

Dear Parents/Carers,

As the colder weather draws in please remember to send your children into school with warm protective clothing - especially the younger ones. We will make sure that on rainy days doors will open at 8:30 so that we can welcome children in a little bit earlier. School is open from 8:40 and many children are arriving at this time to benefit from the additional time they can spend in class doing extra work. We make sure that late arrivals are taken to their classes by the office staff every day but would really appreciate your help by getting children to school on time for the start of the day. The last two weeks have been very busy for our school. We welcomed parents in to be introduced to members of staff in each year group. These workshops were very well attended and we do hope that you found them informative.

Y6 are very excited about going on their residential next week and we all know they are going to have a fantastic time. Clubs, choirs, computer explorers and other enrichment activities are up and running and children are benefiting from our creative curriculum once again this year. Please don't hesitate to pop in to see me if you have any questions, concerns or compliments about our school.  
**Mrs Dennis**

**School Attendance Update**

Current attendance is 94.15%



Please refer to the whole school attendance letter for guidance about how to ensure you can all help to raise this attendance figure to above 95%.

Birmingham City Council support their schools by issuing fines for poor attendance and leave in term time. The following figures are a summary of the referrals and fines that were processed last year:

- \* Fines for poor attendance have so far totalled £3340
- \* Leave in term time fines are currently at £1200 (this figure is likely to increase as some referrals from the end of last term are still being processed – this can take up to 12 weeks).

**Year 6 Trip to The Back to Backs**

On Thursday, 6N visited the Back To Backs in the City Centre as part of our Learning Journey topic on World War 1. We changed into traditional costumes for that era. Our first job was to light a fire which we found entertaining! After that, we were lucky enough to have a tour of three houses that replicate those around in 1914. Did you know they used to fit five children into one bed?! It was a very tight squeeze! The whole day was full of information and we all had a fabulous day.



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# Our results July 2018

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**KS2 Standards**  
 Reading at age expected 43% at greater depth 18%  
 Writing at age expected 70% at greater depth 10%  
 Maths at age expected 58% at greater depth 17%

**KS2 Progress**  
 Reading 2.1 Writing 2.2 Maths 0.7

**KS2 Combined**  
 40%

**KS1 standards**  
 Reading at age expected 71% at greater depth 20%  
 Writing at age expected 71% at greater depth 20%  
 Maths at age expected 76% at greater depth 19%

**KS1 Combined**  
 69%

**Year 1 Phonics**  
 75%

**EYFS**  
 61% Good Level of development

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### Toast Money

Reminder to all parents that Toast money must be handed into school On **Mondays**. In a named envelope.

### Secondary School Applications

Miss Hines is available to assist with applications on Wednesday and Thursday Mornings, until 25th October. Please book in at the front office.

### After School Clubs.

New Clubs have started:

Tues—Year 1 and 2—Multi Skills  
 Wed—Year 3 and 4—Multi Skills  
 Thursday—Year 5 and 6—Girls Football.

**Clubs finish at 4.15pm.** Please make sure that you are on time to collect your child.



### Dates for your diary:

Monday 24th September 2018  
 Wednesday 3rd October 2018

Year 6 trip to Whitemoor Lakes.  
 Speech & Language Parent Coffee Morning at 9am.

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