

Attendance

The table below celebrates the attendance of the best class each week. The overall winner for October is Monkey class, who will be awarded a Golden Time session of their choice. They will have lots of fun!

Week beginning 3 rd October	Bumblebee AM, Dolphin, Monkey	100%
Week beginning 10 th October	Panther	98.7%

Jeans for Genes Day

A huge thank you to everyone for all your kind donations on Jeans for Genes day. The children's donations raised £271.40.

Parking Problems

As we near the end of 'Walk to school month' we need your help to make our local area safer for our children. Wherever possible please park and stride to reduce congestion on our already over-crowded main road. Some local residents and patients for New Invention Health Centre have also expressed concern and are justifiably upset that driveways are being blocked and parking spaces occupied by our children's families. We would ask all our community to be mindful when parking their vehicles please.

Our Playground

We are very grateful to you all for supporting our routines this half term since the creation of our new playground! We understand this has not been easy for every family, but are really proud of how the children and you all have helped us during this time of transition. Can we please remind everyone that our garden borders are just for plants, we would be extremely grateful if children would not step on or walk across the planting as some plants have already been broken and flattened by little feet.


Reception and Year 3 Admissions

You will shortly be receiving a leaflet from Walsall Council about the on-line admissions procedures for children joining Reception class or Year 3 for September 2017. For further information, advice or help please come into the school office where staff will be happy to help you.








Snack Money and School Fund

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to school fund and snack money so far this half term. This vital money allows us to buy extras which our normal school budget cannot support.

Diary Dates

WHOLE SCHOOL	Monday 31 st October	Training Day – School closed for pupils
WHOLE SCHOOL	In preparation for Diwali celebrations we would love each child to make and decorate a diva lamp at home – pop bottles are an easy way to do this and helps with recycling too! This will be a competition so please attach a 50p coin to your lantern and a winner will be chosen from each year group for a prize! Please bring in your decorated lanterns from home on Diwali Day Friday 4 th November.	
WHOLE SCHOOL	Friday 4 th November	Our school will be celebrating Diwali today. If your child would like to dress in traditional clothing today to help us celebrate, and learn more about each other's cultures and traditions, then we would love to see you in your special clothes. If your child does not have any traditional outfits they may dress in their brightest and most colourful clothes instead!



YEAR 2	Monday 7 th November	Educational Visit to The Think Tank in Birmingham.
YEAR 2	Monday 7 th November	Maths Goes Mental 2.45 – 3.30 Year Two parents are invited to find out about how to help your child gain the Maths skills necessary for quick and competent computation, using less visual and more abstract prompts. Join Mr Craig to find out more! 
WHOLE SCHOOL	Thursday 17 th November 	Children in Need – What can you spare for this bear? Each class will have a giant Pudsey Bear picture to fill with spare change; bring in whatever you can to support this worthy cause. Any class that fills their bear will receive a tasty teddy treat from Pudsey to say thank you!
YEAR 1	Monday 14 th November	Make Maths Matter 2.45 – 3.30 Year One parents are invited to find out about how Maths is taught and useful hints and tips to help your child. 
WHOLE SCHOOL	Monday 14 th – Thursday 17 th November 	We are hosting a Book Fair in the dining room. Parents may visit the book fair at the following times: Monday: 3.30 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. in the dining room for all pupils Tuesday: 3.30 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. in the dining room for all pupils Wednesday: 11.15 p.m. – 11.45 p.m. in the nursery for AM nursery pupils 3.15 p.m. – 3.45 p.m. in the nursery for nursery PM pupils Thursday: 3.30 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. in the dining room for all pupils
WHOLE SCHOOL	Friday 18 th November	All children in main school will be learning about music through a live orchestral performance by 'Key Strings'. It will be great fun; do ask your child what they learned! 
RECEPTION	Monday 21 st November 	Marching on with Maths 2.45-3.30 All Reception parents are invited to join us to find out about how to help their child develop their emerging maths skills in order to become prepared for the mathematical challenges ahead! Please join Mr Craig for this important meeting in the dining room. Sign to indicate attendance on the posters outside classroom doors so that we can cater appropriately.
NURSERY	Tuesday 22 nd November 	Nursery Learn2gether - 'Make Maths Magic' Sessions will be held at 9.30 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. in the dining room. This workshop will explain key vocabulary your child needs and include activities and fun games that will support their learning. Come and have lots of fun finding out how Maths in our everyday world can be a stepping stone to understanding Maths concepts! Please sign up outside nursery nearer the time if you can join us so that we can cater appropriately!
YEARS 1 & 2	Thursday 24 th November	Anti-flu nasal spray vaccine will be administered today to all children who have consented to join the scheme.

Save the date

Monday 5th December – Carol Concert at Holy Trinity Church 10 a.m. Year 2 Parents

Tuesday 6th December – Puzzle Partners (PTA) 'A Christmas Cracker' Evening Fair 5-7 p.m.

Wednesday 7th December – Reception Christmas play

Friday 9th December – Carol Concert at Holy Trinity Church 10 a.m. Year 1 Parents

Friday 16th December – Last day of term Christmas Jumper Day 50p donation to Save the Children

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO READ THIS LETTER!