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MISSION STATEMENT

Believe and Achieve

We are committed to the protection and safety of our pupils and safeguarding is a priority

NEWSLETTER - Spring Term 2016 - Issue 11 - Friday 5th February 2016

Dear Parents,

ATTENDANCE WINNERS

WB 18th January - Year 4

WB 25th January - Year 2

Well done to all the children in each class, they have received the trophy and attendance teddy, with a lollipop for each child.

We are still having too many children and families that are late every day. Please make sure they are here on time, as lessons start promptly after registration at 8.55am. If punctuality is an issue, breakfast club may be a suitable alternative from 8.15am. Doors close promptly at 8.30am, with activities and breakfast provided - 50p per day for cereal, juice and toast. The office also need to ensure children who are going to be late have a school dinner ordered. As we have the meals cooked and delivered to the school we need to know before 9.15am if a hot meal is needed. Also can you try and make sure children bring P.E. kits, swimming kits and packed lunches with them as the office staff are finding it increasingly disruptive when they are dropped off during the morning.

PARENTS EVENING

Next Tuesday and Thursday is parent's evening, from 3.10pm until 6pm. If you haven't made an appointment yet, you will receive one via the class teacher on Monday. This will be an opportunity to see how your child is progressing and what targets are still needed to continue their progress.

NOTIFYING THE SCHOOL OF ABSENCES

We have a small number of parents who are not letting the school know if their child is ill. If your child is absent for whatever reason, you should call the office before 9am. You will be able to leave a message on the absence line, by pressing 1, or speak to one of the office staff. This will then be noted in the office, and be authorised. It is also important that if we haven't

heard why a child is off, that on their return to school we know a reason why, as this will be deemed as unauthorised.

FACEBOOK

As a school, we take the safeguarding of children very seriously. Being a primary school, means that we only have children that attend who are aged between 2 and 11 years old. Bearing this in mind, can I remind parents that no child in our school should have a Facebook account. Facebook is only for users aged over 13; however it is very easy for young people (or indeed adults) to enter an incorrect date of birth or false information to open an account. All children are taught about the dangers of social media and part of the internet safety day next week, will focus on how children can remain safe online. I would ask and advise that all parents speak with their children about Safe Internet Use and to be aware if their child is using Facebook under age.

What happens if my Child has set up an account and they are under 13?

Facebook requires its users to be at least 13 years old before they can create an account. Providing false information to create an account is a violation of the Statement of Rights and Responsibilities. If you are aware of your underage child having an account on Facebook, you can show them how to delete their account by having them log into their profile and following this link:

https://ssl.facebook.com/help/contact.php?show_for_m=delete_account

If you have concerns about the school I would ask that you address any legitimate worries via the appropriate and established channels, firstly communicating with the class teacher, then senior leaders in school and finally, where necessary, following the complaints procedure. Posting concerns on Facebook is not suitable and could be a safeguarding issue if related to individual children within the school, especially if posted by an adult. It



may well be appropriate for the Chair of Governors to consider any matters arising in the same way as if the comments were made in a face-to-face context.

MRS SANDERS - CHARITY APPEAL

Mrs Sanders is still fundraising for 'The Princess Trust' by having her hair cut on Saturday 27th February 2016 and donating the cut hair to charity. You can donate through her 'Justgiving' page, please speak to Mrs Sanders for more information. We wish her all the best in this fundraising venture.

WALK TO SCHOOL - FRIDAY 12TH FEBRUARY, 8.30AM

After the success of the Autumn Term walk to school day, Reception to Y6 will be able to go on a Walk to School morning again, on **Friday 12th February 2016** at 8.30am. We will meet at the top of Abbey Square where parents/carers and children will be able to walk together. We look forward to your support. Older children can walk alongside parents and staff.

WALSALL YEAR OF READING

Yesterday your children may have come out of school with a scar on their forehead. This was due to our library helpers and reading champions celebrating Harry Potter Day. The Walsall Year of Reading was launched last week with 3 children representing the school at Bloxwich Library. Watch this space for more details of events and competitions as they will follow soon.

SNOW PROCEDURE

If the school is closed because of treacherous weather such as snowfall or icy conditions then parents will receive a text message by 8am, local radio stations (Free Radio, Heart and Radio WM) will be informed and the school website will be updated. Notices will also be posted on the school gate.

MARVELLOUS ME

If you haven't registered yet, you may be missing out. Teachers send messages and badges for positive work, behaviour and attitudes in school. They also notify you if your child is WOW. If you have a smartphone or tablet, please download the free app. Any parents who haven't yet registered will receive an updated letter with the information on how to do so. If you can't access Marvellous Me, please let the office and the class teacher know so that they can notify you in an alternative way.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 9th February - Internet Safety Day all day in school led by Mr Guy.

Y3 class assembly - Chinese New Year themed

Tuesday 9th February and Thursday 11th February 2016 - Parents evening

Friday 12th February - 8.30pm Walk to School Day, meet at the top of Abbey Square with parent/carer to walk to school & Break up for half term

Monday 22nd February - **TEACHER TRAINING DAY NO PUPILS IN SCHOOL**

Thursday 3rd March - **World Book Day**, details to follow after half term

Friday 18th March - **Sports Relief** (details of fundraising activities to follow)

Tuesday 22nd March - 2.30pm Easter Service at school, led by Year 3

Thursday 24th March -9am WOW assembly & Break up for Easter Holidays (at normal time)

