



Mr Meadows' Welcome

How quickly has this year gone? We've reached the final week of the year at school, but there's still more to look forward to this week before we break-up for the Christmas holidays. We will be welcoming our parents/carers from Class 5 and Class 8 to come and see their children tell the Nativity story on Tuesday morning (please join us from 9am with the assembly officially starting by 9.15am); we will also be welcoming our Reception families to join us for our Carol Service on Wednesday morning and afternoon (9.00am or 2.30pm). As it's Christmas, we will be providing you with some festive food and warm drinks will also be available.

Christmas Parties will take place on Friday morning. Children should come into school dressed in their party outfits!! Please remember that the children should still be dressed appropriately and that jewellery, make-up or heels are not acceptable. This year, the school will be providing the party food for each class, and therefore there is no need for our parents/carers to provide any food. The party food will also include the children's lunches and so they will not leave with a lunch on Friday.

Please also remember that ALL children need to be collected at 12.30pm on Friday - so, if your child usually stays at school until 3.15pm on a Friday, you will need to ensure that a responsible adult known to your child is available to collect your child.

May I also take this opportunity to remind you all that we are holding an INSET Day on Monday 7th January, and therefore school starts again for children on Tuesday 8th January 2019.

Parent Workshops

Mrs Donohue and I were really pleased to lead our Safeguarding Workshops to a very receptive set of parents/carers - 'Thank You' to those parent/carers who took the time to come and join us. Here's just some of the feedback:

"Really wonderfully explained about keeping children safe and where to ask for help."
 "Great that you chose to talk about emotional abuse and not just physical abuse."
 "The teachers were friendly and explained the topics in a very understanding manner."

We have also some E-Safety Workshops this week - please see the 'Dates for Your Diary' for exact dates and time. The content of these workshops are different for each Year Group. However, we are aware that parents/carers with more than one child will probably not want to come to more than one session. If you are able to choose, may I suggest that you attend the session of your eldest child as they are the children who are accessing electronic devices more regularly and therefore having a better understanding as to how to keep your child safe when using these devices is even more essential the older the child is.

Attendance Family Prizes

As mentioned last week, 20 prizes will be handed out this Friday for children whose attendance is either over 96% OR where there has been an improvement in attendance from between Autumn 1st and Autumn 2nd. Here are the 10 bigger prizes on offer: 2 x £50 Drayton Manor Gift Vouchers; 2 x Family for 4 tickets for Cadbury World; 2 x £50 Gift Vouchers for Birmingham Hippodrome; 2 x £50 Odeon Gift Cards; 2 x £30 Pizza Hut Gift Cards. Winning parents/carers will be contacted to collect their family prize at the end of the day on Friday.

Dojo Superstars – who had the MOST DOJOS last week?

CLASS 1

Alisha

with 103 Dojo points

CLASS 2

Harris

with 82 Dojo points

CLASS 3

Nadia

with 39 Dojo points

CLASS 4

Jemimah

with 63 Dojo points

CLASS 5

Zayyan

with 38 Dojo points

CLASS 6

Rayyan

with 34 Dojo points

CLASS 7

Isa

with 48 Dojo points

CLASS 8

Abdul-Rahim

with 66 Dojo points

CLASS 9

Sami

With 50 Dojo points

CLASS 10

Momina

with 18 Dojo points

CLASS 11

Zayna

with 69 Dojo points

CLASS 12

Ammarah

with 17 Dojo points

Attendance



There has been an increase in attendance again this week, and it finally seems that the illness bug has passed!

Two things that are worth noting that the figures don't actually represent...

Firstly, Class 3's attendance is always lower - this is due to the fact that there is still a child registered in the class who has actually left but the Local Authority will not allow for us to take that child off-roll. If this child's attendance was removed from Class 3's attendance figures, they would actually have had 99% attendance last week! This would mean that the average figure for all of Year 2 would be 99% (it's still a very pleasing 98.18%!!)

Another thing to note is that there are currently 7 children who have taken 'Leave in Term Time' with a total of 72 days absence. Without these children in the figures, the whole school attendance figure would be 96.8% instead of it being 94.8%. We really urge our parents NOT to take their child out of school during term time.

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| Class 1 | 100% | Class 5 | 91.3% | Class 9 | 87.7% |
| Class 2 | 99% | Class 6 | 91.7% | Class 10 | 92.9% |
| Class 3 | 95.7% | Class 7 | 96.7% | Class 11 | 92.7% |
| Class 4 | 98% | Class 8 | 96% | Class 12 | 96.3% |

Dates for your Diary

Things to remember during Autumn Term

Monday 17th December – Stickman film for Reception pupils
 Monday 17th December – Year Choir and poets performing at Birmingham Library
 Tuesday 18th December – Year 1 Nativity to parents
 Tuesday 18th December – E-Safety Parent Workshop for Year 2 parents (2.00pm in ICT Suite)
 Wednesday 19th December - Reception Carol Service to parents
 Thursday 20th December – Polar Express (Year 2) & Snowman (Year) films
 Thursday 20th December - E-Safety Parent Workshop for Year 1 parents (9.00am in ICT Suite)
 Thursday 20th December – E-Safety Parent Workshop for Reception parents (2.00pm in ICT Suite)
 Friday 21st December – Christmas Parties
 Friday 21st December – break up for ALL PUPILS @ 12.30pm

Things to remember during Spring Term

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



Star of the Week

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| Class 1 | Hussain - COMMITMENT - showing great commitment to his learning! | Class 7 | Sahara - COMMITMENT - working extremely hard! |
| Class 2 | Aqsa - COMMITMENT - excellent effort in reading. | Class 8 | Ayaan - COMMITMENT - trying hard to achieve the correct spellings of the common exception words. |
| Class 3 | Danni - RESPONSIBILITY - helping other children in their learning, especially during Letters and Sounds. | Class 9 | Mahy - COMMITMENT - trying really hard with his writing. |
| Class 4 | Jemimah - ACHIEVEMENT - writing a fantastic story. | Class 10 | Taha - COMMITMENT - always trying his best. |
| Class 5 | Nafisa - COMMITMENT - showing great commitment to her learning. | Class 11 | Jenna - ACHIEVEMENT - excellent progress in her reading and writing. |
| Class 6 | Arman - RESPONSIBILITY - being Miss Hewing's helper! | Class 12 | Sara - COMMITMENT - trying really hard to learn all of her sounds. |

Homework Challenge

I was really impressed with one of the '12 Days of Christmas' re-writes, created by Laiba in Class 4. Here was her fantastic attempt:

'On the 12th Day of Christmas, my teacher gave to me: 12 flowers dancing; 11 crayons drawing; 10 papers folding; 9 guitars plucking; 8 lights flashing; 7 staplers snapping; 6 pencils writing; 5 rubbers rubbing; 4 pens scribbling; 3 athletes racing; 2 bags shaking; 1 of my friends with a massive smile!

As it's the Christmas holidays, this week's challenge is to show off about your Christmas holiday!! We want to see you enjoying family time over the Christmas period. This can be shown through a photo with an explanation, either handed in to school when we get back in January or by tweeting on the school's Twitter account, @SladefieldInfSc. All families participating will see their child rewarded with 10 Dojo points! MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

