



## Mr Meadows' Welcome

We are very proud of the fundraising opportunities we have at Sladefield. Often, the money raised goes to really good external causes, whilst sometimes the raised money is used to support the children and their learning at school.

### 'Christmas Jumper' Day - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December

For example, this Friday, we will be holding 'Christmas Jumper' Day where each child is asked to donate 50p with the money raised being donated to the 'Save the Children' charity. We hope to see all of our children in a festive jumper in order to help raise these valuable charity funds.

### Food Bank

From the start of the year, the school has also had a 'Food Bank' collection in the Front Conservatory which has been added to over the term. I am really pleased to let you know that this basket is now full and therefore we will take the contents to the local 'Food Bank' where the collected items will be distributed to those that are less fortunate than ourselves within the local community. Please, if you have anything spare in the cupboard that you would be willing to donate, please add it to the basket in the front conservatory and we will ensure it reaches the 'Food Bank' collection.

### School Fund

As a school, we also raise money for our own School Fund. Recently, a number of parents have asked how we are spending the money that we have raised for school. The money we have saved that has been raised through cake sales and the Summer Fayre will go towards 2 projects that we are focusing on at school.

Firstly, some of the money will be used to purchase Attendance incentive prizes that will be given out to both children and families. This Friday, we will be holding a special Celebration Assembly where those children who had 100% attendance during the first Half Term will be rewarded with a prize and a certificate. The parents of the successful children will receive a text message later this week to invite them to come and see their child receive their reward.

Then, at the end of next week, the raffle draw for 'family' prizes will be made and the winning parents will be contacted to come and collect their prize on the last day of term. The names of children who have over 97% attendance OR whose attendance has improved over this Half Term will be entered into the raffle; so, if you know your child has had really good attendance this Half Term, cross your fingers as you might be a lucky winner!

A large amount of the money that we have saved over time will be spent on developing Reading in the school. The books that have been identified will enhance the children's reading experiences, giving them opportunities to read books from a variety of genres and written by a range of children's authors. This will enable the children be able to make links between different texts and gain a greater level of comprehension and inferential skills. Your donations during these fundraising events really are being used to support the education of children at Sladefield, and we thank you for supporting the school in this way.

## Christmas JUMPER DAY



## Dojo Superstars – who had the MOST DOJOS last week?

**CLASS 1**  
Hussain

with **97** Dojo points

**CLASS 2**  
Eesa

with **105** Dojo points

**CLASS 3**  
Jennah

with **48** Dojo points

**CLASS 4**  
Ibrahim

with **92** Dojo points

**CLASS 5**  
Ayden

with **56** Dojo points

**CLASS 6**  
Ans

with **51** Dojo points

**CLASS 7**  
Yahya

with **12** Dojo points

**CLASS 8**  
Saafia

with **48** Dojo points

**CLASS 9**  
Rayan & Sami

with **32** Dojo points

**CLASS 10**  
Neelam

with **40** Dojo points

**CLASS 11**  
Safaa

with **105** Dojo points

**CLASS 12**  
Amin

with **26** Dojo points

# Attendance



We've seen a huge improvement this week in attendance, especially in Reception classes. It seems that the sickness bug that had hit the unit has now passed and we have seen most children return to school. May we thank all of those parents/carers who have rung in daily to let us know their child is off school. **It is massively important, to enable us to fully safeguard the children, that our parents/carers contact the school each and every day their child is absent, even if they were absent the previous day. This means that we know that your child is safe with you and are being looked after at home.**

At the end of November, we carried out our monthly in-depth check on attendance figures and updated the 'Attendance Risk' register. We now have 38 children at 'Low-Risk', 15 on 'Mid-Risk' and only 3 children on 'High-Risk'. Sadly, the parents/carers of one of these children are now in the 'Fast-Track' process which means they may well, very soon, be served a Fixed Penalty Notice by the Education Legal Intervention Team due to ongoing unauthorised absences. Every child's education is important, and they are missing out on vital learning if they don't come to school, and on time.

Class 1	95%	Class 5	92.7%	Class 9	94%
Class 2	93.7%	Class 6	90.3%	Class 10	89.2%
Class 3	94.7%	Class 7	97.3%	Class 11	89.7%
Class 4	97%	Class 8	96%	Class 12	96.7%

## Dates for your Diary

### Things to remember during Autumn Term

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Jazz Crawford, British athlete, in school  
 Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Nasal Flu Vaccination  
 Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Reception trip to St. Martin's Church & Birmingham City Centre  
 Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Safeguarding Workshops (9.00am and 2.15pm)  
 Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December – special Attendance Celebration Assembly  
 Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Stickman film for Reception pupils  
 Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Year Choir and poets performing at Birmingham Library  
 Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Year 1 Nativity to parents  
 Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Reception Carol Service to parents  
 Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Polar Express (Year 2) & Snowman (Year 1) films  
 Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Christmas Parties  
 Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December – break up for ALL PUPILS @ 12.30pm

### Things to remember during Spring Term

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 – INSET Day – children are not in school  
 Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019 – first day back at school for pupils  
 Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January – Year 1 Maths Workshops (10/01 – C7; 14/01 – C5; 15/01 – C8; 16/01 – C6)  
 Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019 – Reception classes visiting Ward End Fire Station  
 Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019 – Year 1 Dance Performance to parents (2.30pm)  
 Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2019 – Year 2 Dance Performance to parents (2.30pm)  
 Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2019 – EYFS Dance Performance to parents (9.00am)  
 Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019 – Class 5 & Class 8 trip to Coventry Transport Museum  
 Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019 – Class 5 & Class 8 trip to Coventry Transport Museum



## Star of the Week

<b>Class 1</b>	Owais - ALL VALUES - for being simply fantastic in everything!	<b>Class 7</b>	Hasan - ACHIEVEMENT - working extremely hard and presenting his work so well.
<b>Class 2</b>	Liyaba - RESPONSIBILITY - superb behaviour in Gym Club and on the school trip.	<b>Class 8</b>	Emma- COMMITMENT - excellent commitment to following the school rules, and settling in so well to Class 8.
<b>Class 3</b>	Narghes - COMMITMENT - working hard on her handwriting skills.	<b>Class 9</b>	Rayan - RESPECT - lovely manners when speaking to all children.
<b>Class 4</b>	Ibraheem - COMMITMENT - always completing extra homework!	<b>Class 10</b>	Abiya - EXCELLENCE - amazing independent writing and Phonics.
<b>Class 5</b>	Ayden - ACHIEVEMENT - continued perseverance in all subjects.	<b>Class 11</b>	Faris - COMMITMENT - joining in with Phonics and using Makaton signing when singing festive songs.
<b>Class 6</b>	Erik - ACHIEVEMENT - completing very good writing about 'Old Toys' and 'New Toys' as part of the Topic work in Year 1.	<b>Class 12</b>	Mohammad - ACHIEVEMENT - super segmenting in Phonics.

## Homework Challenge – 12 Days of Christmas

One of my favourite Christmas songs is 'The 12 Days of Christmas'! As such, I would like to challenge you all to create your own version of the song! But, instead of listing what 'my true love' gave to me, you could choose a member of your family, or your teacher. I've had a go - use mine to help you if you want...

On the 12<sup>th</sup> Day of Christmas, my teacher gave to me: 12 pencils sharpening; 11 chorists singing ; 10 crayons colouring; 9 Reading Books flicking; 8 teachers laughing; 7 iPads tapping; 6 children chatting; 5 Dojo dings; 4 running boys; 3 skipping girls; 2 tasty treats, and a friend with a massive, big smile.

Please create your own version and write it on a piece of paper - hand it in to your child's class teacher with your child's name and class on and hand it into your child's class teacher. Each completed song will earn at least 15 Dojos!!