



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 8th February 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well done to the two classes with the best attendance for the period 28.1.19 – 1.2.19. They are as follows:-

Early Years & KS1 – 2LH – 95.9% KS2 – 6JP – 95%

There has been a dip in the figures this week due to illness in school. Let's hope this is now behind us and we can see the figures improve next week.

Chinese New Year

The children in Nursery have celebrated The Chinese Year of the Pig this week.

It was Chinese New Year on Tuesday and the children enjoyed an array of activities.

They made some Chinese Lanterns and Dragons as well as enjoying some Chinese crackers and eating noodles with chopsticks. A great time was had by all! ☺



Internet Safety Day

On Tuesday we are held an Internet Safety Day, aimed at teaching and encouraging children how to stay safe on line.

The children looked at what the internet is, what privacy is, how to keep their information confidential, what cyber bullying is and how to keep safe online as well as who to trust.

It was a really interesting and informative day and certainly gave the children some food for thought!

The link below provides some guidance from the NSPCC to aid yourselves in how to do this at home too. I am sure you will find this interesting reading.
<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/media/1505/how-to-keep-your-child-safe-online.pdf>
(control and click to access)



Holiday club

A letter has gone home letting you know that we are running Holiday Club during February Half Term this year which is 18th – 23rd February 2018. There are many exciting activities planned and you may like to book for just a half-day session. If you would like your child to come along, please return the slip with the required dates as soon as possible. **Payment for each session will need to be paid for in advance on Parent pay.** Please ensure you book your place as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Thank you.

Valentine's disco

The school are holding **Friendship Discos** on Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th February to celebrate friendships in school. As most of you know Miss Green's son Freddie requires more treatment so we thought it would be lovely to donate the proceeds from the tickets sales to "Freddie's Fight".

The Early years disco (Nursery and Reception) will take place on **27th February** from 3:30-4:30pm. This includes music, exciting party games, and a drink.

The KS1 & KS2 disco will take place on **28th February**. Again admission to the disco costs £1 and includes music, games and a drink. Children can bring pocket money with them if they want to as there will be an opportunity to buy additional refreshments and glow sticks.

We have sent out a letter this week to confirm these details. If your child would like to go, they need to simply return the reply slip with **payment in cash**.

The times for the KS1 & KS2 discos are as follows;

Year 1 & 2 – 3:30pm – 4:30pm (KS1 Hall) **Year 3 & 4 – 3:30pm – 4:30pm (KS2 Hall)**

Year 5 & 6 – 4:45pm – 5:45pm (KS2 Hall)



Bravery Box

Following on from the above article I just wanted to let you know about the bravery boxes we're promoting in school.

There are going to be some "Bravery Boxes" in Freddie's ward at Birmingham Children's hospital and I'm sure in other wards at the hospital too. Every time a patient has to have a procedure done, whether it's to take some blood or to receive some medication they will receive a little Bravery gift.

If anyone would like to donate a gift to pass on to the hospital, please bring it to the office. These gifts need to be brand new items but can be simple stocking filler/party bag items. Thank you in advance for your support.



Molly Olly's wishes

One of our parents, Tracy Bromley is running the London Marathon this year. Her chosen charity is Molly Olly's wishes. This is a wonderful charity who supports children and their families between the ages of 0-18 with any terminal or life threatening illness.

If you would like to help Tracy by donating some money to this amazing cause, please click on the link below;

https://www.justgiving.com/Tracy-Bromley?utm_source=Whatsapp

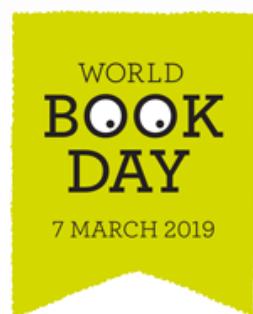
Thank you in advance for your support.



World Book Day

We are celebrating World Book Day in school W/C 4th March and we are asking children to dress up as their favorite book character on "Book Day" which is Thursday 7th March.

Please don't feel that you have to go out and spend a lot of money on a costume, the best costumes can be made from items you have at home, the more imaginative the better! As always, we look forward to seeing your creations!



We will be handing out World Book Day tokens to all the children which entitles them to £1 off any book or audio book worth £2.99 or more at participating retailers.

Please visit the link below for more information on this.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/>

We are also pleased to announce that in conjunction with Book Week we will be welcoming a Book People Book Fayre to school on Thursday 7th March and this will be here until the following Wednesday. A huge range of books will be on sale at discounted prices after school each day. Keep your eyes peeled ☺

If possible could you mention in the school news letter that we are offering a school uniform saving account on our website www.a4jdesigns.co.uk for parents to be able to set aside monies in the account towards their child / children's school uniform although no uniform would leave our shop until the total amount is either paid fully into the saving account or part saving / balance being paid whilst visiting our shop.

Big Garden Birdwatch

During this Spring half-term, we are again taking part in the 'Big Schools Bird watch' that you may have seen mentioned on general media.

We are finding different areas in the school grounds to use for our project and the children are using identification sheets and binoculars to help them.

Year 1 and 2 have been busy making bird feeders to use around the school grounds.

If you would like to find out more about this with your child, the website to visit is;

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/everything-you-need-to-know-about-big-garden-birdwatch>

-here you will find an interactive bird identifier, sound guide and other resources to use.

Count the wildlife that's counting on you

Joining in with Big Garden Birdwatch is simple and enjoyable - and a great excuse to watch your garden birds. It takes place at the **end of January** each year (26-28 January 2019).



Can you help?

At this time of year, the children often have to stay indoors during break times and lunch times due to cold, inclement weather.

If anyone has any old toys and games that they no longer want, please bring them in, our children will certainly make good use of them ☺

Yours sincerely,
Mrs G Crofts
(Executive Headteacher)

Diary Dates

Monday 11th February – Year 5 & 6 Parent Workshop – 2:45pm

Tuesday 12th March – Reception parent workshop – 9:30am

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day

Monday 11th February – Year 5 & 6 Fantastic Finish

Thursday 14th February – Year 1 & 2 Fantastic Finish

W/C 18th February – Half Term

W/C 25th February – Inset Day – School closed to pupils

Wednesday 27th February – Early Years Friendship Disco

Thursday 28th February – KS1 & KS2 Friendship Disco

Tuesday 5th March – Pancake Day lunch at school

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day – The Book People Book Fayre in school

W/C 11th March - Science week

Friday 15th March – Comic relief day

Wednesday 20th & Thursday 21st March – Parent's Evenings