

Friday 7th February 2020

Dear Parents,

Thank you to all of the parents who attended the Phonics workshops in Year 1 this week. A good knowledge of phonics is really important for children, so that they are able to progress with their reading skills. The parental evaluations from the workshop showed that parents found this event to be useful and hopefully they will now be able to use what they have learnt to provide additional support to their children at home. Please also remember to listen to your child read every day or to read to them. This really does help children's reading skills to develop.

On Wednesday and Friday this week, Year 5 have been on a trip to Blakesley Hall as part of their Tudor topic. The children were fabulous on the trip. Their behaviour was excellent (we would expect nothing less), they demonstrated a really good knowledge about the Tudors and they asked some really insightful questions. The guides at Blakesley Hall were very impressed. Well done Year 5 for representing our school so well.

After the success of our prefects this year, we have decided to also have the position of head boy and head girl in our school. A letter went out to our Year 6s last week explaining how children for these two positions would be chosen. The first part of this was a letter to me explaining why they would like to be considered for this role. I then had the difficult job of choosing between the fabulous application letters to decide who would go into the next round, which will be a whole school election. The standard of the applications was high. The short list for the head boy and girl position is:

Head Girl

Jorja (6D)
Ava-Mai (6A)
Yanet (6A)

Head Boy

Rhys (6D)
Pamodou (6D)
Nasir (6A)

Congratulations to these children and thank you to everybody who has taken part in this.

This week, the staff had training on the UNICEF Rights Respecting Award. This award recognises a school's achievement in putting the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the child into practice and educating children about these. This is something that we will be starting in our school and is something that our children and you as parents will be finding out more about soon.

Please be aware that Leybrook Road, the entrance road to the school, has double yellow lines on it. Please do not to park here as this blocks the entrance to school for emergency vehicles and causes a danger to pupils on their way to and from school. We appreciate your support with this. Thank you.

I hope that you all have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Williams

Parent Support Group Communication Autism Team

The sessions run on:
Fridays 9:15-11:15am

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

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WELL DONE

2B, 3B and 5TM for winning the trophies for the most points on Mathletics.

This week's Mathletics champion is
Ava Year 3 for earning 2640 points



On Thursday 26th March, a special trainer will be in school for a six week programme to teach Reception children, how to ride a bike. They will be taught to balance and how to stay safe while cycling.

Communication and Autism



Planning Ahead for transition to Secondary

A Free course for Year 5 parents/carers considering Year 7 options

Course outline:

- Understanding the admissions process
- Looking at provision in Birmingham
- Sharing useful information

Please note this course is for parents/carers only

The Pines Special School
11th February 2020
6.00PM – 8.00PM
Marsh Hill
Birmingham B23 7EY

Broadway Academy School
12th February 2020
12.45PM – 2.45PM
The Broadway
Birmingham B20 3DP

To book your place please email
zoe.atzori@birmingham.gov.uk



SCHOOL UNIFORM

As part of our School Policy, Colmers Farm expect our children to be coming to school in full uniform and wearing proper school shoes, of which most of our children do.

However, there are still a number of children who at times are wearing inappropriate footwear and school uniform. Children who are not wearing school jumpers or cardigans, will be given replacements from our lost property to wear until their own can be replaced. For those who do not wear the correct footwear, they will be asked to wear their school pumps.

We are aware that there are occasions when school shoes need to be replaced, as do jumpers and cardigans and we are aware that parents/carers can't always replace these items immediately. However, we would urge you to do this as soon as possible as it benefits the children by giving them a sense of belonging and promotes a good attitude to learning.

NATIONAL SCHOOL ATTENDANCE TARGET: 96%

Our current whole school attendance percentage is:

95%

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 | RW | 90.7% | 6 | 94.8% | 52 |
| | RC | 91.0% | 11 | 92.7% | 127 |
| Year 1 | 1KF | 95.1% | 7 | 94.0% | 89 |
| | 1HF | 96.0% | 9 | 95.1% | 43 |
| Year 2 | 2H | 95.3% | 12 | 96.2% | 115 |
| | 2B | 90.7% | 1 | 95.6% | 28 |
| Year 3 | 3G | 91.4% | 14 | 94.0% | 104 |
| | 3B | 94.5% | 6 | 94.7% | 79 |
| Year 4 | 4M | 94.8% | 4 | 95.0% | 76 |
| | 4J | 91.8% | 6 | 95.2% | 65 |
| Year 5 | 5TM | 97.2% | 5 | 97.3% | 22 |
| | 5S | 94.3% | 7 | 94.9% | 63 |
| Year 6 | 6A | 97.9% | 14 | 94.6% | 124 |
| | 6D | 95.5% | 7 | 96.6% | 23 |



Well Done

6A for the highest attendance this week

Well Done

2B for the fewest lates this week.



HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAY

Eden in Reception
Moonshine Y1, Aliza in Y2
Taniesha and Abigail in Y4
and Madeeha in Y5



WELL DONE

This Week's KS1 Celebration Assembly



Isaiah and Kayla in
Reception,
Jax and Archie in Year 1,
Alex and Theo in Year 2

Who won the 100% attendance raffle ticket?



In this week's raffle, Dillon in Reception was a lucky boy to win the KS1 prize and Mason in Year 5 was the KS2 winner.

WELL DONE!

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 11th February

Year 3 Workshop 9-10.15am

Thursday 13th February

Reception parents workshop – 9.00-10.00am

Friday 14th February

School Closes

Monday 24th February

Children back to school

Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th February

Parents' Evening

Thursday 5th March

World Book Day

Monday 30th

6A - Trip to RAF Cosford

Tuesday 31st 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

Spaghetti Bolognese
Or Vegetable &
Arrabiata
Sauce

Garlic Slice
Pasta
Mixed Vegetables

Mixed Fruit Crumble

WEDNESDAY

Roast Turkey
Or Broccoli & Cauliflower
Cheese

New Potatoes
Cauliflower
Peas

Fruit Cocktail

WEDNESDAY

Chicken Korma
Or Vegetable Samosa

Rainbow Rice
Carrots
Cauliflower

Melting Moments

FRIDAY

Margherita Pizza
Or
Fish Fingers

Chunky Chips
Beans
Sweetcorn

Frozen Mousse Tub



Fresh Seasonal Salad Bar Available Every Day Bread Option