



Newsletter: November 2017

October's Attendance

Week ending 29.9.17 (Overall 94.03%)

1 st	Y2	96.43%
2 nd	Y1	96.00%
3 rd	Y3	95.60%
4 th	Y4	95.38%
5 th	Y6	95.00%
6 th	Y5	90.45%
7 th	Rec	89.66%

Week ending 06.10.17(Overall:94.49 %)

1 st	Y5	98.64%
2 nd	Y1	95.00%
3 rd	Y3	94.80%
4 th	Rec	94.48%
5 th	Y2	93.57%
6 th	Y4	93.08%
7 th	Y6	92.69%

Week ending 13.10.2017(Overall:95.63%)

1 st	Y1	100%
2 nd	Y5	99.09%
3 rd	Rec	97.24%
4 th	Y6	96.15%
5 th	Y2	95.71%
6 th	Y4	91.54%
7 th	Y3	90.80%

Week ending 20.10.2017(Overall:95.51%)

1 st	Y1	98%
2 nd	Y2	97.14%
3 rd	Y4	96.92%
4 th	Y5	95.65%
5 th	Y6	94.81%
6 th	Rec	94.48%
7 th	Y3	92.00%

Year to date: Overall 95.91%

1 st	Y5	96.77%
2 nd	Y1	96.62%
3 rd	Y2	96.30%
4 th	Y6	96.16%
5 th	Y3	95.82%
6 th	Y4	95.48%
7 th	Rec	94.63%

Well done Year 5!

Our target for attendance is 96%.

Alerts have been sent to 14 children whose attendance has fallen below 90% this term and attendance will again be reviewed in December with further letters and alerts issued.

Helping Others

Thank you so much for your amazing generosity for our Harvest Collection. It is always stunning to see how many gifts are brought into school. The Reception and Key Stage 1 children produced a fantastic assembly and the gifts were immediately sent to the Cannock and District Foodbank.

Christmas Fayre
Friday 1st December
3-5pm!
Details to follow

School Meals

We are really proud of our infant children who are trying lots of new foods and enjoying their school meals. I am aware that some older children are bringing in treats for their younger siblings to have following their meals and there is no issue with this as long as the brother or sister has eaten all of their lunch and that the snack is eaten in the dining hall. We discourage chocolate bars both for the infants and in the junior lunchboxes and know that parents will want these treats to comply with the government packed lunch guidelines:

<http://www.healthylunch.org.uk/government/> which say that "Confectionery such as chocolate bars, chocolate-coated biscuits and sweets should not be included. Cakes and biscuits are allowed but these should be part of a balanced meal".

Thank you for your continued support.

Parents Evening.

This was held on Tuesday 17th October and we were delighted to welcome 135 parents in to school. This represents a turnout of 76%. We hope you found it enjoyable and we really appreciate you taking the time to share your child's learning journey with us.

Homework

Homework is an important tool to consolidate the learning the children have covered in class and for children to explore and extend their own knowledge. The vast majority of children (and parents!) complete their homework and these are rewarded with Homework Stamps. Last year two children were awarded with 100 Homework Stamps and were taken out for lunch as their reward! We are also delighted with the level of support the children receive in their Family Homework Projects.

Under our Behaviour for Learning agreement that every child signs, and can be found in the front of your child's planner, we do state that children in Years 4-6 may receive a sanction for non-completion of homework. This is because we are preparing the children for the next phase of their education as directed by Ofsted. Once the children reach High School, non-completion of homework often results in detentions and we are aiming to foster the work ethic in our children so there are no nasty shocks!

We do appreciate the time and support that you give your child with their homework and know that you are ensuring your child can achieve the very best outcomes.

Many thanks!

Remembrance Day

We will be marking Remembrance Day on Friday 10th November with a joint Act of Commemoration, together with the Nursery and Day Centre. Poppies and other merchandise to support the work of the British Legion will be on sale in school from Monday 6th November in time for Remembrance Sunday on 12th November.

Please talk to your child about the significance of this event and ask them to share their experience with you. It is always a very moving and respectful time in school.

Open Morning

Children and staff would like to invite you to join them for our Open Morning on Tuesday 21st November. Please line up on the playground with your child at 8.55am and experience what it is like to be in their shoes for the morning. You will work alongside your child in class, go out to play and tuck shop will be available. Parents then leave school at 11.30am so that we can prepare for lunchtime. We really hope to see as many of you as possible and the children love sharing their experiences with you.

Children in Need: Friday 17th November.

We are aware that parents and children have been very generous in supporting our charity events this term, so this year we are supporting Children in Need in a low key manner. On Friday 18th November we will be asking all children to come wearing something spotty in return for a £1 donation. All takings from the Tuck Shop on that day will also be donated to Children in Need. I hope you will be able to support the School Council in their work.

Christmas Celebrations

Once again we will be holding two separate and different Christmas Celebrations this year. Children in Year 3 -6 will be celebrating on Monday 11th December and Children in Reception - Year 2 will hold theirs on Tuesday 12th December. Ticket numbers are strictly limited to 2 per family and will only be available if you have a child in that particular year group. A letter to book tickets will follow soon.

At Christmas, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will go to St John's Church on Tuesday 19th December at 2pm. Parents and carers are welcome to join in the fun and take their child home from the church. Any children in Key Stage 2 with a sibling in KS1 can be collected early from school following the celebration. If your child in KS1 is not attending Church, they must remain in school with the Key Stage 2 pupils and not be collected at lunchtime.

