



It has been an exciting and positive start to the term and we have really enjoyed seeing the children settle back in to school routines. They have shown great resilience in the way they have approached the new academic year and I have been extremely proud of each and every one of them. We have welcomed lots of professionals from the Local Authority through our doors during September and every one of them have commented on how well behaved, how calm and how delightful our children are. I could not agree more! – Mrs Gilbert.

### REMINDERS...

Reminder!

- **FLU VACCINATIONS** will be taking place after half term. If you have not yet done so, please follow this link to register and consent to your child receiving this:  
<https://midlands.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2023/sandwell>
- There has been an increase in the amount of cars causing hazards around the school by parking or driving dangerously. **Please park and drive considerately.**
- Please remember to ring the office if your child is unwell to give a reason for absence. This should be done every day that your child is unwell.

**SKIP2BFIT** - make every second count

We are a proud Skip2BFit School!! Every child and adult now has access to a skipping rope every day and has a challenge of skipping for a minimum of 2 minutes... What will their score be? Can they better their score each time? We have seen some amazing effort and heard a lot of giggles (and deep breaths)!

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR FEEDBACK...

Thank you to everyone who responded to the feedback request that we sent out regarding homework. 82.3% of all parents who responded felt that what we currently offer for homework meets both the children and their needs as parents. We will be taking on board some suggestions but in the meantime, please continue to expect half termly learning challenges and an expectation for children to read at least 3x per week and complete at least 3 minutes every day on TTRS or Numbots.

**We will be sending this newsletter out electronically as well and we will be looking for feedback as to which format you prefer... watch this space!**

### ATTENDANCE

New rewards are due to be put in place this half term. Please ensure your child attends school regularly in order to be in with a chance of you and/or your child winning these rewards.

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October, Mrs Gilbert and Mrs Paddock would like to welcome as many families as possible to a presentation about attendance (9:15am and 3:40pm). In this presentation, they will share with you some information around Leave of Absence requests, Legal duties and consequences and how/where to seek support should you need it. It would be lovely to see as many of you there as possible!

**WELL DONE to class IM** who have achieved 98% attendance so far this year - the best class attendance in the whole school!

Congratulations to Year 4 who have the best year group attendance so far this term. All other year groups are hot on their heels...

Nursery - 92%

Reception - 92%

Year 1 - 94%

Year 2 - 95%

Year 3 - 94%

Year 4 - 96%

Year 5 - 95%

Year 6 - 95%

Don't forget, all 100% attenders will take part in this term's WOW reward in December... we can't wait to see how many children will



### Safeguarding...

This half term we have welcomed Miss Shipley as our new Safeguarding and Attendance Officer. Miss Shipley will be taking over from Mrs Paddock when she leaves at the end of the half term.

Please do come and meet Miss Shipley on the yard in the morning and at the end of the school day... I know she is keen to get to know all of our children and families well and can't wait to start supporting you all.



### HELP NEEDED...

Unfortunately, it has come to our attention that members of the general public are mistaking our school site for a dustbin! Upon returning to school following the 6 weeks holidays, we collected over 100 glass bottles, over 100 empty Vapes and lots of other rubbish from our forest area at the top of our field. This part of our school backs onto the main street, so we need your help to identify the culprits! Please, if you see, or know of, anyone who makes a habit of throwing their unwanted litter through the school fence, please let us know.

### MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNORS...

We have had a really positive start back to school and were really happy to hear about all of the new initiatives going on behind the scenes at our first Full Governing Body Meeting this half term. We were pleased to learn that the school is moving forward with a new messaging and payment system (details to follow soon) and that the curriculum is continuing to develop to ensure our children are exposed to the National Curriculum and so much more!

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 17th October	Road Safety Awareness Day - school competition to be launched
Wednesday 18th October, 2:30pm	Parents invited to a PTA meeting - come along to find out more!
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October, 9:15am OR 3:40pm	Parents invited to an attendance meeting
Tuesday 24th October, 3:45-6:00pm	Parents Evening
Thursday 26th October	EYFS/KS1 Celebration Assembly (invites to follow)
Friday 27th October	KS2 Celebration Assembly (invites to follow)
Friday 27th October	<b>BREAK UP – HALF TERM</b>
Monday 6th November	<b>All pupils return to school</b>
Monday 6th November	School nurses in - vaccinations
Tuesday 7th November	DIWALI Celebration Day - details to follow soon
Friday 22nd December	<b>BREAK UP – END OF TERM</b>
Monday 8th January	School <b>CLOSED</b> to pupils - INSET
Tuesday 9th January	<b>All pupils return to school</b>