



Birmingham City Council

Hollywood Primary School Newsletter

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"Working together, realizing potential."

"A Rights Respecting School"

Friday 13th December 2019

HEADTEACHER COMMENT

It was lovely to see such a big turn out from parents at the three performances of the Phase 1 Nativity. I think the children really enjoyed taking part and the teachers, teaching assistants and helpers deserve major credit for the work they put in to the production. I know teachers are finding it more and more difficult to make sure they can squeeze rehearsals into an already busy timetable, but it is worth it when the children and parents enjoy the experience so much.



As the term draws to an end, with this being the penultimate week of the term, I thought I would let parents know about some upcoming staff changes. Firstly, Mrs Kiernan who has worked as a class teacher in the Resource Base for over two years will be leaving at the end of this term. She will be sadly missed by the staff, children and parents, I wish her all the best in her new role working with slightly older children. Mr Hammond will be taking over her duties, he is a teacher with a wide experience of teaching children in the city, and I know the community will give him a warm welcome.

Secondly Mrs Goodwill will be leaving us at the end of the term when she moves to be closer to her family and take on a new challenge in her career. Mrs Goodwill has been at Hollywood for seven years and she too will be greatly missed, not only for all she has achieved in class but also for all the support she has shown outside the classroom.

ATTENDANCE (W.B 02.12.19) (REMEMBER ABSENCE LINE: 675 4525)

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
OTTERS	94.0	3 BROWN	96.21
DEER	95.71	3 TWILLEY	95.67
R HENRY	96.84	4 PROTTEY	97.04
R FRANKLIN	97.74	4 KELLY	98.52
1 DAVIS	94.29	5 HAYWARD	96.21
1 SOUTHERN/GREY	95.56	5 THOMAS	89.64
2 BACON	95.0	6 GIBBONS	96.9
2 MONEY	97.33	6 HEALY/ROSE	98.0
Whole School		96.04%	

Well done to RF and 4K, who were worthy winners of the "Panda" for last week. This year we hope to get closer to 97% and I am sure we can reach that target, despite our recent slump.

CLUBS AT HOLLYWOOD

TAE KWONDO

Tae Kwondo at Hollywood runs on Tuesdays with Hollywood Tigers and Knowle TKD. They are looking for new starters in January from Y1-6. Want to join contact? Please contact Alan on 07779 365 587 or email alanslater@knowletkd.co.uk.

STARDUST DANCE

Stardust Dance are looking for new participants to join their Friday group after school. Please contact Carla on 07957 283 608 or email info@stardustdance.net for more details.

HSBC BANK

Ms Howes from HSBC Bank will be visiting school on the following days to open bank accounts (for children year 3 upwards) and take money to pay into their existing accounts: 13th January 2020, 27th January 2020, 10th February 2020, 2nd March 2020, 16th March 2020 and 30th March 2020.

CHRISTMAS AT IMMANUEL CHURCH

Following on from last week's carol service, there are still more Christmas activities at Immanuel. On Saturday 14th December there is free Christmas Messy Church from 2pm-4pm. Craft, stories and tea for all the family. Children must bring an adult!

On Thursday 19th December from 3pm, why not join them as they light up their star! On Sunday 22nd December at 10am there is a family nativity service. On Christmas Eve at 4pm, there is a Christingle service for families.

On 24th December at 11.30pm, there is a Midnight Communion with a service led by the Archdeacon of Birmingham, Jenny Tomlinson. Then on Christmas Day there is morning prayer at 10am.



SEVERE WEATHER REMINDER

In the event of severe overnight winter weather, leading to general closure of schools, announcements will be made on local radio from 7.00am onwards. Where extreme weather is localised and affects a small number of schools, the names of the closed schools will be broadcast. It is vital that parents tune into local radio stations for updates. We will also text parents as soon as we can.

RADIO WM (95.6FM) FREE RADIO (96.4FM) HEART FM (100.7FM)

No announcements mean school is open; therefore, there is no need to phone school.

READING – BOOK OF THE WEEK by Mrs Pritchard

Where the Wild Things Are is my book of the week. This award-winning picture book is a favourite of children and teachers around the world and has even been read to children by President Obama at the White House! The book was written in 1963 and at first was not well liked as psychologists thought it would encourage children to misbehave. The book is based on author and illustrator Maurice Sendak's early life. Originally, the book was going to be called Where The Wild Horses Are, but Maurice soon discovered that he couldn't draw horses!



Can you and your child answer these questions about the book?

- What animal did Max dress up as in the beginning of the story?
- What did Max's mother call him when he was running around the house?
- What was Max sent to bed without? • During the night, what grew in Max's room?
- Do you think a forest really grew in Max's room?
- If not, what do you think really happened?
- How did Max tame the wild things? • Why did Max want to go home?
- Where are the wild things? • Do you think the wild things are real?
- Did Max dream them? Imagine them?

FRIENDS OF HOLLYWOOD

Friends of Hollywood are a group of parents who hold fundraising events to raise money for the children who attend Hollywood Primary School. Throughout the year we have organised a Summer Fair, car washes, cake sales, Bonus Ball Lottery, Valentine Discos and year 6 leavers trip and prom. We have recently organised a Christmas Fair with a Santa Grotto and gift stalls. All of this takes time and commitment and can only work if there are a sufficient number of parent/carer volunteers. Unfortunately the current level of support is not sufficient to make the group viable.

Therefore unless new volunteers come forward quickly, Friends of Hollywood will look to close in the new year. This means the children will no longer have events such as discos, fairs, gifts from Santa nor will the school benefit from additional financial support for items such as new tablets, library books and play equipment.

Friends of Hollywood are holding their AGM on Wednesday 18th December at 6.30pm. If you want to meet the team and help save our Friends of Hollywood please come along and join us.

Mrs Anderson.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Wednesday 18th December - Children's Christmas parties
- Thursday 19th December - Carol Service in church for KS2 pupils 10am & 2pm
- Thursday 19th December - Reports go out to Parents
- Friday 20th December - Break up for Christmas break at 1.30pm**
- Monday 6th January 2020 - **Teacher Training Day 3 – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS**
- Tuesday 7th January 2020 - Children return to school

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The happiest people are the givers, not the takers.

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