



Paganel Newsletter

Issue 4

Friday 19 October 2018

What a busy fortnight we have had at school. The weather has certainly become autumnal and we have had a few wet playtimes. We really enjoyed Father Graeme leading our harvest assembly. Thank you for your kind donations, these have now been taken to the Food Bank in Selly Oak. Over the last two weeks I have been into all classrooms to see how well the children are learning. As ever the children make me feel extremely proud as they persevere with their new learning.

At the end of this half term we say farewell to Mrs Crilley, our senior secretary in the office. I am sure you will join with me in wishing her lots of luck in her new role as Finance/Office Manager at a local secondary school. We will really miss her.

Mrs Gingell

Keeping Safe Online:

Over the last few days we have reports of our children not being nice to each other online. A number of children have come into school distressed due to things that have been said online through the chat facility. Please ensure that if your child is using the console, laptop etc that you are monitoring what they are doing and comments that are being made online.

Aspirations

Aspirations are "something that you hope to achieve". We regularly discuss this with our children. What they are aspiring to do this year, next year, when they leave school? Do you know what your child's aspirations are? Find out, some of the children's ideas are amazing.

Attendance Matters:

A reminder that wet and cold weather does seem to have a big impact on traffic to and from school. Please try to allow extra time to get yourselves to school safely if the weather is inclement.

Attendance Figures					
REG	This fortnight	Year to date	REG	This fortnight	Year to date
RA	89.6%	90.8%	4A	94.8%	96.9%
RB	89.1%	92.7%	4B	96.0%	96.4%
1A	95.6%	95.4%	5A	98.8%	96.3%
1B	94.1%	93.1%	5B	96.5%	95.9%
2A	95.9%	96.8%	6A	98.8%	96.9%
2B	96.7%	95.6%	6B	95.3%	94.1%
3A	97.4%	95.5%	6C	93.6%	90.6%
3B	96.1%	93.4%	POD	81.1%	79.1%

Year 6 Secondary Applications:

Reminder that Year 7 applications need to be submitted online by 31st October. The website is:

www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school_admissions/1778/apply_for_secondary_school_year_7_place/2

If you have any questions about how to apply please speak to Mrs Gibbs in the office.

Payments:

A request from the office that any money sent into school is in a **named envelope, stating what the money is for**. We are often presented with blank envelopes containing money, with no details on and it is impossible to assign it to the correct child and purpose.

Money envelopes are available from the main office. If any parents require receipts for payments these can be obtained at the main office when money is brought in.

Parent Governor Vacancy:

Letters have been sent out this week regarding a vacancy on our Governing Body for a parent governor. If you are interested in applying please refer to the letter – or speak to Mrs Clapham in the office.

Parking:

If you drive to pick up or drop off your children, please park considerately outside school. Local residents need to access their driveways, so please do not block them. There may be occasions when you think you won't take very long so can quickly park obstructing a drive - this is not acceptable. Should there be an emergency vehicle that needs to gain access they may be unable to and this could prevent someone in need receiving the emergency care they require.

Reading Workshops:

Thank you to all parents who have attended the reading workshops this week, or intend to on Monday (Y5). It has been great to see so many of you in school. The children think it is great when their parents come to school.

Training Days:

The children finish next Thursday (25th October) for half term. They return to school on Tuesday 6th November. Staff are having two days of training; including behaviour management, teaching of phonics and first aid.

School Council:

The School Council have met for the first time to begin their work representing the pupil voice across the school! Their first important job was to elect the chair person, vice chair person and secretary/ treasurer for the council - our year 6 representatives have been elected into these posts and are all looking forward to leading the School Council this year. The School Council representatives have been asked to set up suggestion boxes in all of their classrooms to collect ideas, concerns and suggestions from their classmates - these will be discussed in meetings which will be held every three weeks.

The school council will begin this year by looking into developing different activities at lunchtimes, to make this time of day more interesting and enjoyable for all. They are also planning 'Choose Kindness' day (9th November 2018) to support Anti Bullying Week - more details about this will follow soon!

Dinner Money:

A huge thank you to those who are keeping on top of their payments for school meals, however there are a few who keep slipping into arrears. **Money for meals should be paid in advance**, this can be weekly, monthly or half termly. For your information the costs for school meals next half term are:

One day a week:	£15.75
Two days a week:	£31.50
Three days a week:	£47.25
Four days a week:	£63.00
Five days a week:	£78.75

Nasal Flu Vaccinations:

Flu vaccinations will be administered on Tuesday 23rd Oct to children in Reception to Year 5 who have opted in.

If you have not yet responded we do require a completed form—even if you do not wish your child to participate.

Key Dates

Tuesday 23 Oct: **Flu nasal vaccinations (Reception—Year 5)**

Thursday 25 Oct: **Last day of Autumn Term 1**

Friday 26 Oct—Mon 05 Nov: **School closed (half term & teacher training days)**

Tuesday 06 Nov: **School reopens for all children Autumn Term 2**

Friday 09 Nov: **Choose Kindness Day (children to wear blue clothes, more info to follow)**

Tuesday 13 Nov & Wednesday 14 Nov: **Parents evening**

Thursday 15 Nov: **Year 6 trip to Cadbury World**

Friday 16 Nov: **Children in Need (more info to follow)**

Friday 21 December: **Last day of Autumn Term**

Monday 07 January: **School reopens for Spring Term (normal time of 8.40am)**