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**27.01.23**

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a very busy two weeks! The children in year 5 have now all been to visit Sparkhill library. The library is a great community resource, where children can borrow books, read them and return them, before borrowing more books.

Last week, year 2 went to the Sealife centre, where they were learning about different sea creatures and microhabitats and this week year 1 have been to visit Birmingham Thinktank to support their learning in science.

Our year 5 playleaders (who do an amazing job), went on training to teach them games and activities that they can then use in the playgrounds, with our younger children.

Local residents are getting, understandably, upset if parents are parking inconsiderately when dropping and collecting their children. In recent days, I have observed parents double parking and blocking resident driveways.

The parking rules are there to ensure the streets are safe. In order to keep our children safe, please park considerately and correctly on the local streets.

We are very excited and are looking forward to moving into our new building, you can track the developments on the construction twitter page

Ms S Taylor  
Headteacher

## Attendance up until 27.01.23

Whole School		
2020/ 2021	2021/ 2022	2022 to date
92.6	95.2	94.4

Our attendance target  
is 96%

Class	Percentage
Nursery	89.1
R Inkpen	89.5
R McKee	92.4
1 Donaldson	94.5
1 Murphy	95.7
2 Bloom	94.1
2 Hoffman	95.7
3 Fine	94.8
3 Rauf	96.7
3 Wilson	94.4
4 Morpurgo	97.2
4 Pullman	95.3
5 Blackman	95
5 Boyce	94.6
5 Zephaniah	96.3
6 Gavin	96.3
6 Hardy	93.9
6 Naidoo	92.7

## Strike action

You will have received a letter regarding our school closure during the NEU strike on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February. There has been a lot of publicity in the media about this to explain that those who have chosen to strike are not doing so because they are unhappy working at Springfield Primary, but because they have a disagreement with government funding policies.

We will communicate our opening details about future strikes closer to the time.

## Winter Disco

We are pleased to announce we will be running two discos before the end of half term.

Year 1-3 are invited to come on

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 3.30 - 4 pm and

Years 4-6 on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 3.30-4.30pm.

The tickets will cost £2.50 and there will be the opportunity to also buy sweets, refreshments and get a tattoo, a hair braid or have some henna done. All proceeds will go towards enriching experiences for children in school.

More information on how to purchase tickets will follow!

### Grammar homework!

There is a real buzz (pun intended) around school about Ed Shed. Children are thrilled that they can now practise their spelling rules at home by playing games. Children say that they are having so much fun that it doesn't feel like learning! Remember: If your child is in year 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 they will have received their login to access Ed Shed. This is how they can access their **spelling, grammar and punctuation homework**. Please can you support your child with accessing this at home for **10 minutes each day**.



### Safeguarding

Please use the link below to access a guide on building digital resilience. This guide will support you with how to build confidence in your child using the internet and how to support them in the digital age.

DigitalResilience <https://www.internetmatters.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Internet-Matters-Guide-Digital-Resilience-6-10-years-old.pdf>



### Birmingham warm spaces

Birmingham City Council have a number of community hubs, where families can go to keep warm during the day, including on the upcoming strike days.

Centres often offer other support such as food banks and activities for adults and children.

There are women/men only spaces, those for families, over 50's and other groupings.

There are a number of centres within walking distance of Springfield school. Please use the link if you wish to find a suitable hub.

[https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/directory/73/warm\\_welcome\\_spaces\\_in\\_birmingham](https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/directory/73/warm_welcome_spaces_in_birmingham)

### Families magazine online

Click on the link to access the January/February edition of families magazine filled with articles and activities aimed at families.

[https://issuu.com/familiesonline/docs/fambhamjanfeb23digital?fr=sNWQ2NDU2OTMxNTQ&utm\\_source=BenchmarkEmail&utm\\_campaign=Distribution Points Mag Link January%2fFebruary 23&utm\\_medium=email](https://issuu.com/familiesonline/docs/fambhamjanfeb23digital?fr=sNWQ2NDU2OTMxNTQ&utm_source=BenchmarkEmail&utm_campaign=Distribution Points Mag Link January%2fFebruary 23&utm_medium=email)

### Dates For Your Diary

**01.02.23** – Strike day closure

**02.02.23** – Year 3, 4 & 5 Parents Reading Workshop

**06.02.23** – Year 5 Trip – Selly Manor Museum

**10.02.23** – Year 1 & 2 Parents Maths Workshop

**16.02.23** – Parent coffee morning

**17.02.23** – Break-up for half term

**27.02.23** - School re-opens

**31.03.23** – End of term

**01.03.23, 15.03.23 & 16.03.23** – POSSIBLE strike days

### 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.**