



w/c Monday 6th December 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come towards the final week of this term, there is lots to celebrate! This week children have been taking part in assessments as they come towards the end of their units of work. I'm extremely proud to see the progress our pupils are making and it is clear that pupils are knowing more and remembering more from our school curriculum.

Where pupils have struggled or need additional support, plans are in place for the Spring Term to help these pupils. As always if you have any concerns about your child's progress or learning, please discuss these with your child's class teacher in the first instance.

This week, we were lucky to have had two visits from our local police. The first was a workshop for our Year 5 and 6 pupils on Knife Crime. Secondly, our Reception and Year 1 pupils had the opportunity to meet our local police and learn how they keep us safe.

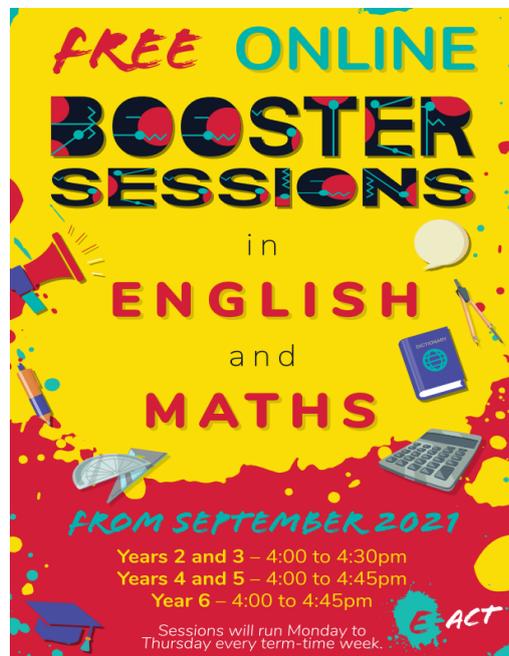
Next week, we will be sending home knowledge organisers to support pupils with their new learning during the spring term. Please do support your child over the Christmas holidays with learning this key knowledge.

Next week we have a range of exciting things planned for pupils. On Monday we will be holding our celebration assembly for pupils' achievements during the term. On Tuesday our EYFS and KS1 children will perform the Christmas Nativity to all pupils, on Thursday children will be watching a pantomime that has been specially recorded for us. Finally on Friday we will be taking all our children with 100% attendance on our attendance cinema trip.

Finally, I wanted to thank all the parents/carers who attended this week's craft workshops.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr D Camps
Headteacher



After School Clubs

This week is the last week of school clubs and booster sessions. **There will be no clubs next week.** A new club list will be sent to parents next week containing the new clubs for the Spring 2022 offer.

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 **15th January 2022.**

Key dates for your diary (subject to change)



15 th December	Nativity Performance (R, Y1, Y2)- further information to follow
17 th December	Cinema Trip for pupils with 100% attendance- letters have been sent to eligible pupils
17th December	School closes at 3:15pm for all pupils for the Christmas Holiday
18th December- 3rd January	Christmas Holidays
4th January	Staff Training Day- School closed to ALL pupils
5 th January	School reopens for ALL pupils
21st- 25th February	Half Term
28th February	Staff Training Day- School closed to ALL pupils



Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility



What the law says about gangs, knife crime and carrying a weapon

The law focuses on criminal behaviour. If an offender is part of a group or a gang, this may lead to a longer sentence.

- If your child's presence or actions lead to a crime they could be charged with the same offence as the main offender. For example, if they provided support or encouragement to a fellow gang member who committed a robbery or injured someone, they too could be charged with the offence. This is called joint enterprise.
- It is illegal to carry a knife in a public place, even if it belongs to someone else.
- It is also illegal to carry a folding pocketknife if the edge of the blade exceeds 3 inches.
- It is illegal to carry a pocketknife if the blade can be locked.
- It is illegal to carry any knife, including folding knives, if there is intent to use it as a weapon, even if it belongs to someone else.
- The maximum sentence for possessing a knife in a public place without a good excuse has been increased from two to four years for 16-17 year olds and adults.
- It is illegal to keep any prohibited firearm, or to carry any firearm – including an imitation firearm – in public, even if you are carrying it for someone else.
- The maximum sentence for unlawful possession of a prohibited firearm is 10 years. The minimum sentence is three years for 16-17 year olds and five years for adults.
- Police can and will search someone if they believe they are carrying a gun, knife or other weapon.
- Police and school staff can also search young people for weapons at school.

You should call 101 to report crime and other concerns that do not require an emergency response. Call 999 in an emergency.

Bags of Hope

We are launching a community project that we would like to ask for your support with.

We are launching our 'bags of hope'. We want to fill a backpack with a range of resources inside which will provide comfort and reassurance to someone who is new to country or fleeing domestic abuse or violence.

We want to have these bags within our community hub so that they're ready to give to a community member at the exact time they require it. There is a small list of items with some ideas of what we would like to put in each bag below.

If you are able to contribute could we ask for all donations to come into school by Thursday 16th December. Thank you for your support.

Required Donations:

- Toys/Games
- Books/comics
- New socks/underwear
- Gloves/hat/scarf
- Cosmetics: toothbrush/paste, shampoo/conditioner, soap, shower gel, bath foam etc.
- Sweets/chocolate
- New bedding
- Cuddly toys
- Stationary: pens, pencils, sketch book

APPEAL



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

Carrs Lane Conference Centre 15th December 2021 10am - 1pm	Online event 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

The first of these events will be on **15th 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 (15th 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.

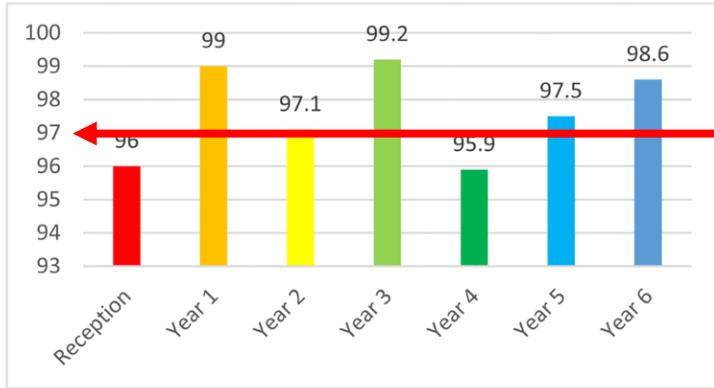
- If you would like to attend the event at Carrs Lane on the 15th December please **register [here](#)**.
- If you would like to join the online event on 15th December, please **register [here](#)** for the link to the meeting at 6pm on the 15th. *Please note that this will be the only virtual event 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 99.2% attendance! The best attendance in school this week.



Overall attendance this week was **97.6%**.

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
2	9	2	2	9	2	1

Well done to Year 6 for achieving the least late marks!

House Points

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

Cadbury	Simmonds	Yousafzai	Zephaniah
332	450	604	393

Well done to **Yousafzai!**

Plan B measures for England

New restrictions being introduced to deal with Omicron



From Friday 10 Dec

Face masks compulsory in most public venues, including theatres and cinemas



From Monday 13 Dec

Guidance to work from home reintroduced



From next week

NHS Covid pass mandatory for entry into nightclubs and venues



Self-isolation to be replaced by daily testing for contacts of Covid-positive people

CORONAVIRUS

PROTECT YOURSELF & OTHERS

Source: UK government

BBC