

Friday 9th October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

On Monday this week, Years 3 and 4 had an interactive lesson with the education team from the Houses of Parliament to find out more about how democracy works in our country. During this Microsoft Teams session, the children in these year groups found out more about how Parliament works, what MPs do, what the role of the House of Lords is and how laws are made. The children seemed to enjoy these sessions and developed their understanding of the workings of the Houses of Parliament. Next week, Years 5 and 6 will have a similar session.

After the launch of our brand-new SAGE award last Friday, we have already had the first children back with their first pieces of evidence. This has included:

- being selected as a school councillor, change maker or prefect and letters to our MP – who could be very busy this week (all evidence for serving the community);
- extra homework and Mathematics certificates (all evidence for aiming higher);
- maps showing cycle rides and runs (all evidence for getting active);
- photos of cakes and meals made (all evidence for exploring the arts);

The SAGE award is something that is unique to our school in Birmingham. We have had a fabulous start to this award and this is something that will really help to develop our children and to raise the profile of our school across the city. It can only work though with your support. Please do what you can to help your children with working towards this award. Thank you for your support with this.

Since we have returned to school, we have been trying to remind the children of different things that we were working on prior to lockdown. One of these things is British Values. These are the values that underpin what it is to be a citizen in a modern and diverse Great Britain valuing our community and celebrating the diversity of the UK. How many of the 5 British Values does your child know? How many of them can they explain the meaning of to you? Use the diagram opposite to help your children to remember these.



The children all look very smart in their school uniforms as I walk around school. Can I please remind you all though that trainers are not part of school uniform. Also for Years 5 and 6, if your child has lost their tie that they were given at the start of Year 5, we do have replacement ties available from our school office which cost £3.50. These again are part of your school uniform. Thank you for your support with this.

This week I got to spend some time in 4J (fully socially distanced and wearing my face mask of course). I really enjoyed seeing the children's learning, during this lesson. The knowledge enthusiasm and behaviour they demonstrated was excellent. Well done 4J! I look forward to seeing more of your learning during this year.



Well done also to 3T and 3B for your lovely art work with has been displayed near my office. It's very impressive! Also thank you to the staff for displaying this so beautifully.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend

Mr Williams
Headteacher

SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER, IS WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY



Do one thing today

Whether it's going for a walk, learning a new skill or doing something creative, taking the first steps to getting support for yourself, or reaching out to someone else; take the opportunity to do one thing this World Mental Health Day and download our resources to help you get started:

Our Tree of Achievement



LOOK WHOSE LEAVES OF ACHIEVEMENT HAVE BEEN HUNG ON OUR TREE THIS WEEK

Theo and Cuba in Reception,
Arlo-Jai and Isaiah in Year 1, Hazel and Zahara in Year 2,
Oliver and Ryan in Year 3, Kennedy and Cara in Year 4,
Rubenn, Florence and Lily in Year 5 and
Kizie-May and Holliemai in Year 6



HOT CHOCOLATE

Due to the Coronavirus, our Hot Chocolate Fridays can no longer take place with Mr Williams and the children in his office. We are pleased to say that children will be bringing a Hot Chocolate goodie bag home at the end of the day if they were lucky enough to be drawn out.



Louise in Reception, Sophie-Mae in Year 1, Alfie in Year 2, Chase in Year 3, Amy in Year 4, Scarlet in Year 5 and Mason in Year 6

WELL DONE!

WHO WON THE 100% ATTENDANCE RAFFLE TICKET?

The winning ticket this week was number **855** and the lucky boy to win the raffle is Chris in Year 1. I wonder what prize he will choose from our prize cabinet?



REMINDERS

Can parents please return your children's NHS Flu Consent Forms back to school, even if you are not consenting to the flu spray, it must still be returned.

Please be aware that if you are going to unfortunately be late collecting your child from school, you must ensure the office is aware of this before 2.50pm so that we can let your child know and prevent them from being distressed.

Unless there are pre-authorized exceptional reasons, all children must be collected from their year group door at the correct home time. As you can imagine, Mrs Corbett and Mrs Ayres have a very busy job in the school office and when children are requested to be collected from the office it is time consuming for them and class staff and disruptive to learning. This sometimes means children would have been quicker to have been dismissed with their class!

Children will not be dismissed early, unless agreed in advance by a senior member of staff in advance.

If your child is late in the mornings, and their entrance door is closed, you must take your child to the school main office for your child to be signed in late.

Please ensure your child/children has a full PE kit in school.

DIARY DATES



Week Commencing 12th October

Year 5 Bikeability Training

Week commencing 19th October

Big Arts Week

Friday 23rd October

Break up from school

Monday 2nd November

School closed for teacher training day

Tuesday 3rd November

Back to school

Wednesday 4th November and

Thursday 5th November

Parents evenings (covid dependant)

Friday 20th November

Nurses in school for Flu Nasal Spray

ASTHMA

If you're a parent of a child who's recently been diagnosed with asthma or you want to understand how to manage your child's asthma well, we recommend ordering our 'My Asthma Pack'. It contains:

2 x 'My Asthma Plan' (a written asthma action plan for children)

1 x 'My Asthma Calendar'

1 x set of 'My Asthma Stickers'

1 x 'Asthma and My Child' booklet

Order your free copy of our 'My Asthma Pack' today by calling 0300 222 5800 (Mon - Fri 9am until 5pm) and choosing option 2.

<https://www.asthma.org.uk/advice/resources/#children>



Our ref: AA/JT/Oct2020

October 2020

Parent/Carer of

Dear Parent/Carer,

Apply online for your child to start Reception class in September 2021

I am writing to you because I understand that your child is able to start school soon. By law, parents/carers must ensure that their child is receiving suitable full-time education at the beginning of the term after their fifth birthday. In Birmingham, however, your child can go to school in the September after his or her fourth birthday.

We would ask you to visit www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions and submit an online application by **15 January 2021** (the final closing date). We would strongly recommend that you ensure you read the 'Primary School Admissions Criteria 2021 Information' prior to submitting your application. In addition to this, most schools will hold virtual open sessions where parents can talk to teachers or view the school's own prospectus etc. Please visit your preferred school's website for further details.

Online applications will receive an immediate email confirmation when the application is submitted. Those online applicants who have not provided an email address will not receive an acknowledgement so it is very important that you include an email address. If you have not received an acknowledgement by 15 January 2021, then you should call Children's Services on 0121 303 1888 to confirm that your application has been received.

Online applicants that submit their application with a valid email address will be sent an offer by email on 16 April 2021. Parents/carers that submitted an online application without a valid email address will be sent an offer letter by first class post which should arrive from 16 April 2021 and should be delivered by the end of that week. Finally, please remember, you do not need to have the internet at home. You can apply online from any device with internet access or if you are able from a computer whilst at work.

If you have any questions about your child starting school, please do not hesitate to contact a member of Children's Services on 0121 303 1888 where staff will be pleased to offer assistance.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alan Michell".

Alan Michell
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From The Trussell Trust Extreme poverty 'will double by Christmas' in UK because of Covid-19

'End of coronavirus job and income support expected to spark 61% rise in food bank use
Britain's largest food bank network has warned that UK destitution rates will double by Christmas alongside an explosion in demand for charity food parcels as coronavirus job and income support schemes are wound down.

The Trussell Trust predicts that at least 670,000 extra people will become destitute in the last three months of the year – a level of poverty that leaves them unable to meet basic food, shelter or clothing needs – if the government withdraws Covid support for low-income households.

Despite unprecedented demand for charity food since lockdown – 100,000 people used food banks for the first time between April and June – the trust said ending furlough in October would trigger a rise in food bank use of at least 61% – equivalent to a year-on-year increase of 300,000 parcels.

"Our research finds that Covid-19 has led to tens of thousands of new people needing to use a food bank for the first time. This is not right. If we don't take action now, there will be further catastrophic rises in poverty in the future," said Emma Revie, the chief executive of the Trussell Trust.

Read the full article [here](#)

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Extreme poverty 'will double by
Christmas' in UK because of Covid-19
End of coronavirus job and income support expected to spark
61% rise in food bank use
... Read this in full

Six emergency food parcels every minute

expected to be provided by food
banks in the Trussell Trust network
this winter.

WE NEED TO
KEEP MORE
MONEY IN THE
POCKETS OF
PEOPLE THAT
NEED IT MOST.

Mirror

Foodbanks prepare to hand out six
emergency parcels a minute to desperate
Brits

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B30 Foodbank Statistics: September 2019 - August 2020

Total number
of people fed
in the last 12
months

8147

Total number
of adults fed
in the last 12
months

4781

Total number
of children
fed in the last
12 months

3366

Total number
of Kgs of food
received in the
last 12 months

96595Kgs

Total number
in Kgs of food
given out in
the last 12
months

89431 Kgs

Total number
of voucher
holder
agencies who
refer clients

250