



January 2017 Newsletter



Parent/Child consultations

You should have received a letter home to book a time slot for your child's parent consultation meeting. Please see below for dates, please make every effort to return the letter and book a consultation.

- Tuesday 7th February - Robins, 1.3, 2.1, 4.1, 5.3 and 6.2
- Wednesday 8th February - 3.2, 4.2, 5.1 and 6.3
- Thursday 9th February - Squirrels, Rabbits, 1.1, 2.2 and 2.3
- Friday 10th February - Sparrows, 1.2, 3.1, 3.3, 5.2 and 6.1

SCHOOL COUNCIL POLLING DAY

In November we held school council elections, here is Anas's account of the day:

Polling day Friday 18th November



All children have their opinion on who to choose. They have to listen to the speech so they choose an appropriate candidate.



Everyone is proud of who they have chosen. They hope the choice that they pick will be the best.



Everyone got a chance to persuade people who to pick. They were allowed to say a persuasive speech. Children all have rights to vote for their class councillor. This is important in a Democratic society.



Children happily slid their ballot paper into the box hoping their chosen candidate wins the election.



Everyone kept their votes secret so they don't get copied.



EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURES

Please note that all school closures will be notified on the local radio station or on the following websites.

- <http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/weather-disruption>
- or **ideally** make sure you are registered with Tucasi and you will receive a text informing you of any closures.

PARENT PAY... is coming soon.

We are changing our on-line/communication provider after February half term, as we have been experiencing many problems with our current provider Tucasi.

We are confident that ParentPay will offer a much more reliable service and more information will follow soon.

Many thanks for your support and patience during the transition and hopefully there will be minimal inconvenience to you.



Attendance by Numbers

- 335 510 - Number of children in recent years that are absent from school each day across England.
- 7 - Months of the year are spent at school.
- 5 - Months of the year are for free time.
- 190 - Number of days children have to attend school each year.
- 175 - Number of days children don't have to attend school each year; including school holidays and weekends. Providing time for medical appointments, shopping trips, days out, fun and... illness.
- 97% - At least... the percentage attendance children need to be in school over a school year to reach their full potential.
- 5.7 - Number of days absent over the course of a school year to achieve 97% attendance.
- 90% - Below 90% attendance is classed as a Persistent absentee pupil. This not an acceptable level of school attendance!
- 19 - The number of days absent over the course of a school year to be at 90% attendance. Therefore, anymore days absent than this you are a Persistent Absentee.
- £60 - Minimum fine (per parent, per child) for taking children out of schools for holidays and visits.
- £120 - Fine for holidays (per parent, per child) if you do not pay within 21 days of the fixed penalty notice.
- 95.6% - The average attendance of pupils in Years 1 - 6 at The Oval school so far this academic year; this needs to improve!
- 1241 - Number of times children were late registering at The Oval in the Autumn Term (Sept - Dec 2016)
- 92 - The number of pupils at The Oval with an attendance below 90% in the Autumn Term (Sept - Dec 2016), making these pupils persistent absentees.
- 385 - Number of children at The Oval with 97% attendance or more.
- 55% - Percentage of The Oval school ensuring they attend enough to reach their full potential.

The Language Magician



On 17th and 18th January, Year 4 welcomed staff from the Goethe Institut in London in order to pilot an assessment tool called 'The Language Magician'. In a game format, this tool centres around a young student magician striving to liberate his animal friends from the evil magician's curse, where the pupils play the role of the student, with their own avatar. The children had lots of fun, they improved their language and IT-skills and Mr Sullivan received lots of information about their level of German. The Goethe Institut plan to visit again next year to measure the children's progression in German.



Spare clothes for Nursery and Reception pupils

If your child is a Nursery or Reception pupil can you please send in a spare set of underwear and a change of clothes in case of toilet accidents.

FLU ADVICE

Please note the following advice as provided by the Health Protection Agency:

- Wash hands frequently with soap and water and dry thoroughly
- Avoid touching surfaces/handles and then touching your face
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when sneezing/coughing and dispose of in a bin - 'CATCH IT, BIN IT, KILL IT'
- For further information and advice visit www.nhs.uk or www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk



School Dinners

- School Dinner Money is £10.75 per week
- Nursery Dinner Money is £3.70 per week
- No change will be given
- Please check free school meal eligibility on the school website under Parents/Lunches

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 7 th February 2017	Parent/Child consultations for pupils in Robins, 1.3, 2.1, 4.1, 5.3 and 6.2
Wednesday 8 th February 2017	Parent/Child consultations for pupils in Hedgehogs and 4.3
Wednesday 8 th February 2017	Class 3.1 trip to Sarehole Mill
Wednesday 8 th February 2017	Parent/Child consultations for pupils in 3.2, 4.2, 5.1 and 6.3
Thursday 9 th February 2017	Class 3.3 trip to Sarehole Mill
Thursday 9 th February 2017	Parent/Child consultations for pupils in Squirrels, Rabbits, 1.1, 2.2 and 2.3
Friday 10 th February 2017	Class 3.2 trip to Sarehole Mill
Friday 10 th February 2017	Parent/Child consultations for pupils in Sparrows, 1.2, 3.1, 3.3, 5.2 and 6.1
Tuesday 14 th February 2017	Whole of Year 2 trip to Coventry Transport Museum
Friday 17 th February 2017 at end of the school day	School closes to all
Monday 20 th to Friday 24 th February 2017	Half Term - School closed to staff and pupils
Monday 27 th February 2017	School open to all
Wednesday 8 th March 2017	Whole of Year 5 trip to the Think Tank
3 rd , 4 th and 5 th April 2017	Reception trip to Twycross Zoo (specific class and dates to be confirmed)
Friday 7 th April 2017 at the end of the school day	School closes to all
Monday 10 th to Friday 21 st April 2017	Half Term - School closed to staff and pupils
SUMMER TERM 2017	
Monday 24 th April 2017	School open to all
27 th and 28 th April 2017	Year 4 Trip to Lunt Fort (specific class and dates to be confirmed)
Monday 1 st May 2017	School closed to all (May day)
Thursday 4 th May 2017	School closed to all (Polling day)
Friday 26 th May 2017 at end of the school day	School closes to all
Monday 29 th May to Friday 2 nd June 2017	Half Term - School closed to staff and pupils
Monday 5 th June 2017	School open to all

