



Issue 4



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Environment

At this time of the year, the gardening club are busy looking after the birds in our garden and have been creating a range of tasty treats for the birds to hang on our outdoor Christmas tree in the quiet garden. The children have used coconut oil, bird seed, meal worms, flour and raisins, which they then push onto half an apple. This was then left to set overnight in the fridge and then placed on the tree. This provides an energy-packed meal for our feather friends and is something you can do at home with your children very easily.

As well as this, the Eco committee have been busy learning about single-use plastics and why they are so bad for the environment. The children have also written letters to the Queen and world leaders to express their concerns about how much plastic we throw away each day. Single-use plastics include straws and food wrappers which cannot be recycled or used again. You can help our Eco-Committee and the environment by trying not to use plastic items which are only used once. Instead, if you must use plastic, please use items which can be reused as drinks bottles or recycled.

Reception Applications - Reminder

There is still time for you to complete your application for your Nursery child to start in Reception in September 2019. The closing date is 15th January 2019. We will be available in Nursery week commencing 8th January to help with applications. In the meantime, should you wish to make an application on your own, please visit [https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school admissions/1786/draft apply for reception primary school](https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school%20admissions/1786/draft%20apply%20for%20reception%20primary%20school). You have until the end of the year to make an application and assistance is available via the school office if you need it.

Head Lice

Important - you can treat head lice without seeing a doctor. There is no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice. Treat head lice as soon as you are aware your child has them. You should check everyone in the house and treat them on the same day. Wet combing - lice and nits can be removed by wet combing. This method should be tried first. You can buy a special fine-toothed comb from the pharmacy to remove head lice and nits.

- Use the comb on wet hair with conditioner
- Comb the whole head of hair, from the roots to the ends
- Repeat every few days for two weeks until lice have been thoroughly removed

Medicated lotions and sprays - ask your pharmacist for advice if you have tried wet combing for two weeks, but your child still has head lice or nits.

Governor Spot

The Governing Board would like to welcome Razina Akhtar who was co-opted this week as a new governor. Razina brings with her a wealth of knowledge and experience which will be an asset to the board.

There are still vacancies for governors and should you wish to find out more, please come to the school office.

We would like to wish you all a very merry festive season and a Happy New Year!

PE Kits

Please make sure that your child has a full PE kit in school at all times. Your child needs to have a plain, red t-shirt and black shorts or leggings in a labelled PE bag. All items of clothing must be clearly labelled with your child's full name and class. You can purchase all items (except leggings) from the school office for £1.50 per item. If your child wishes to wear black PE pumps they may also bring them into school.

Community Room Events

- ESOL classes every Tuesday in the Community Room from 9.00 - 11.00 and 12.00 - 2.00
- Year One literacy workshops starting in January
- Year Two Maths workshops will start in March
- This year's ESOL class have visited the museum, library and leisure centre as part of the course.
- Parent Café is every Wednesday from 1.00 - 2.30 in the Community Room. All welcome!

Christmas Holidays

School will close at 12.45pm on Thursday 20th December and re-open on Tuesday 8th January at 8.35am.

Head Teacher's Message:-

2019 will be a very exciting year for us – we are currently working with architects to finalise our plans to turn our building into a full Primary School. We will share these with you as soon as we can. As always, thank you for all of your support this year and I would like to wish you the happiest of holidays.

Armine Williams.