



Issue 6



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Attendance Notices

The important of punctuality - Punctuality is crucial to ensuring that your child's day at school starts smoothly and that they are in the right mind-set to start learning and working hard. The classroom doors open at 8.35am and school starts at 8.45am. Late arrival is between 8.45am and 9.15am. Arrival after 9.15am is recorded as unauthorised and will adversely affect your child's attendance record and achievement levels. Please support your child to develop lifelong habits of good attendance and punctuality in order to allow them to achieve their full potential.

Medical Appointments - We request that, where possible, routine medical and dental appointments are arranged outside school hours as these appointments result in missed learning and will affect your child's attendance percentage. We do understand that some appointments, such as hospital consultations, are not always possible to arrange outside of school hours. However, if your appointment time allows your child to come to school for registration and then leave, this will have a positive impact on their attendance figure. Children should also return to school after their appointment.

Environmental

Following the Eco Committee and Gardening Club's hard work, we have successfully achieved our Eco Schools Green Flag! This makes us the longest running Green Flag School in the West Midlands and the only school to be awarded six green flags. Well done everyone!

This month we will be working hard to get our garden ready for spring and the children will be busy helping to plant various fruit and vegetable seeds in the hope of a bumper crop this year! As always, our produce and plants will be available for sale as and when they are ready. Thanks to the children in Gardening Club bringing in potatoes from home to use for seed, we hope to have a large potato crop this summer!

Balfour Beatty

Message from Balfour Beatty - 'we would like to inform you that on Monday 2nd March, removal of the site accommodation and welfare containers will take place from the school staff car park via Heather Road. We would be grateful if you can keep Heather Road clear of parked cars between the hours of 7.30am - 4.00pm. This is to ensure that the removal of these site cabins can be made without damage occurring to parked cars and that works do not get delayed. These operations will be completed in the day and we apologise for any disruption this may cause.

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

5 MARCH 2020

Join us in celebrating World Book Day by dressing up as a book character and by sharing stories with your child.

Each class will be reading and taking part in activities based on a special book, chosen by the class teacher. Look out for your child's letter, which has the title of the book and some ideas of what to wear on the day! Then, on Thursday, look out for your child's £1 book voucher, which can be exchanged for one of the special World Book Day books or can get you £1 off any other book, over £2.99.



Important Reminders

- P.E. kit - all children must have a full P.E. kit in school. This includes a red t-shirt, black shorts or leggings and black pumps. Your child may also wish to bring a water bottle into school. Please make sure you clearly label everything with your child's name and class.
- Bringing money into school - can we remind parents that if they are sending money into school it should be sent in an envelope with the child's name and class on; it should also state the amount in the envelope and what it is for. Envelopes can be purchased from the school office at a cost of 1p each.
- Dinner money - Please pay dinner money at the school office every Monday. It should be placed in an envelope and put in the box available. You can pay dinner money in advance for a month, half term or term if you wish. Debt letters will be sent to those parents who do not pay their child's dinner money on time.
- If you have a child born between 01.09.2016-31.08.2017 they will be due to start Nursery in September. Please complete an admission form if you have not already done so. If you require further details, please come to the school office.
- If you have a child born between 01.09.2015-31.08.2016 they will be starting Reception in September. You will need to submit an on-line application to www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions. Thank you to those parents who have already applied. The deadline was 15th January 2020.
- ESOL classes with Timebank runs every Thursday from 9.00am - 11.00am, if you are interested please register at the school office.
- **School will finish at 12.45pm on Friday 3rd April for Easter Holiday and re-open on Monday 20th April at the usual time.**