

### A message from our Governors...

It has been an exciting start to the academic year at Hall Green Primary School.

There have been a number of visitors in school, including the Police, School Health and a bhangra dancing workshop!

A number of governors have been in school to see the children and staff, including Mr Westbury (Vice Chair), Mrs Baker (Parent Governor) and Mrs Kandola (LA Governor).

Mr Westbury and Revd Smailus (Co-opted Governor) came into school and made cups of tea during our recent Parents' Evening.

Mr Westbury is also involved in our new and updated PTA!

We look forward to the run up to Christmas over the next few weeks.

### Thank you!

To everyone who purchased Christmas cards - it raised £234.30 which will go towards gifts and resources for the children.

### Goodbye and Hello!

As you will know, Mrs Paddock left us at Half Term and we wish her well for the future. We have welcomed Miss Shipley as Mrs Paddock's replacement and she has already settled into life at Hall Green!

### Mrs MacDiarmid

Following the application, shortlisting and interview process, we are pleased to announce that Mrs MacDiarmid was appointed as the permanent Deputy Head Teacher at Hall Green. We wish her well in her new role.

### We need your help please with...

**Our one-way system** – although we have relaxed this, parents have commented that the front gate is now very busy. Please help alleviate this by exiting the site through the car park gates.

**Parking** – a number of parents are parking across the dropped kerb where families cross the road. Please park away from the island and dropped kerb and be considerate of others – it is a safety issue.

**Crossing** – we would like as many of you to support us in trying to get a crossing patrol person reinstated outside school. We hope to get a petition together and would appreciate as many of you signing this as possible!

### Do you need to speak to someone?

Should you have a concern about your child, or information you wish to pass on, please see your child's class teacher in the first instance. Whilst teachers are available at the end of the day, you may need to make an appointment to talk to them at length.

If you have a quick query or want to make an appointment, it is probably still easiest to come to the office or 'phone the school on 0121 588 2080, or email using the year group email addresses.

Should you need to speak to Mrs Gilbert (SEND) or Mrs Shipley (safeguarding & attendance) you can also speak to the office, who will arrange an appointment.

### Term Dates

**Important dates for this half term are on the back of this newsletter. Other dates to be confirmed may be added.**

### Attendance!

The year group with the highest attendance so far this year is **Nursery with 98.3%**.

Congratulations to **AM Nursery and IM** who have the best attendance with **98.5%**

Well done to classes **PM Nursery, FT Nursery, GG, 2W, 3G, 4H, 4G, 5C and 6JW** who all have **over 95%** attendance.

Our aim is to get ALL classes to at LEAST 95% attendance!

You will have noticed our banners that have been placed on the gates of our school.

Please have a look at how absence and lateness impacts on lost learning!

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

\*Information about our Christmas Inspire sessions will follow shortly

Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children In Need Non-uniform Day
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	EYFS Nativity performances
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS Christmas Craft Day
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Inspire/Performance for particular year groups*
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Inspire/Performance for particular year groups*
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Inspire/Performance for particular year groups*
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Inspire/Performance for particular year groups*
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Inspire/Performance for particular year groups*
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Extravaganza (Fayre)
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas Party Day
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Term ends
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> December to Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Christmas holidays
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Training Day
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	Pupils return to school.
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 2 Residential to Frank Chapman
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 2 pupils return
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term holiday
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Pupils return to school.

Further dates will be sent to you when they have been confirmed