

Dear Parents,

As you will probably have seen, the generators arrived last weekend as promised, so the school is now much warmer during this cold weather we are currently experiencing.

We are currently at 94.9% and we were 95% this time last year. National average is 96%. We have much room for improvement, as it would be great to be above the national average. We hope you can support us with this.

I've attached an article to this weeks' newsletter which really explains the impact of children being late to school. We had 38 lates this week and some children have already been late to school over 10 times since the start of the year. We are all late once in a while, but this many lates from individual children is really concerning. Please try hard with this. Being on time to school each day really is important.

Please be aware that we are really tightening up on our processes for holidays during school time, as being in school as much as possible is really important for any child's education. If you are going on holiday during school time, you must complete a holiday request form (available from the school office). Your request will be considered by myself. If your request is rejected and you go on holiday, or if you go on holiday without completing this form, your details will be unfortunately passed to Birmingham City Council who may fine you for doing this. Please try to book holidays during the school holidays so that you child does not miss any time off school.

For those of you with Year 6 children, on Wednesday this week, I sent a letter out to these children asking if they would be interested in being prefects within our school. To be considered for this very responsible position, they must write a letter of application to myself expressing why they think that they would be perfect for this role by Friday 18th October. I would be grateful if you could help and support them with this process, if they are interested in applying for it. Thank you.

A huge thank you to everybody that contributed to our collection to support for 'the Project'. They were really overwhelmed with the amount of food and toiletries that we have managed to collect. It is great as a community that we can all be so generous for appeals like this and that we can really help people in need. Thank you again.

Children's safety when they are online is important. Thinkuknow have released some videos for 4-7 year olds which are a good starting point for you to discuss these issues at home with your children. Please use the link to watch the videos. Hopefully you will find them useful.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/jessie-and-friends-videos/>

I hope that you have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Williams
Headteacher



Friday 11th October, 2019

DIARY DATES

Monday 14th October

6A – Harry Potter Trip

Thursday 17th October

6D – Harry Potter Trip

Friday 25th October

School closes for half term

Monday 4th November

Teachers Training Day

Tuesday 5th November

Children back to school

Wednesday 6th & Thursday 7th November

Parents' Evenings

Wednesday 6th November

Yr 5 – Parents Inspire Workshop

Tuesday 12th November

Yr 4 – Parents Reading Inspire Workshop

Wednesday 13th November

Yr 2 - Parents Inspire Workshop – 2.00pm

Thursday 14th November

Yr 1 – Parents Phonics Inspire Workshop

Tuesday 26th November

Yr 6 - Parents Writing Inspire Workshop

Wednesday 4th December

Yr 2 – Showcase Assembly 2.00pm



HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAY

Taylor in RW, Piper in 2H, Isabelle in 4J
Naomi in 5TM



Well Done!



WELL DONE

Who won the 100% **raffle ticket?**

In this week's KS1 Assembly, Owen was the lucky boy to win the prize, and Thomas in KS2 was also this week's lucky winner.

KS1 CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Whole Class of IHF and 1KF,
Nazila, Ellie, Kye in 2H and Iyanna in 2B

Well Done

NATIONAL SCHOOL ATTENDANCE TARGET: 96%

Our current whole school attendance percentage is:

94.9% - Well Done

This time last year our whole school attendance percentage was **95.0%**

Please try to send your child to school everyday

IMPORTANT NOTICE

School attendance and punctuality are a high priority. As a school we are legally required to accurately record children's attendance and reasons for absence or lateness.

The doors to school open at 8:35am. All children are expected to enter school via a playground door between **8:35am and 8:45am**. After this children will need to be brought through main reception where staff will ask for a reason for lateness. We kindly remind parents to be polite and respectful to staff when asked about lateness and absence.

		This week		So far this year	
		Attendance	No of Lates	Attendance	No of Lates
Rec	RW	99.0%	9	97.1%	10
	RC	94.0%	2	95.2%	6
Year 1	1KF	92.5%	1	94.6%	19
	1HF	89.3%	1	94.3%	4
Year 2	2H	94.4%	7	97.0%	13
	2B	94.5%	2	97.4%	7
Year 3	3B	94.3%	5	95.5%	15
	3G	95.0%	1	93.9%	15
Year 4	4M	95.6%	2	95.5%	18
	4J	94.3%	1	96.9%	6
Year 5	5TM	99.3%	0	98.3%	8
	5S	95.3%	1	96.0%	10
Year 6	6A	95.2%	6	95.0%	23
	6B	95.6%	0	97.0%	5

Last Week's Attendance and Lates

Well Done
5TM in KS2 and 2B in KS1 for the highest attendance and
to 5TM & 6D for the fewest lates



Coatathon Event

A fun community day with something for everyone

Saturday 2nd November, 10am-3pm @ St Chads Hall, Rubery Village



Come along and enjoy the fun:

- *traditional prize game stalls and a few new ones...
- *free soft play to amuse the little ones
- *catch up with people in your local community, whilst treating yourself to a scrummy cake (or two!)
- *take part in Rubery Rocks painting
- *find out more about Foodcycle
- *chat to a Fire Officer about their free fire safety checks for your home

But remember...Jack Frost is on his way!

So please come and choose your FREE, preloved children's coats, school shoes and trainers at the event if your children need one 😊 they just don't stop growing 😊

Donations

Any donations of preloved coats, school shoes, trainers and wellies are very gratefully received (and as always, any school or extracurricular uniform too). If you could wash any coats before donation this would really help us.

If you would like to donate any prizes for our stalls that would be brilliant too...bottles for the tombola, sweets, chocolates, smellies, any unwanted gifts, gift vouchers etc.

Donations can be dropped off at CC Balloons Shop in Rubery Village anytime leading up to the event

We really hope to see you there 😊

Together, we can make things happen!

OPEN DAY EVENT

On **Monday 21st October at 9.15am and 5.30pm prompt**, we will be hosting our Open Event, welcoming parents who have children looking to start Reception in September of next year. Please come and look around the school, you will be most welcome. If this date is not suitable, please contact the school for an alternative date.

The Effect of Poor Punctuality on Your Child's Education



The following advice is adapted from an article published in 2016 and clearly explains how frequent lateness to school impacts on our children's well-being and their learning. "Effects Of Tardiness On Your Child's Education". 2016. Our Everyday Life.

<http://oureverydaylife.com/effects-tardiness-childs-education-25692.html>.

We all run late sometimes. For your child, arriving late to school occasionally won't cause major disruption. Inevitably, children will feel sick or tired some mornings, or other situations will prevent them from being on time. But chronic lateness eventually takes its toll on a child's overall educational experience. According to the national initiative Attendance Works, missing just 10 percent of the school year in the early years of school causes many pupils to struggle in primary school, and lateness in later years is associated with increased failure and dropout rates. Fortunately, parents can help prevent **lateness** from becoming frequent enough to negatively impact their child's school life.

Disrupted Routines

One of the most important aspects of school is that it is organised, scheduled and predictable. Children depend on the structure of the day. They know where they have to be and when. They know the main purpose for being in school is to learn and that routines are in place precisely to help them focus on that learning. When children are repeatedly **late**, these routines are disrupted. Children who are often late have trouble settling in and mastering routines. **Lateness** can throw off their whole morning or even their day, especially if the late commute to school was stressful.

Social Criticism

The social experience has a powerful impact on a child's feelings about school and his or her ability to be academically successful. When a child continuously turns up late to class, other pupils are distracted. Attention is drawn away from the teacher or task at hand and toward the child who has just arrived. Over time, classmates may begin to criticise this child, affecting how they feel about themselves in school. During adolescence, children are especially conscious of fitting in and being accepted by peers. If your child is repeatedly **late**, they may become a target or outcast over time, and negative peer interactions can hurt their ability to concentrate on learning. According to the Encyclopedia of Children's Health, children with steady friendships throughout the school year enjoy school more, and children who can make new friends tend to perform better academically.

Low Achievement

Perform Well, a nonprofit policy research and educational organisation, reports that frequent **lateness** is associated with lower grades and lower scores on standardised tests. It is also linked to low graduation rates. In addition, pupils who are routinely late at the primary and middle school levels are more likely to fail in senior school -- or even drop out. In many classrooms, particularly at the primary level, morning routines are critical to daily lessons. Warm-up activities may introduce themes that will be learned later in the day, or review work offers pupils an opportunity to review previously learned skills.

Responsibility

Part of your child's education is learning to be responsible. The school experience teaches children how to meet expectations. They learn to follow schedules, follow our behaviour code, complete activities and tasks, and keep track of their materials and belongings. Learning responsibility in school is a precursor to functioning in the working world, as noted by William Kirby in his 2010 article "School Attendance Tied to Academic Success".

Attendance is one of the ways children show they can meet their obligations. In many cases, a child's attendance depends on his parents' ability to help him be on time. Parents can teach their children organisational techniques that will help them get out of the house faster, such as packing their bags and laying out their clothes the night before school. But parents who drive their children must also remember to be punctual and responsible. After all, you are the primary role model.