The weather has been glorious and sunny today so we have made sure that the children have had plenty to drink, especially at playtimes. We have encouraged them not to dash about as they usually do and to sit in the shade and play with toys or read a book or just chat. If this weather continues make sure your child has a hat in school and has sunscreen on. It would be useful to let them have a small bottle of sunscreen in school (with your child’s name on) for them to re-apply during the day.

As some of you already know, when our children visited the Juniors for an assembly and playtime on Tuesday morning Mr Attwood had invited a journalist from the BBC. The journalist was reporting on how schools manage their ever reduced budgets and why the Junior School has had to close on Friday afternoons. Having read the article, I would just like to clarify that our children were not apprehensive and they do know how to say, “Good morning” in assembly, in fact we say and sign using BSL for our hearing impaired parents and children. We too have felt the pressure of reduced budgets, especially as we have gone from three form entry back to two classes in every year group. We too face the challenges of maintaining the buildings to a high standard and we have achieved this by planning ahead strategically to make sure we have no ‘shocking surprises’ that we cannot afford. In addition we make sure we keep our overheads to a bare minimum: we do not use supply teachers, we do not buy in a sports provider, we have a rolling plan of refurbishment which is budgeted for in advance. We have had to reduce the hours of Mr Riley our Forest School provider and we have had to make some members of staff redundant but this is mostly due to the reduction in the number of classes. I know there are many schools in Birmingham who face financial issues too, but they, like us, still believe it is important that the children are safe and sound in school.

I am sure you will join us in congratulating our Nursery class and Class RC for attaining a 100% attendance this week. The children are so looking forward to their balloons in Monday morning’s assembly.

Attendance this week (excluding Nursery) was 96.06%
Next Wednesday the Year 2 children will be having a second visit to the Junior School in the morning as part of their transition. They will be returning back to us at lunchtime.

Next week the Reception classes are looking forward to their visit to the zoo. They have been learning about different kinds of animals and where in the world they live. We hope the sunshine lasts!

On Thursday 11th July at 2:00pm, our SENCo team would like to invite parents who have children with SEN to an afternoon in the school hall. At the event you will be able to meet the SEN staff and governor, chat about our SEN provision and enjoy coffee and a cake.

We have had to demolish the bike shed in the playground as it was rotten and a hazard to the children. We have put the bikes from it in the bicycle area opposite the ramp for the time being until we can find another home for them. Next year we are hoping to introduce bike-ability on a Monday afternoon led by Mr Miley. We believe this will have a positive impact on the children's gross motor skills. We have also planned more physical education sessions to support our healthy lifestyle initiative.

Can we please ask parents not to allow their children to bring chewing gum into school. It is very messy and not a very nice job to have to clean up. It is also a choking hazard for young children.

Please visit website or app for further dates.

**Awards**

**Star of the Week**

Nursery: - Noah R for dressing independently for PE. Well done!
Class RC: - Isabelle for working hard all the time. You are now Year 1 ready. Well done!
Class RD: - Aliliah for always being kind and helpful.
Class 1E: - Dylan for working hard on his maths challenges.
Class 1H: - Jacob for a fantastic effort in his maths challenges this week.
Class 2B: - Isaac for his amazing clay model.
Class 2H: - Erin for being a superstar all the time.
Class 2S: - Logan for working so hard everyday to get ready for the Juniors.

**Dates for your Diary**

- Every Tuesday - SEN Parent Drop-in 2.00pm
- Tues 02/07/19 - Reception Trip
- Wed 03/07/19 - ‘Move up Day’ Year 2 children to Juniors
- Fri 05/07/19 - Year 2 Transition Meeting Junior School 2pm
- Mon 08/07/19 - Year 2 Tour of Junior School 9am & 2:30pm
- Thurs 11/07/19 - SEN Parent Event 2:00pm in the school hall
- Fri 12/07/19 - Nursery Story session for parents 11:30am
- Fri 12/07 - Reports to Parents
- Tues 16/07/19 - Sports Morning (weather permitting)
- Thurs 18/07/19 - End of Year Disco
- Thu 18/07/19 - Year 2 Leavers Assembly 2:30pm
- Fri 19/07/19 - NO BUDDIES AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
- Fri 19/07/19 - Last day of Summer term

**Awards**

**Year One**

Reading Award

Year 1: Charlie
Class 1H

**Year Two**

Reading Award

Year 2: Dylan
Class 2B

Well done to you all! Please join us in assembly on Monday morning at 9:10am to celebrate your child’s success.

Use the entrance in the playground (next to Year 2 classrooms). Doors will open at approx. 9:00am.