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"To be the best we can be"

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Newsletter - January 2016



The theme for our Tuesday morning assemblies

Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,

Welcome back to the Spring term. We have some new members to our team. Mrs Lloyd is the teacher working with children in Reception in base 1. Welcome to the new children who have joined our school and to the Nursery children who have joined us for the afternoon sessions.

This term, Mrs Rawlings will be delivering a weekly assembly focusing on British Values, discussing the question: **'What does it mean to be British?'**

The government set out its definition of British values in the 2011 Prevent Strategy and the Department for Education has introduced a statutory duty for schools to promote British Values, and to ensure they are taught in schools.

The five key British Values are:

- Democracy
- The rule of law
- Individual liberty
- Mutual respect
- Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs

Thank you....

To all the parents and family members who came along to all the assemblies and performances that we held at the end of the autumn term as part of our Christmas celebrations.

We collected £376.66 for British Legion through donations for poppies and selling commemorative items to children in November. This is the largest amount of money we have ever raised!

Well done....

The new reading log in the children's Home/ School dairies is working well with most parents writing a comment each week. The log sheet shows that children are being listened to read by the teacher and a teaching assistant every week. The Bug Club Online reading programme is proving to be every successful with children accessing and reading books at home.

Remember your child's password is in their diary. This is having a very positive impact on children's reading attainment.

If you have not tried this yet please ask a member of staff for some help to get started.

Our "Young Voices Choir", joined hundreds of other children from the West Midlands to sing in Birmingham on Thursday evening. Well done to the parents who went along and who had to battle through the icy conditions to get home.

Everyone is working hard to reach our target of 96% attendance for this year. We have made good start. The attendance for the Autumn term was 96.74%.

Parents of 10 children have already received a well done post card to show how well their child is doing in school. Parents receive a post card when their child has achieved 3 Gold Book Certificates..... so watch out for yours!

Our global theme for this term

This term's theme is "**Reach for the Stars**". This theme will focus on developing children's aspirations for the future. Subject leaders will lead assemblies to raise awareness of how a strength or interest in their subject area can be used in different careers for the future.

Don't give up	Work hard
Successful people	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bounce back from failure• Ignore criticism• Think about what they need to be successful• Try new things	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Practice the skill• Know that practice works• Enjoy working hard• Know there are no short cuts

This term 4 children from each class base who demonstrate that they are working hard to develop these skills will be invited to a **French Banquet "C'est Magnifique"** on Tuesday the 15th March.

Reminders

Book bags

We ask that children bring their book bags to school each day with their Home/School Diary.

Smoking

Parents are really good at keeping to not smoking on school grounds. Could we request that our gateways are kept clear as well. Thanks you for your support.

Parents are invited in to join their children for lunch

Parents are invited in on a Friday this term to sample our fish and chip lunch.

Parents of children in Reception and older Nursery children - Friday 29th January at 11.30am

Parents of children in Y1 and Y2 - Friday 5th February at 11.30am

Parents of children in Y3 and Y4 - Friday 4th March at 12.15pm

Parents of children in Y5 and Y6 - Friday 18th March at 12.15pm

The cost of a child's lunch is £2.00

The cost of an adult lunch is £2.85

We look forward to seeing you then.

Day-time - meetings for teachers and parents

Wednesday 3rd February afternoon - younger Nursery - Miss Tuffnell

Tuesday 9th February - Base 3 and 4 (Miss Jones and Mr Perry)

Thursday 11th February - Base 1 and 2 (Mrs Lloyd and Miss Smith)

Thursday 3rd March - Base 13 and 14 (Mrs Langham and Miss Blud)

Friday 4th March - Base 9 and 10 (Mrs Bowen and Mr Wood)

Tuesday 8th March - Base 7 and 8 (Miss Burrows and Mr Raybould)

Wednesday 9th March - Base 5 and 6 (Mrs Wilson and Miss Bagnoli)

Friday 11th March - Base 11 and 12 (Miss Greenwood and Mr Tagg)

Dates for your diary - we will be entering these dates onto the diary on our web site. A copy of all newsletters can be found on the school website. Further details about start times for some of the events will be sent out to you nearer to the date.

Date	Year group	Event
am 22 nd January	Y1	Visit to St Luke's Church in Ironbridge
pm 22 nd January	Reception	Visit to Birmingham Rep Theatre to see "The Snowman"
26 th January	Y2	Visit to The Sea life Centre - Birmingham
am 3 rd February	Morning Nursery	Staff from Birmingham Rep to work with children in school on a weekly basis
4 th February	Y4	Visit from the Cooking Bus

8 th February	All children	Internet safety week in school
29 th February	All children	Book Fair in school all week - end of the school day
10 th March	Y6 parents	9.15 am - SATs information sessions for parents/carers of children in Y6 5.00 pm repeat session
11 th March	Y1 - Y6	NSPCC leading 2 assemblies in school - keeping children safe
16 th March	Y5	Professor McGinty - historian working with children
am 15 th March	Y2 base 5	Parents invited into school to your child's mathematics lesson
am 16 th March	Y2 base 6	Parents invited into school to your child's mathematics lesson
pm 17 th March	Y2	Parents mathematics workshop
am 18 th March	Y5 and Y6	NSPCC workshop for children - keeping safe
21 st March	Y6	Residential visit to Arthog Outdoor Pursuits Centre in Wales

Half term - Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February 2016

Easter holidays - Friday 25th March to Friday 8th April 2016

Children return - Monday - 11th April 2016

