



15th November 2019

Message from the Head Teacher

Hi all



We blinked and the week disappeared. We are getting closer to Christmas (only 39 sleeps!). Don't forget, if you can help out with our Christmas festivities, please come along to the meeting on Thursday morning at 9am.

Some of our older children started a new after-school club - "Debate Mate". They visited Birmingham University where they met their university mentor. They will be learning how to debate and will take part in competitions against other schools. The club's aims are to improve the children's oracy skills and to improve their confidence. If they get to the final it will take place at Oxford University in the Harry Potter dining hall! Watch this space!



Homework projects have been flowing in and we have seen some fantastic work that children have been completing at home with their families. This example from one of our Yr 2 pupils needed three people to hold it. Well done! The new projects will be coming out next week for you to complete with your child. Look out for them and the curriculum maps for your child's next

half term of learning.

Myself and Mr Rogers have been reading with lots of your children this week and it is lovely to see the progress that they are making. Please read with your children daily and complete their planners. A little done often really does make a difference. Keywords that they should be able to read by year group are printed in their planners. Also, at the start of their home reader there are tricky words that they should know. Please practise these. Reading workshops are also planned for the next couple of weeks - check the diary for dates. They will hopefully teach you strategies as to how to improve your child's reading and comprehension skills.



Book fair will take place between 22nd November - 29th November 2019. The school will receive a % of the money spent. This can then be used to purchase books for school.

Have a blessed week.

Our attendance target is 96%.

The attendance figures for week ending

Friday 8 November 2019:

Reception 85.2%

Y1 95.2%

Y2 92.1%

Y3 88.7%

Y4 94.5%

Y5 92.3%

Y6 99.0%

MAGIC BREAKFAST CLUB

Please note Breakfast is served between 8am-8.30am. Therefore if you wish you child to attend they will need to be signed in by 8.30.

Any child arriving before 8am will need to wait with their adult until 8am and then sign in at the school office.

Did you know ... free breakfast bagels are available **EVERY** morning. No child should start the day hungry. Bagels are available everyday in breakfast club or at the main entrance.

Important dates for your Diary

Celebration book

Year 1 - Alex G

Year 2 - Manveer

Year 3 - Salwa

Year 4 - Michael

Year 5 - Dylan

Year 6 - Nada

Parents are welcome to attend the Celebration Assembly on Friday 22nd November at 9:00 am.

Dates	Event
Monday 18th November 2019	Y3 Swimming
Monday 18th November 2019	Debate mate club (week 2)
Tuesday 19th November 2019	Y2 - Parent workshop 9.15-10
Tuesday 19th November 2019	9am-10am Maths workshop for parents
Thursday 21st November 2019	9am - Meeting to discuss Christmas festivities
Thursday 21st November 2019	Y3 - Parent workshop 3.15pm-4pm
Friday 22nd November 2019	Y5 swimming
Tuesday 26th November 2019	Y4 - Parent workshop 9am-9.45am
Wednesday 27th November 2019	Nasal Flu vaccine
Thursday 28th November 2019	2.30pm-6pm Parents' evening
Thursday 28th November 2019	Y5 - Parent workshop 9am-9.45am
Thursday 12th December 2019	School closed - elections
Friday 13th December 2019	Christmas jumper day
Wednesday 18th December 2019	3.15pm-4.15pm Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 17th December 2019	10am - EYFS & KS1 Nativity
Friday 20th December 2019	9am-10am- Church Service - Parents welcome
Friday 20th December 2019	School closes at 3.15pm for Christmas holiday

Reminders

Emergency contact details: Are your details up-to-date? Or do you have an alternative number that we can use in an emergency.

School Term dates

AUTUMN TERM 2019

Term Starts: Thursday 5 September 2019

School closed: Monday 28 October 2019 to Friday 1 November 2019

Term starts: Monday 4 November 2019

School closed - Election day

School closed: Monday 23 December 2019 to Friday 3 January 2020

SPRING TERM 2020

Term Starts: Monday 6 January 2020.

School closed: Monday 17 February 2020 to Friday 21 February 2020

Term starts: Monday 24 February 2020

School closed: Monday 6 April 2020 to Friday 17 April 2020

School dinners - Please ensure this is paid in full on a Monday morning. Children cannot change from dinners to sandwiches or vice-versa.

Please let us know at the start of each half-term if you wish to change.

DINNER MONEY

Please ensure your child's dinner money is in a sealed envelope with their name, class and amount and handed to their class Teacher.

Attendance

Holidays during term time cannot be authorised and you may find that you will be subject to a fine from the local authority if you do so. If your child is away for any reason you will need to contact the school office by **8.45am** on the first morning of absence.