



**Newsletter No 15**

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 11 January 2019



**Welcome back!** The Governors and staff hope that you enjoyed the Christmas break and wish you all a very happy New Year.

The children returned to school looking very smart. As a whole school New Year's resolution (again!), please ensure that **all** items of school uniform are clearly named. It must be very frustrating when new items of clothing are lost and as you can imagine, very difficult for staff to identify any misplaced items. Parents are also reminded that nail varnish cannot be worn at school. Please ensure that nail varnish is removed before school on Monday.

**Healthy Snacks**

At our school, at morning break, children can enjoy a piece of fruit (from home for KS2) or purchase toast from the kitchen. Chocolate bars and crisps are not permitted so please ensure that your child does not bring them to school as a snack as they will not be allowed to eat them and the snack may be put in a safe place until the end of the day. Thank you for your cooperation in these important matters.



**Inset Day**

School will be closed to children on **Monday 25 February**. Thank you.



**Mass:** Year 6 will lead our Mass in School on **Thursday 17 January**. Everyone is welcome.



**Letters emailed to parents this week:**

**Whole school:** Mothers' Day Lunch.

**Please contact the school office if you require a copy. Thank you.**



**EFL Kids' Cup**

On Wednesday representatives from the school football team took part in the EFL Kids' Cup held at Villa Park. This was a national competition giving children the opportunity to represent their local EFL club with a grand final at Wembley Stadium. The team played really well over the 5 qualifying matches to finish in a very respectable third place. Sadly this meant that we did not progress into the next qualifying round but we are very proud of all their efforts.



### Attendance Reports

Your child's attendance report has been sent home today; please contact the school office if you have not received one. I will be arranging to meet parents whose attendance and/or punctuality is causing concern to discuss how we can work together support children attending school every day.



### Academy Photographer

On **Tuesday 15 January** Academy Photographers will be in school taking photos of groups. If your child is in the school football team please ensure that they bring their full football kit into school on this day. Thank you.



### PTA Meeting

The next PTA meeting will be held in school on **Tuesday 15 January** at 7.30pm. Please come along and join us, all welcome. Thank you.



### Dinner Money

Parents of KS2 children who have school dinners, the deadline for the payment of **£64.50 is Friday 18 January 2019**; please make payment through ParentPay. If you have credit showing on your ParentPay account please deduct this from the £64.50 and pay the remaining balance. Thank you.



### Birmingham City Council

### Reception Intake - September 2019

In October 2018, the local authority wrote to parents/carers of children who are on roll at a community or private nursery advising them of how to apply for a Reception Class place for September 2019. To view a copy of the Parents' Information Booklet go online at [www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions). The Local Authority will accept applications until the national closing date of **15 January 2019**. Thank you.



### Supplementary Forms

Supplementary Forms available now from school office for children who wish to start our Early Years Class in September 2019. These forms need to be signed by Fr Neil.

The deadline for these to be returned to the school office is **15 January 2019**.



### Swimming

Year 3 will resume their swimming sessions on **Thursday 24 January 2019**. The first two weeks of term will be used for swimming trials; letters will be sent to those involved. Thank you.

# Number Day 2019

## Number Day-NSPCC

On **Friday 1 February** we will be celebrating the NSPCC Number Day 2019! This will be a fantastic way to have fun with maths and an opportunity for us to help fight for every childhood. The money raised will make a significant difference to the NSPCC in preventing abuse ensuring we the NSPCC can be there for every child who needs them. Every child has the right be protected from violence, abuse and neglect (Article 19). It will be a **non-school uniform day** and your child can come to school dressed in the theme of 'Maths'. This can be as simple as a patterned t-shirt or socks, to as creative as their favourite number. Each child is asked to donate £2.00 for the event and there will also have the opportunity to buy mathematical sweet treats in the Enterprize Shed from our Rights Respecting Team! The most creative maths themed costume will receive a prize and be awarded during our Gifts of God assembly. We look forward to it!



## Music Lessons

If your child has music lessons the second instalment is due no later than **Monday 11 February**. Please log into your Parent Pay account to make payment. Thank you.



## Mothers' Day Lunches 2019

**Tuesday 19 March (Children with surname A-I), Wednesday 20 March (Children with surname J-R) and Tuesday 26 March 2019 (Children with surname S-Z).**

We are holding three Mothers' Day Lunch Days where your child can invite one lady to lunch! This can be mothers, grandmothers, aunts or a family friend.

If your child normally has sandwiches but would like a school meal that day the cost is £2.15, adult meals are £3.80 per person. We are only able to accommodate one lady per family. If your child is in KS1 and normally has sandwiches you will need to order a child's meal but no payment is required due to the universal free school meal entitlement. Please contact the school office to order a meal.

Lunch will be served from 12:00pm - 1:00pm and guests are requested to arrive at 11.45am; entering the school through the Key Stage 1 entrance. Please note due to lack of space in the school hall and the popularity of this event no other children are allowed.

If you wish to join us please log into your Parent Pay account and to make a payment (£3.80 for adult meal and £2.15 if your child is in KS2 and usually has sandwiches). Please ensure you complete notes section; stating how many adult meals you have ordered and how many meals if your child has sandwiches. If your child has school meals every day, please pay for their meal in the normal way and just order the appropriate additional adult meal.

If you are unable to attend on your allocated date; please send a letter into the school office for an alternative day.

***The deadline for ordering and paying for meals is Tuesday 5 March; We do not want anyone to miss out but as food needs to be ordered in advance, no late orders can be accepted after this date.***



**Attendance - Our school strives for 100% attendance.**

Government legislation states that a child with an attendance of 90% and below is categorised as a "Persistent Absence Pupil". An attendance figure of 90% equates to missing half a day every week that means four weeks of missed school work across the whole year.

Parents should also be aware that referrals to the school nurse will be considered for those children with an attendance rate of below 95% due to health related absences.

This week the Attendance Award was won by: Year 1 with 99.7% Well done!



The Punctuality Award for the week: EYFS, Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6.



#### Recommendations:

**EYFS:** Ayla G, Alannah K **Year 1:** Ruby H, Ben M **Year 2:** Gabriella L, Jimmy W  
**Year 3:** Iris A, Henry H **Year 4:** Logan McC, Ella P **Year 5:** Orlaith F, Dylan G  
**Year 6:** Cassie G, Owen P **Mrs Hope:** Joseph K (Y4).  
**Lunchtime Award:** Olivia H (Y5), Isla H (Y5).

#### Virtues and Values

This half term we are concentrating on being 'Eloquent and Truthful'. As a school community we are looking for opportunities in our own lives where we show the virtues. Please discuss this with your children at home; highlighting times when you experience or show these virtues. This will also be the focus for our 'Angel of the Week' awards for this half term.



#### Angel of the Week

Each week we will be recognising those children who we feel have made that extra special effort and show the virtues in their daily life.

This week's winners are: **Mr Hunt:** Olivia W (Y5), Scarlett W **Mr Rowlands:** Eve H

**Miss Stewart:** Patrick M **Miss Stevens:** Christopher K **Miss Lovelock:** Elyssa P (Y6)

**Mr Mayor:** Thomas B **Miss Cross:** Alice F (Y3), Charlotte L (Y6) **Miss Crowley:** Nathaniel C (Y3).



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week:

Martha W (Y1), Nathaniel C (Y3), Angel M (Y4), Ava A, Imogen A (Y6).

Dates for Diary - January 2019		
Tuesday 15 January	All day	Academy Photographer - groups
Tuesday 15 January	7.30pm-8.30pm	PTA meeting
Monday 21 January	1.00pm	HSBC in school
Tuesday 22 January	All day	Year 6 Trip to Ghamkol Sharif Mosque
Thursday 24 January	1.30pm	Year 3 start swimming
Tuesday 29 January	All day	Year 4 Trip to Aston Hall
Wednesday 30 January	All day	School nurse EYFS-height, weight and hearing checks
Dates for Diary - February 2019		
Friday 1 February	All day	Number day-NSPCC non-school uniform day
Monday 4 February	1.00pm	HSBC in school
Tuesday 5 February	All day	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 14 February	3.20pm to 4.30pm	PTA Spring Disco
Friday 15 February	3.20pm	School closes for half-term
Monday 25 February	All day	School closed for Inset day
Dates for Diary - March 2019		
Tuesday 5 March	10.00am	Year 3 First Confession
Tuesday 12 March	10.00am	Year 3 First Confession
Tuesday 19 March	11.45am	Mothers' Day Lunch (children with surnames A-I)
Wednesday 20 March	11.45am	Mothers' Day Lunch (children with surnames J-R)
Tuesday 26 March	11.45am	Mothers' Day Lunch (children with surnames S-Z)
Dates for Diary - April 2019		
Wednesday 3 April	3.30pm to 7.00pm	Parents' Evening
Thursday 4 April	3.30pm to 6.00pm	Parents' Evening

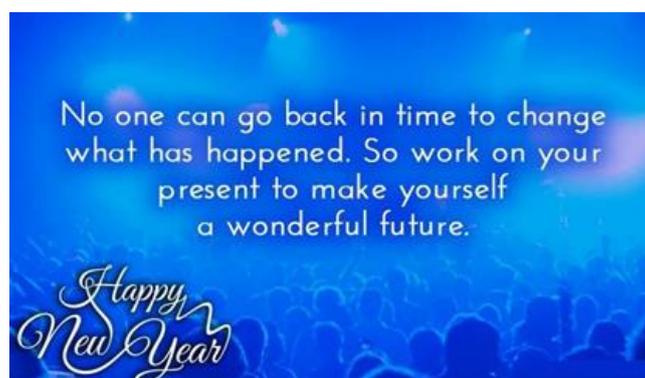
**\*Other dates available on website**

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely



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