



## Autumn term – Issue 6

1<sup>st</sup> November 2016

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to school following what we hope was a good half term holiday for you all.

In order to help school life run a little smoothly for children, parents and staff alike, I would like to advise you of the following which are in place with immediate effect:

- **Late or alternative collection of children from school**

If you are going to collect your child later than 3.15pm or are advising that another authorised person will be collecting your child on your behalf, then please call the school office **no later than 3.00pm**. This will allow time for the message to be taken to the class. Messages received after 3.00pm cannot be guaranteed to reach class, as the end of the school day can be very busy.

- **Arranging booking in/withdrawal of children with All Stars after-school facility**

All Stars is an independent group, and therefore is not run by the school. The school office or teaching staff will not accept bookings or cancellations for All Stars. If you wish to book your child into, or withdraw your child from any sessions with All Stars, you must contact All Stars directly on 07973 829534 and confirm your arrangements with them. Messages via children cannot be accepted; the child's Parent or Carer *must* contact All Stars directly.

### **Medical appointments**

A reminder that where children are taken out of school for appointments a confirmation letter, text or appointment card must be shown at the office. If these are not available at the time of collection, please bring one of the above when returning your child to school or the morning after.

### **Paying dinner and school trip money using 'Parentpay'**

The school is working towards a 'cashless' payment system. We now have the facility for parents to pay online via 'Parentpay'. This allows you to pay dinner and school trip money online 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, eliminating the need to bring money into school. Several parents are already successfully using the system and feedback has been very positive. If you wish to take advantage of this facility, then please contact the school office to request a username and password.

### **Theft of Nursery children's milk**

I am very disappointed to report that there have been several thefts of school milk from the front of the school. This milk is for the Nursery children, *not* the staff, making the theft of it even more distasteful as the children are deprived of it. We have clear CCTV images of the culprits which will be handed to the police should these thefts continue. We would ask that residents local to the school be vigilant and should they witness suspicious activity, report this directly to the police.

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**The Poppy Appeal**

Poppies will be on sale in school this week.

**Autumn Watch TV programme – Twickenham children feature**

Following their recent trip to the local park, some of our children feature in Autumn Watch Episode 4. This can be found online on BBC iPlayer here:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b080y7sy/autumnwatch-2016-episode-4>

**Goonhavern visitors**

Our friends from Goonhavern in Cornwall will be visiting us next week. We are really looking forward to this and showing them all that Birmingham has to offer.

**Important dates for this term**

Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Walliam’s class assembly, Remembrance day
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 1 inspire workshop
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Children In Need
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Wilson’s class assembly
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Teacher Training Day – School closed for pupils
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery concert, 10.00am
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Attendance disco 95% and above
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 concert, 9.15am and 2.15pm
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 concert, 9.15am and 2.15pm
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas parties
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	End of term, 2.00pm finish
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Return to school

These dates were issued at the beginning of the school year. Please note that the list can also be found on our school website, here: <http://www.twicknhm.bham.sch.uk/home/term-dates-school-times>

Yours sincerely

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