

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Dear Parents,

On Tuesday this week, we sent a team of Year 5 and 6s to compete in the Colmers Area School Games competition at Colmers Secondary School. Here they competed against six other schools (including West Heath, The Meadows, St Lawrence, Nonsuch, Quinton and one of our fellow MAT schools Turves Green) in a variety of athletics events. These children represented the school magnificently finishing a very impressive second overall. A huge well done to all of the children who took part in this. Thank you to Mr Lynch and Miss Hidasi for giving up their time to take the children to this event. Next week, we have a Year 4 gymnastics competition to look forward to. Good luck to the children taking part.

Your child should be receiving regular homework each week. Depending on the year group they are in, this may include spellings, times tables and other number fact activities, grammar activities, reading and handwriting. When your child does get homework, please can you do your best to ensure that your child/children complete this and return it to school. If you require further information about your child's/children's homework, please see their class teacher/s.

The topic homework for this term is continuing to come into school. If your child hasn't brought anything in yet, please try to arrange some time to work with them on it. This does not have to be a model (although these are fabulous), it can be something as simple as a drawing. We all really enjoy seeing this when it is brought into school. This homework really helps to stimulate a child's interest in their learning and is an excellent way of having some quality time with your child. Please see below some of the wonderful examples created at home that I have displayed outside of my office.



A child's ability to read and their enthusiasm to do this for enjoyment are obviously two important areas that we work hard to develop as a school. If a child struggles to read, they will struggle to access the rest of the curriculum. Listening to your child reading their school reading books at home (5-10 minutes each day) along with any books/magazines they have an interest in at home, and reading stories to them are vital to help your child to reach their potential within this area. We - and most importantly your child - would really appreciate your support with this.

Being on time for school every day is really important; the vast majority of our children always arrive on time. We do understand that occasionally events happen, which may cause you to be late. We do however want every child to be on time as this helps them to make a smooth start to the day. Thank you.

I hope that you have a wonderful weekend with your family.

Mr Williams  
Headteacher

### Parent Support Group - Communication Autism Team

The sessions run on a Friday 9:15-11:15am on:



Friday 7th February, 2020  
Friday 6th March, 2020  
Friday 3rd April, 2020  
Friday 15th May, 2020  
Friday 12th June, 2020  
Friday 10th July, 2020

at GBNFC at Chinnbrook Children's Centre  
213 Trittiford Road  
Billesley  
B13 0ET

For more information please contact:

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### Cookery Club - Year 2

The second Cookery Club group starts next Thursday for Year 2. Please refer to the **confirmation letters sent out in the Autumn Term for further information**. If you are unsure whether your child got a place please see the office.

# NATIONAL SCHOOL ATTENDANCE TARGET: 96%

Our current whole school attendance percentage is:

**95.1%**

This time last year, our whole school attendance percentage was **94.2%**

**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.

## Last Week's Attendance and Lates

		This week		So far this year	
		Attendance	No of Lates	Attendance	No of Lates
Reception	<b>RW</b>	97.6%	<b>1</b>	94.7%	<b>45</b>
	<b>RC</b>	90.7%	<b>8</b>	92.9%	<b>106</b>
Year 1	<b>1KF</b>	99.6%	<b>6</b>	93.2%	<b>76</b>
	<b>1HF</b>	93.7%	<b>2</b>	95.2%	<b>33</b>
Year 2	<b>2H</b>	96.0%	<b>5</b>	96.3%	<b>94</b>
	<b>2B</b>	97.9%	<b>2</b>	95.6%	<b>24</b>
Year 3	<b>3G</b>	95.0%	<b>4</b>	93.9%	<b>84</b>
	<b>3B</b>	96.9%	<b>4</b>	94.7%	<b>70</b>
Year 4	<b>4M</b>	97.9%	<b>3</b>	94.7%	<b>68</b>
	<b>4J</b>	93.2%	<b>3</b>	95.7%	<b>53</b>
Year 5	<b>5TM</b>	97.2%	<b>0</b>	97.4%	<b>17</b>
	<b>5S</b>	97.0%	<b>3</b>	94.8%	<b>49</b>
Year 6	<b>6A</b>	93.8%	<b>8</b>	94.2%	<b>103</b>
	<b>6D</b>	96.7%	<b>1</b>	96.7%	<b>14</b>



**Well Done**

**1KF** for the highest attendance last week

**Well Done**

**5TM** for the fewest lates this week.



## HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAY

Emily in Reception,  
Kayleigh in Y1, Emilie Y2,  
Carol Y4 and Jessica and  
Pamodou in Y6



WELL DONE

## This Weeks KS1 Celebration Assembly



Holly-Rose and Zoe  
Reception  
Isabella and Kayleigh  
Year 1  
Henry and Arley-Joe  
Year 2

Who won the 100% attendance  
raffle ticket?



In this week's raffle, Oscar in Year 1 was the  
lucky boy to win the KS1 prize and in Year 6  
Idowu was this week's lucky winner.

WELL DONE!

## DIARY DATES

### Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January

WOW Day – African Animal Day – Year 1

### Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January

Year 6 SATs presentation at 2pm

### Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February

Nurses in school for height and weight –  
Reception classes

Year 2 Maths Workshop

### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February

Nurses in school for height and weight – Year  
6 classes

5TM – Trip to Blakesley Hall

### Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February

5S – Trip to Blakesley Hall

### Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February

Year 3 Workshop 9-10.15am

### Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

School Closes

### Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February

Children back to school

### Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February

Parents' Evening

### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

World Book Day

### Monday 30<sup>th</sup>

6A - Trip to RAF Cosford

### Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March

6D - Trip to RAF Cosford

## NEW SCHOOL MENU

### MONDAY

Roast Chicken Fillet  
Or  
Cheese & Potato Pie

Mashed Potatoes  
Peas  
Broccoli

Forest Fruit Sponge

### TUESDAY

Tex Mex Beef  
Enchilidas  
Or  
Stand & Stuff  
Vegetable Fajitas

Wholemeal Rice  
Carrots  
Cauliflower

Mixed Friut Crumble

### WEDNESDAY

Roast Turkey  
Or Broccoli & Cauliflower  
Cheese

New Potatoes  
Cauliflower  
Pease

Fruit Cocktail

### THURSDAY

Spaghetti Bolognese  
Or Vegeball & Arrabiata  
Sauce

Garlic Slice  
Pasta  
Mixed Vegetables

Melting Moments  
Biscuits

### FRIDAY

Margherita Pizza  
Or  
Fish Fingers

Chunky Chips  
Beans  
Sweetcorn

Frozen Mousse Tub



Fresh Seasonal Salad Bar Available Every Day Bread Option