers:

Harry Littley (1C)
Freya Davies (1E)
Matthew Willison (1P)
Keerat Muctor (2B)
Darcey Gray (2T)
Sameeha Malik (2W)

Nursery Open Day for September 2017 Intake

Nursery will be holding open sessions on **Tuesday 7th February** (for prospective parents of children who will be eligible to join the nursery in September 2017 (date of birth 01.09.2013 to 31.08.2014). Please contact the school office for more information.

Celebrating Attendance

Congratulations to RM, Meerkat class for having the best attendance in school last week (99%). Well done Meerkats!

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Reception Health Screening

Parents/carers with children in Reception classes received a letter explaining that the NHS will be measuring the height and weight of their child and testing their hearing on Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th February (parents are not required to attend). If you **do not** wish your child to take part please inform the school office in writing by Friday 3rd February.

Request for Games & Characters

If you have any games you no longer play at home (with no missing parts) we would be grateful for any donations suitable for ages 5-7 and any Duplo (or equivalent) animals and characters for Reception classes.

Notices/School Closures

SPRING TERM 2017:

Friday 17th February - School closes for half term

Monday 27th February - School re-opens to all pupils

Friday 7th April - School closes

SUMMER TERM 2017:

Monday 24th April - School re-opens to all pupils

Monday 1st May - School Closed for May Day Bank Holiday

Thursday 4th May - School Closed for West Midlands Combined Authority Mayor Elections

Friday 26th May - School closes for half term

Monday 5th June - School re-opens to all pupils

Friday 21st July - School closes to pupils

Monday 24th & Tuesday 25th July - Professional Development Days-closed to all pupils

Animal Man Visit to Year One!

In Science, Year One have been learning about classifying animals and this week the Animal Man came to visit! He brought his special pets to meet us including a frog called Shrek, an owl called Midnight and a scary tarantula called Rosie! The children loved finding out about the different animals and even got to hold them! The teachers were also very brave. The educational Animal Man visit was paid for out of School Funds.

French Teaching Students

During last week we were pleased to have two teacher trainee students from France in classes 1C and 2T. The students were taking part in an exchange programme between Birmingham City University and ESPE Sorbonne, Paris. Whilst observing our British teaching practices, they also taught French to Hedgehog and Owl class. The programme ended last Friday with a French day, sampling the culinary delights of croissants, baguettes and pancakes! What a great experience we all had!

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Diary Dates

Weds 1st & Mon 6th February	Reception Eye Tests
Tues 7th February	Nursery Open Day for September 2017 intake
Tues 14th & Weds 15th February	Reception Health Screening
Weds 15th & Thurs 16th February	Parent interviews 4-6pm (parents only)
Fri 7th April	Easter bonnet parade
Weds 10th May	Nursery sports day
Thurs 25th May	Sports day (Reception - Y2)
Tues 13th June	Reception induction morning, class 1
Weds 14th June	Reception induction morning, class 2
Thurs 15th June	Reception induction morning, class 3
Fri 23rd June	Nursery induction (closed to current Nursery children)
Fri 7th July	Reports to parents
Weds 12th July	Celebration evening 4-6:30pm
Thurs 20th July	Leavers party