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Dates for your diary

3R Class assembly—Tuesday 3rd October

5G Class assembly—Tuesday 10th October

Parents evening

Reception, Year 2, 4, 5 and 6 : Tuesday 17th October

Nursery, Year 1, 3 : Wednesday 18th October

Week beginning 16th October : Black History Week in school

Friday 20 October : Dressing up day

School closes on Friday 20th October for the half term break.

School re-opens on Monday 30th October.



School jumpers are still available at buy one and get one half price.

Sweatshirt = £8.50 or 2 for £12.75

Book bags = £4.50

PE bags = £4.00

Inspire Workshops for Autumn Term

These will be connected with maths this term and we do hope that as many parents as possible will attend. Please note that, for Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, these workshops will be held in maths groups, not in the children's usual classes. The dates of the workshops are as follows:

Year 4

9.00 on Thursday 12th October—maths classes 4B and 4E

2.00 on Thursday 12th October—maths class 4S

Year 3

9.00 on Thursday 9th November—maths classes 3R and 3BM

2.00 on Thursday 9th November—maths class 3P

Year 1

9.00 on Tuesday 21st November—class 1G

9.00 on Wednesday 22nd November—classes 1BM and 1W

Year 5

9.00 on Monday 27th November for all Year 5 classes

Year 6

9.00 on Monday 4th December for all year 6 classes

Reception

9.00 on Thursday 7th December—classes RL and RLa

Year 2

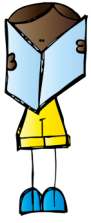
9.00 on Thursday 14th December—classes 2T and 2H

2.00 on Thursday 14th December—class 2G

Nursery

9.00 on Wednesday 17th January for parents of morning children

2.00 on Wednesday 17th January for parents of afternoon children



Read

Reading

Please continue to support us in encouraging your children to read for about **30 minutes every day**. If you are able to ask them questions on what they've read, so much the better!

Please also continue to encourage your children to complete their new reading diaries with comments on books they have read or new vocabulary they have learned from their reading. For children in Foundation, Years 1 and 2, when they have written 5 comments in their reading diaries, they will receive a merit prize in assembly; when they have made 10 comments in their reading diaries, they will receive a book as a prize. For children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6, we will expect them to make 10 comments in their reading diaries for a merit prize and 20 comments for a book prize.

Reading Lists of Recommended Books for each Year Group

Attached to this letter will be a list of recommended books for your child's age group. (The list for Foundation children will follow shortly.) Every time your child reads one of the books on their particular list and enters details of it into their reading diary, **they will win themselves 5 house tokens!**

Parents, if you would like to recommend one of your favourite children's books for a particular year group, please let Mrs Bakalou know and we can publish it in the Wednesday Letter so that all can have the opportunity to try that book out.

Happy reading, everyone!

Talk Homework

Last week, Talk Homework was all about the right of all children to a good education. This was connected with Article 28 of the UN Rights of the Child which states that children 'should be encouraged to go to school to the highest level they can'. Discuss what your children have been doing in the past week to ensure they really are going 'to the highest level they can'. You might like to talk about how much they feel they've participated in lessons, how well they've completed tasks set in lessons, how well they've done their homework (including their daily reading) etc.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Friends of Park Hill will be holding a coffee morning on Friday 6th October from 9am in the hub. There will be cakes and coffee on sale, all monies raised will be donated to Macmillan.

Attendance % and number of lates for 8th to 21st September

RL	Attendance 94.81%	Lates 2	RLa	Attendance 95.7%	Lates 6	1BM	Attendance 100%	Lates 4	1G	Attendance 96.21%	Lates 6
1W	Attendance 92.86%	Lates 3	2G	Attendance 94.81%	Lates 1	2H	Attendance 100%	Lates 2	2T	Attendance 99.64%	Lates 64
3BM	Attendance 99.21%	Lates 3	3P	Attendance 96.4%	Lates 5	3R	Attendance 96.6%	Lates 1	4B	Attendance 98%	Lates 7
4E	Attendance 97.53%	Lates 1	4S	Attendance 97.59%	Lates 2	5B	Attendance 100%	Lates 4	5G	Attendance 97.24%	Lates 4
5M	Attendance 96.91%	Lates 4	6B	Attendance 98.26%	Lates 4	6K	Attendance 100%	Lates 2	6R	Attendance 99.03%	Lates 3
6S	Attendance 100%	Lates 2									

Overall attendance for last week was 97.9% excluding Reception and 97.8% including Reception, both figures of which are above the national expectation. Well done to 6S, 6K, 2H and 1BM for their fantastic 100% attendance with special congratulations to 6S who now have a total of 10 consecutive days of 100% attendance. The total number of lates last week was 62 excluding Reception and 62 including Reception. Well done to our youngest children in RLa for not having any lates at all last week.

Attendance Spotlight Campaign and Penalty Fines for Unauthorised Leave in Term Time

In accordance with advice given to us by Edwina Langley, the Attendance Lead for Birmingham, would like to remind you that, **if your child's attendance drops below 92%, we cannot authorise any more absences unless we have medical proof or you come and discuss with us what is happening.** Obviously, if a child is seriously ill, we would not expect them to attend school but, as stated above, please keep us informed. We would also urge you to make medical appointments outside school times whenever you can and arrange that children are only out of school for the duration of the appointment.

Also in accordance with guidance issued to us by the local authority, if you now take your child out of school during term time for unauthorised leave, you may become liable for a penalty fine of £60 per parent, per child. Several of our families have, unfortunately, already had this fine levied on them by the Local Authority.

As always, we would like to thank the large majority of parents who ensure their children attend school every day and on time.

Special congratulations to the following children who have managed to make 20 comments in their reading diaries (10 comments for Foundation and KS1) These children are simply reading for 30 minutes every night and recording in their reading diary at the same time.

Year 6 Prizes: Haseeb, Evangeline, Noreen, Kamal, Zara, Mikail, Ahmed, Saliha, Erin, Zainab