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**21.10.22**

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an amazing half term this has been!

Our children in EYFS have settled extremely well and this week it has been lovely listening to the children re-tell their versions of Owl Babies. Year 2 children had a very enjoyable visit to Blakesley Hall where they were able to learn more about The Great Fire of London, while Year 1 visited Birmingham Conservation Centre and yesterday Year 6 went to RAF Cosford.

Parent appointments have been well attended this week, as have the workshops this half term, and it has been great to meet and speak with many of you. Thank you to all those who completed the online parent surveys this week. We will review all the responses and identify if there are any areas where we need to conduct further work.

Staff really enjoyed chasing children with powder paint in our recent colour run and the children definitely enjoyed running through a haze of multi-coloured powder. All 60 REAch2 schools took part, to celebrate the Trust's 10 year anniversary – I think we definitely managed to break a REAch2 record!

The children have worked really hard, this half term, resulting in a lot of learning. Please help to continue this over the half term by encouraging your child to read and where possible access fun learning activities online. We have attached a list of fun learning websites to this newsletter for you to explore with your children.

Have a great half term and I look forward to seeing you all back on 31.10.22

Ms S Taylor - Headteacher

### Attendance up until 21.10.22

Whole School		
2020/2021	2021/2022	2022 to date
92.6	95.2	94.0

**Our attendance target is 96%**

Class	Percentage
Nursery	87.8%
R Inkpen	89.0%
R McKee	90.9%
1 Donaldson	95.3%
1 Murphy	95.5%
2 Bloom	95.4%
2 Hoffman	96.0%
3 Fine	92.2%
3 Rauf	96.4%
3 Wilson	96.0%
4 Morpurgo	97.4%
4 Pullman	92.0%
5 Blackman	96.2%
5 Boyce	92.8%
5 Zephaniah	96.0%
6 Gavin	98.2%
6 Hardy	91.8%
6 Naidoo	91.1%

### Pupil Absence

Pupil absences need to be reported to the school office daily. Home visits will be conducted on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of any absence.

We may also conduct a home visit if we are unable to make contact with parents.

We would also like to remind you that holidays are not permitted during term time. British law requires all children attend school and have access to education. We have already had families receive penalty notices of up to £1000 per child per parent, with some even being summoned to court.

### Springfield Safeguarding Squad

We are pleased to announce that Springfield Primary have appointed a children's Safeguarding Squad.

The role of the Springfield Safeguarding Squad is to be the voice of the children here at Springfield and to help identify any development areas.

The first meeting took place on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October and 2 members of the squad have already completed a health and safety walk-around with our health and safety governor Katherine Alexander.

**Watch this space for further updates!**

## EYFS Open Mornings

Applications are now open for children who are due to start Reception in September 2023.

Do you have or know a child who will be four in September 2023 (born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019)?.

Come and visit our brand new learning environment on Springfield Road at the times listed below where staff will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

9th November 2022	9.00am
16 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	9.00am
7 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	9.00am

## Home Readers

Reading with your child at home will help them in all areas of school. As little as 10 minutes reading a day can have a huge impact on your child's progress. Research shows the importance of reading on a daily basis in developing their use and understanding of vocabulary.

Your child is given a home reader to practice and enjoy their reading. Don't forget to encourage your child to read over the half term break and beyond. Make sure you record their reading in their reading diaries as we love to see what they are doing at home!

## Building Update

Please have a read through the attached building update sent with this newsletter from Bam Construction. It includes information on upcoming activities, community engagement and a health and safety update.

## Secondary School Applications

You can now apply for your child's secondary school place using the link below. The deadline for applications is Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022.

There will be drop-in sessions for parents/carers who need support with applications after school on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

[https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school\\_admissions](https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school_admissions)

## Dates For Your Diary

**21.10.2022 – Break up for Half Term Holiday**

**31.10.2022 – Autumn Term 2 - Pupils return to school**

**31.10.2022 – Secondary School Application Deadline**

**03.11.2022 - SPA School Development Plan**

**09.11.2022 – EYFS Open Morning – 9am**

**10.11.2022 – Year 6 SATs Maths Parent Workshop – 9.15am**

**16.11.2022 – EYFS Open Morning – 9am**

**17.11.2022 – Year 6 GPS Parent Workshop – 9am**

**24.11.2022 – Year 6 SATs Reading Parent Workshop – 9am**

**24.11.2022 – Year 2 SATs Parent Workshop**

**05.12.2022 – Reception Flu Vaccinations**

**07.12.2022 – EYFS Open Morning – 9am**

**16.12.2022 – Break up for Christmas Holiday**

## Attendance

Children who have 100% attendance this school year will be invited on a special day out accompanied by an adult family member.

Children whose attendance is above our target of 96% will have their names entered into a prize raffle.

Each term, children with 100% attendance will be invited to a movie afternoon, with popcorn and treats.

**Please speak to Miss Stringer or a member of staff if you need help to ensure that your child attends school daily.**