



w/c Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

This is the final newsletter of the 2021 year!

This week, our Early Years and Key Stage One pupils did a fantastic job in their Nativity performances. It was great to see every child take part and deliver their role within the performance. I wanted to thank all parents and carers who were able to attend and for your support with wearing masks and taking a lateral flow test before the performances.

Yesterday, pupils watched a pantomime performance and had their Christmas parties. During their Christmas party, there was also a special visit from Santa who gave every child a present.

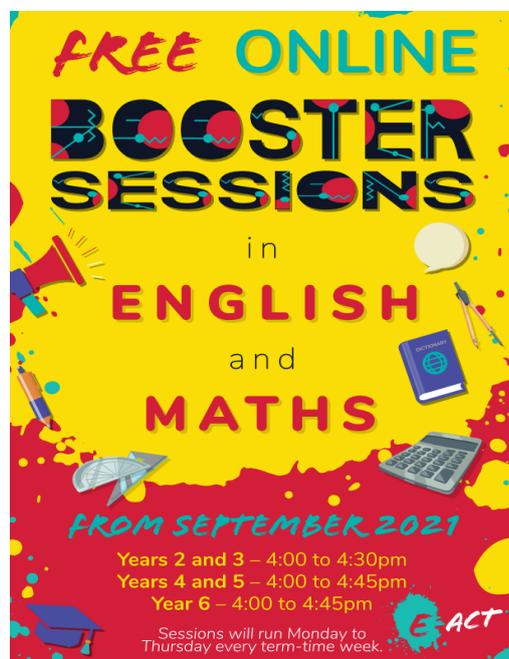
Today 70 pupils with 100% attendance for the Autumn Term visited the cinema to watch the film Encanto. It was great to see everyone being rewarded for their excellent attendance! After the Christmas holidays we will re-start with every child who has 100% attendance from January- April attending the cinema before the Easter break.

COVID-19 seems to be prominent once again within our community. **With this in mind, please can I ask all parents/carers to ensure that any pupils who have attended school today or yesterday who begin to display a symptom of COVID-19 go for a PCR test. If the test result is positive, please could we ask that you contact school by emailing: [nec.covid@e-act.org.uk](mailto:nec.covid@e-act.org.uk)**

We know that some of our families might struggle during the Christmas holiday, we have a variety of services on page 2 who are able to support.

I would like to wish all our families a happy and safe Christmas holiday and a Happy New Year!

Mr D Camps  
Headteacher



## After School Clubs

Thank you to parents who have returned the After School club reply slips. There are still places available. If your child would like to join a club, please return the signed slip to school.

## School Places 2022-2023

For pupils who are due to start Nursery or Reception in September 2022 the applications can be submitted online now and the deadline is **15<sup>th</sup> January 2022.**

## Key dates for your diary (subject to change)



<b>18<sup>th</sup> December- 3<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	<b>Christmas Holidays</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Staff Training Day- School closed to ALL pupils</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>School reopens for all pupils</b>
11 <sup>th</sup> January	EYFS open day for new Nursery/Reception parents September 2022 9:30am, 2:00pm, 3:30pm
<b>21<sup>st</sup>- 25<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>28<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Staff Training Day- School closed to ALL pupils</b>



## Safeguarding

*Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility*

Support services for the Christmas Holidays:

Please see support services who are operating throughout the Christmas holidays should you need them:



### CONTACT US

Please use the form below to get in touch and we'll get back to you as soon as we can.

#### Call our local helpline

Please call 0121 250 0765 to speak to Birmingham Settlement Advice Services who will be able to issue you with a food bank voucher if necessary.

or alternatively...

#### Call our free national helpline

If you are in financial crisis and live in England or Wales, please call our free national helpline, Help through Hardship, on **0808 2082138** for free (open Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm, closed on public holidays) to talk confidentially with a trained Citizens Advice adviser. They can help address your crises and provide support to maximise your income, help you navigate the benefits system, and identify any additional grants you could be entitled to. If needed, they'll issue you with a voucher so you can get an emergency food parcel from your local food bank.

#### Translators and Relay UK

Please ask the adviser if you need a translator, this will be provided via Language Line. If you can't hear or speak on the phone you can use Relay UK. [Find out how to use Relay UK](#) →

<b>Self-care</b>	Hangover Grazed knee Sore throat Cough	Keep a well-stocked medicine cabinet. See NHS Choices "Your Medicine Cabinet" for advice.
<b>Pharmacist</b>	Diarrhoea Minor infections Headache Bites and stings	Your local pharmacist can help with lots of everyday ailments and offers good advice.
<b>GP Surgery</b>	Feverish children Vomiting Ear pain Feeling ill	Your GP can offer urgent appointments each day. If you need to contact a GP out of hours call 111.
<b>NHS 111</b>	Unwell, unsure, confused? Need help fast?	
<b>GP Services Out of Hours</b>	Urgently need a GP during the evening or at the weekend.	
<b>Accident and Emergency (A&amp;E) or 999</b>	Choking Chest pain Suspected stroke Blacking out Bleeding you can't stop Struggling to breathe	Visit A&E at Frimley Park Hospital or call 999 for an ambulance.

# Pause.

ForwardThinking  
Birmingham

The Children's Society

Need someone to talk to?  
Struggling to cope with feelings?  
We're here for you.

We are operating a telephone-based service while Pause in Digbeth is closed. Drop us an email on [askbeam@childrenssociety.org.uk](mailto:askbeam@childrenssociety.org.uk) in the first instance.

Or call [0207 841 4470](tel:02078414470) and we will arrange for one of our friendly staff to call you back but email is much quicker.

#### Who can use us?

You can use us if you have a Birmingham GP and are:

- Under 25 years old (If you are under 14 you will need to have a parent / caregiver with you when we call to give consent).
- Or if you are a parent / caregiver looking for support for their child who is under 25 years old.

#### How can we help?

We can offer:

- Self-help strategies, skills for managing difficult situations and feelings.
- A non-judgemental listening ear.
- Details for other organisations that might also be able to help you.
- Each call lasts around 20-30 minutes which focuses on ways forward.

#### Our Opening Hours:

Email or Call Us - 10am - 6pm, 7 days a week



We'd love to hear from you



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Dear Parent or Carer,

## Get involved in SEND Co-production and 'Have your Say' workshop opportunities

As you may know work is well underway to improve the way SEND support services are planned and provided for children, young people and families in Birmingham. It is a priority to us that we involve as many SEND parents and carers on this journey, so that we deliver the right support for families who use the SEND services in order to produce the very best outcomes for children and young people.

**'Have your Say' on SEND**

You are invited to Parent and Carer Engagement Events focusing on co-production and how your voice can influence the SEND offering in Birmingham. There is a choice of online or in person, with more events planned for January.

[www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk](http://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk)

<b>Carrs Lane Conference Centre</b> 15th December 2021 10am - 1pm	<b>Online event</b> 15th December 2021 6pm - 8pm
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BIRMINGHAM CHILDREN'S TRUST NHS

Over the coming weeks and months we will be holding **7** parent/carers engagement events which follow on from the earlier conversation started with some parent and carers who were able to join us at the Carrs Lane venue in September. This time we want to extend the invitation to a greater audience of parent carers at different locations around the city and hold workshops.

We'd like to share thoughts and ideas on co-production and to hear your views and experiences too. We would also like to hear your thoughts on the Local Offer website and how we can improve that resource, so please come with your opinions on the site. [www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk](http://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk)

The first of these events will be on **15<sup>th</sup> December 10am - 1pm at Carrs Lane** (central Birmingham) again, and will run as a workshop style event looking at co-production and the Local Offer website. We will be offering refreshments at this event including a light lunch and a raffle for one of 20 wellbeing packs worth £20 each.

For those parent and carers unable to come along to Carrs Lane in the daytime, we plan to hold an **online event** covering the same topics on the same day (15<sup>th</sup> December), during the evening – however this will be a 2 hour event (not 3).

There will be other opportunities to get involved in workshops planned for January 2022 onward; these will be held in the North, South, East and West of the city as well as once again in central Birmingham. More details about the January events to come.

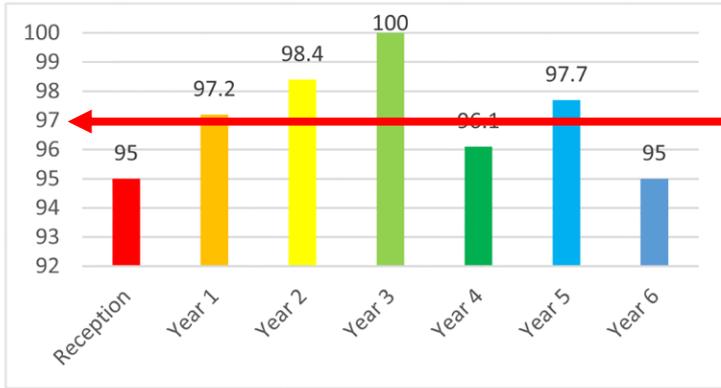
- If you would like to attend the event at Carrs Lane on the 15<sup>th</sup> December please **register [here](#)**.
- If you would like to join the online event on 15<sup>th</sup> December, please **register [here](#)** for the link to the meeting at 6pm on the 15<sup>th</sup>. *Please note that this will be the only virtual event of our series.*

We respectfully state that these sessions will only look at SEND resources, systems and engagement and we will not be able to discuss individual concerns. We would also respectfully ask that participants adhere to modelling positive behaviour. **Please be prepared to wear a mask inside the building, take a Lateral Flow test on the day of the event (please do not attend if you have any symptoms or your test is positive) and use hand sanitiser before entering the building.**

**Please note that if the government guidelines on gatherings change before this event, we will hold the event online in order that we meet in the safest way possible.**

# Attendance and Punctuality

Well done to **Year 3** who had 100% attendance! The best attendance in school this week.



Overall attendance this week was **97.05%**

Our school target is 97%.

It is really important that your child attends school unless they are genuinely ill so that they can receive the education they are entitled to.

## Punctuality

**'If a child is 10 minutes late once a week- they will miss a whole day's learning over the academic year'**

**Children need to be in school before 8:50am!** Below is an overview of late marks for each class:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
1	0	2	0	4	0	1

**Well done to Year 1, 3 and Year 5 for achieving no late marks!**

## House Points

These are the current House Point Totals collected by each House Team this week:

Cadbury	Simmonds	Yousafzai	Zephaniah
307	461	440	380

Well done to **Simmonds!**



**Get your flu jab.**

Looking forward to all those things you missed out on last winter? Don't let the flu ruin your plans this year. Get your flu jab and protect yourself and your loved ones.

Take up the offer when invited for your flu jab - get protected.

**NHS**

[www.birminghamandsolihullnhs.uk/your-health/flu](http://www.birminghamandsolihullnhs.uk/your-health/flu)

