

# Attendance

Whole school attendance  
(26-11-18 to 30-11-2018)

Year	%
1	98%
2	95%
3	98%
4	96%
5	99%
6	97%

Year	%
Nursery	93%
Reception	89%

Whole school attendance  
4<sup>th</sup> Sept to 30<sup>th</sup> Nov

Year	%
1	96%
2	98%
3	97%
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Year	%
Nursery	89%
Reception	93%

## What's your attendance grade?

- A = 100% Excellent
- B = 98% Very good
- C = 95% Good
- D = 92% Satisfactory
- E = 90% Below Average
- F = 85% Poor
- E = 80% Unacceptable



## Congratulations to Years 3,4,6 with 99% Attendance

Attendance from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> for Key Stage 1 and 2 is 96%  
School Attendance from 4<sup>th</sup> Sept to 30<sup>th</sup> Nov for Key Stage 1 and 2 is 96%  
Please ensure your child attends school unless they are too unwell to do so.

All children should be in school by 8.45am at the latest.



Alive in Jesus

## THE MESSENGER

### CATHOLIC LIFE



The first Sunday of Advent is this coming Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December. Advent is a period of preparation for the coming of our saviour Jesus Christ. In fact, the word Advent means 'Coming' in Latin. Christians use the four Sundays and weeks of Advent to prepare and remember the real meaning of Christmas.

Thank you to Year 2 who led us in a beautiful mass at the Church yesterday. As always the children read beautifully and were prayerful and reverent throughout the service.

*A word from Pope Francis "Children are a wonderful gift from God"*

30<sup>th</sup> November 2018

### PARENTPAY

Please remember to check ParentPay on a regular basis to see if there is anything you need to pay - thank you.

### CHRISTMAS CARDS

Children may begin to bring in Christmas cards to post in their classrooms from MONDAY 10th DECEMBER. Children are asked to write the name of the child they wish to send the card to and their class on the envelope. Thank you.

### END OF TERM

School will close for the Christmas term on Friday 21st December at 1.30pm. We are sure you are all looking forward to the Christmas holidays with your children.

ALLERGIES/MEDICAL NEEDS – Please remember to inform us of any allergies/medical needs that your child has. This will help us to ensure that they are always given the appropriate and necessary care and attention.

*Learning is the lifelong process of transforming information and experience into knowledge, skills, behaviour and attitudes.*

## FOSPS

The Friends of St Pauls have been working very hard to get everything ready for all of the exciting Christmas events that will be happening over the next few weeks. Please look at the key dates and check for flyers and texts about non-uniform days, Christmas parties, school discos, Father Christmas visits and more. Some events ask for donations, some ask for you to send money in with the children and others need to be paid via Parent Pay. Any queries please come in and speak to the office staff.

## Attendance and Punctuality

Thank you and well done to all the pupils who have been at school every day and on time this term! This has ensured you have been here for all the fantastic and exciting lessons your teachers have planned for you. It also means you have started the day feeling settled and ready to work. Well done also to the pupils and families who have improved their attendance since our half term break – keep it up!

We still have pupils who are missing lots of days of school for various reasons which is having a very negative impact on their learning and enjoyment of school. The minimum requirement for attendance is 96%. Worryingly, we have lots of children whose attendance has fallen below 90%. It is parents' legal responsibility to ensure your children are in school on time every day. We want to work alongside families to support you in improving your child's attendance and punctuality. However, we may have to start referring families for penalty notice charges if attendance does not improve.

If you have concerns around your child's health, please make an out of school time doctor's appointment or come in and speak to Mrs Williams (Vice Principal) if you have any other attendance issues or concerns or feel we can support you as a school.

## PUPIL PREMIUM

Are you eligible for Free School Meals? Even if your child is in KS1 and receives Universal Free School Meals or if you send in a packed lunch, you could still be eligible. This means school will receive extra funding which will be used for additional staff, resources, enrichment opportunities, small group tuition and much more. Please come and see us in school if you are unsure and we can help you check.

Congratulations to STACs on their recent good Ofsted report, you can access this by going onto their website.



Hope you all have a lovely weekend

Mrs N. Damms  
Principal

## Reception Phonic workshop

Last week, Reception had their phonics workshop. The parents heard about the phonics in Reception, observed their children in a lesson and then completed some phonics activities in the classroom. Everyone involved enjoyed the sessions. Thank you to all of the parents who attended.



Starting this week key stage 2 children will be using a new program called 'Times Tables Rockstars'. They will be using the program in school to take part in weekly revision and progress checks. The children will also have access to Times Tables Rockstars at home, where they will be able to take part in challenges and games. The children will earn 'coins' which they can 'spend' on updates for their avatar.

We hope this will help all of key stage 2 improve with their timetables, and that they enjoy rocking out!!

## VIRTUES

The following children were chosen for demonstrating the virtues of **Faith-filled** and **Hopeful**.

Y1	Corey	Y2	Lexie	Y3	Alex
Y4	Esther	Y5	Kayden	Y6	Emily

## BENCH OF HONOUR

These children were chosen by their class teachers:

Y1	Nicole & Evelyn	Y2	Alexia & Ramin	Y3	Paanya & Chelsey
Y4	Jordan & Leah	Y5	Elisa & Julia	Y6	Kneo & Jake

### Year 6 SATs workshop, Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December

As I am sure you are aware, in May your child will be required to sit the end of Key Stage 2 SATs assessment; being tested in reading, spelling, punctuation and grammar and maths. During our SATs workshop on Wednesday, we will discuss:

- The tests, timings and look at last year's SATs papers
- The expectations for each subject
- Terminology for the spelling, punctuation and grammar test
- Written methods for the maths test
- How you can help your child at home to prepare

Please feel free to ask any questions during the workshop. It would be great to see as many parents as possible.

Many thanks

Mrs Barton

**GIRLS FOOTBALL-** Last Thursday, girls from years 1, 2 and 3 went to The Factory to take part in a football festival to encourage participation in girl's football. They played matches against other schools and had a skills session with Jade Richards-the Aston Villa Women's captain! They all had lots of fun!

**WONDERDOME-** On Monday, Year 1 and 5 had a visit from the Wonderdome Planetarium as part of their space topic. They learned all about stars, planets, space and much more! The children enjoyed every minute of it. It was as if we were really in outer space!



**Road Safety**  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> of November was the start of National Road Safety Week. Paul DaSilva a road Safety Officer from Birmingham City Council lead some really informative and hands on workshops with each class. The children learnt lots of very important safety messages not only about how to cross the road, but how to stay safe when travelling in the car too. We hope all the children are reminding you about safe places to park, using the correct car seats and the best way to cross the roads.



### **Dates for Diary**

#### Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

5/6 Football Tournament (selected Children)  
2.30pm- 5.00pm

Year 5/ 6 Sport club- Cancelled

#### Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>

Year 2 Sports Club 3.10pm- 4.30pm

#### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>

Year 6 SATs Work Shop- 9.15am- 10.15am

Sacramental Reconciliation- Cancelled, new date will be arranged

Year 4 Sports Club 3.15pm- 4.30pm

#### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>

Year 5/6 Football Club 3.15pm- 4.30pm

Chess Club 3.15pm- 4.15pm

#### Friday 7<sup>th</sup>

Christmas fayre for children School hall/  
Santa visit 1.00pm

Alex Finn Phonic workshop 9.00am-2.00pm

Christmas Reflection Rehearsals KS2 3.15pm-  
4.30pm

### **Dates for Diary**

#### Monday 10<sup>th</sup>

Year 2 visit Francis Chapel 1.15- 2.30pm

Year 5/6 Sport Club 3.15pm- 4.30pm

#### Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>

Year 2 Sports club 3.10pm- 4.30pm

#### Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>

Year 1 Visit Francis Chapel 10.15- 11.30pm

Year 4 Sport club 3.15pm- 4.30pm

#### Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>

Year 5/6 Football Club 3.15pm- 4.30pm

KS2 Christmas Reflection Performance  
Parents welcome School hall -4pm  
(children that attended)

#### Friday 14<sup>th</sup>

KS1 Cinderella Panto in school

KS2 Pinocchio Old Rep- 9.00am- 12pm