

# Christmas 2016



Another term has flown by and once again we are about to celebrate Christmas and all the excitement that it brings.

Thank you again for all your support over the last term. We wish you all a peaceful Christmas and a healthy and happy new year.

Mrs Cosgrove and Mrs Bruten

## Hello

You may have noticed a couple of new members to the school team. Mrs Baljinder Nijjar is working with year 6 to support their learning alongside Mr Bassett and Miss Louisa Marsh who is working with children across the school in order to achieve their targets. We welcome them to the school.



## Events this term:

This term has seen many lovely events, starting with our flash mob dance week. It is always lovely to see the many talents of our children being extended!

In addition to this we have also had our annual numeracy and science mornings and parents in reception and year 1 were invited in to talk about phonics. Trips have included year 6 visiting the Space Centre and they will also be going to St Johns in Harborne for the Nativity Trail. Year 5 have visited Symphony Hall and Warwick Castle, Year 4 the museum, Year 3 a free trip to Reel Cinema and Reception will be going to Conkers at the end of term. Some year 6 children will be participating in a maths competition at King Edwards in December, whilst others were lucky enough to meet and interview a real astronaut! Year 4 did a lovely Harvest, the whole school commemorated Armistice Day, and we look forward to KS1 and year 5 leading the Christmas celebrations over the next few weeks. We have had a few football matches and our sports programme will continue throughout the year. We have all found ways to support World Kindness Week, Anti-Bullying Week and Switch Off fortnight as well as raising money for Children in Need. All of this is in addition to the 'day job'!

Dinner menus: We are currently reviewing our lunchtime menus and with this in mind there may be a few changes in January when the new cook starts. We shall speak to all the children with regards to the food they enjoy (this won't mean more chips on the menu!) so that their thoughts are taken into account. We shall keep you informed!



## Snow closures

Once again rumours abound regarding arctic weather heading our way. Please remember that the decision to close a school because of snow is never taken lightly as invariably someone disagrees with whatever decision is made. However, if a decision is made to close, it is because there are a variety of factors that we have taken into account, not least the safety of the children. If we do have to close then we shall send a text, try and get a message to the web site and inform the local radio (Heart, BBC WM etc). We shall also inform Birmingham Authority who can then add it to their closure list.

Please ensure that we have all current contact details so that we can ensure that you get the message as soon as a decision is made (usually by 7.30am where possible).



Attendance for  
07.09.16 – 24.11.16

Reception	99.15%
Year 1	97.97%
Year 2	98.56%
Year 3	96.99%
Year 4	98.27%
Year 5	98.06%
Year 6	97.88%



#### Diary dates:

Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Reception Health Screening
Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 6 Health Screening
Thur 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Year 6 Nativity Trail at St John's
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Santa Experience
Thur 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Guitar Assembly
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Reception to Conkers
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Google Maps experience
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 6 Maths Competition
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	100% Attendance
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Lunch
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Nativity (details to follow)
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 5 Carols in church (details to follow)
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas parties (pm)
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Break up for Christmas
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2017	Children return to school
Inter Faith Weeks 4 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> January	
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Literacy Morning (details to follow)
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Coffee Afternoon 2.30pm start
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Break up for half term

#### Pupil of the Month

Rec: Leia Cooper  
Harry Beaman

Year 1: Jaskaran Singh-Takhi  
Brooke Jordan

Year 2: Adam Moses  
Evelyn Johnson

Year 3: Layla Postings  
Kate Maloney

Year 4: Sasha Hephard  
Harry Luckman

Year 5: Daniel Astley  
Ria Dhani

Year 6: Jayden Bedi  
Peter Astle

Well done to all of these children!



Unfortunately I am going to be absent from the 8<sup>th</sup> December due to medical reasons. Providing all goes well then I hope to begin my return to work on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017. However I know that I leave the school in the very capable hands of Mrs Bruten who will continue to do a sterling job whilst I am away.  
Mrs Cosgrove