



Dear Parents and Carers,

As always there have been some wonderful things going on in school this week. Reception were captivated by the large egg that appeared in their area, they then located some mysterious footprints – their detective work has been impressive. Year 4 and 6 are having a go at creating music with steel pans today – the sound around school was beautiful.

School Day

This is just a reminder that school officially begins at 8.55am. The school bell rings at 8.55am so your child should be in school at this point. Generally staff will open the doors before the bell to ensure that pupils are in school and the whistle is blown on KS2 at approximately 8.50am. Staff are expected to be taking registers quickly and starting lessons or assembly at 9.05am. If the doors to school are closed beyond 8.55am then you will need to take your child around to the school office. I am sure that you will appreciate that every minute counts and it is unmanageable for staff to be standing at doors waiting for latecomers.

Illness

We have had notification that there is an increase in the numbers of Scarlet Fever cases in the City. We have had a couple of cases in school as well as other common illnesses at this time of year. I thought this link may prove helpful

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/scarlet-fever/>

Year 2 Parents

We are hoping to see as many parents for the Y2 meeting next Monday. This meeting is incredibly important so if you are a parent who cannot make it then please try to send another adult. The information session will last no longer than 30 minutes.

Our PTA are meeting at 7pm this evening. We will be discussing the success of the Christmas Fair and looking at other events for rest of the year.

Yours sincerely

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WEEKLY FOCUS

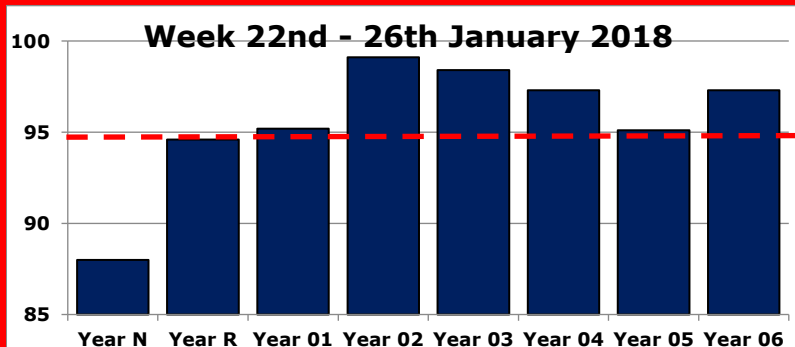
**Assembly Focus: Phase Assembly – Chinese New Year
Faith and Belief – Buddhism – Faith and Belief**

Musical Inspiration: Rodeo (Hoe-Down) – Aaron Copland

**Language Word of the week: To say hello in Japanese say
こんにちは Kon'nichiwa**

Talk Topic: Birds...what is a murmuration?

ATTENDANCE BY YEAR GROUP



SPORTS NEWS

It's another busy week of sport at St. Christopher Primary School. Our extra-curricular clubs are now in full flow and Mr Coyle is delighted with the support of Mr Connor (Football), Mrs West (Netball) and The University of Warwick Basketball students team who all volunteer their time to support our children. Many of our school staff also commit to a club on top of their normal duties: the children and Mr. Coyle hugely appreciate it. This week we are taking a Y5/6 boys Football team to Whoberley Hall for a friendly fixture. Some of the boys are representing the school for the very first time. On Saturday our girls XC runners will be competing against 50 other Coventry Primary Schools at the Coventry Primary Schools XC Championships at Bablake Fields. Running is proving so popular that Mr. Coyle had to run a trial race to pick a squad and two teams for the two girls races. 16 Year 5/6 girls will be running on Saturday and Mr. Coyle believes that we may be looking at a St. Christopher school record this year such is the quality of our girl's teams. Good luck girls. The continued rise of Coventry City Football Club has not gone unnoticed by our children. The recent FA cup run is being talked about at school and it is heartening to see many children wearing club scarves and hats again as well as an increase in the number of Coventry City kits at the football clubs that we run. The families have taken full advantage of the free ticket scheme for the upcoming fixture with playoff rivals Accrington Stanley (Who are they? If you remember the advert, then you are showing your age!) and have requested nearly 400 free tickets! Fingers crossed we get our full allocation.

REMINDER, THE REMAINING BALANCE FOR SKERN LODGE NEEDS TO BE PAID IN FULL BY 12TH MARCH AT THE LATEST. THANK YOU.

PLAYPALS - FEBRUARY HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB - MONDAY 19TH – FRIDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2018

Booking forms are now available from PlayPals and the School Office for February half term holiday club Book ASAP to avoid disappointment.

Pupil of the Week Awards



Pupil of the Week Awards go to:

Andi - 1C: trying very hard in all Maths lessons and putting his hand up to answer questions

Luke - 1W: always listening carefully and trying his best. Luke is a pleasure to teach.

Lilia - 2A: some excellent writing. Lilia used comas in a list independently in a piece of Theme work.

Keira - 2K: excellent effort and perseverance in her maths lessons. Keep it up Keira!

Eve - 3B: exceptional effort and improvement in handwriting. Keep it up!

Safaa - 3T: excellent work in English lessons. She always does her best and is a pleasure to teach.

Reiss – 4N: writing a fantastic persuasive letter containing excellent sentence openers.

Kiki - 4T: listening well to advice and feedback to help improve her work.

James - 5G: enthusiasm and participation during our new Theme topic 'Off with Her Head!'

Charlotte - 5P: making an extra effort to read more at home.

Elle-Mae - 6H: showing determination and resilience in Maths lessons and also for having impeccable manners.

Stephanie - 6L: making real efforts to improve her writing and her reading, both at school and at home.

PEN AWARD

Phoebe – 6H

Safiyah – 6H

Well done to all of the above pupils

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (further dates/information to follow, please be aware that some dates may change):

Monday 5 th February 2018	SATs Information Meeting Year 2 parents 5.00 – 5.30 pm
Monday 12 th February 2018	SATs Information Meeting Year 6 parents 5.00 – 5.30 pm
Thursday 1 st March 2018	World Book Day
Friday 23 rd March 2018	Sports Relief Day
Thursday 29 th March 2018	Nursery Closed
Tuesday 17 th April 2018	Parents Evening
Wednesday 18 th April 2018	Parents Evening
Monday 14 th May – Friday 18 th May 2018	KS2 SATs week
Monday 21 st May 2018	Skern Lodge Parents Meeting
Wednesday 13 th June 2018	Music Performance – Guitar PM (further details to follow)
Friday 15 th June 2018	Reception/Year 6 Photos
Friday 22 nd June 2018 –	
Monday 25 th June 2018	Skern Lodge Residential – Year 6
Wednesday 4 th July 2018	Moving on Day/Year 6 Ball
Monday 16 th July/Tuesday 17 th July 2018	Year 6 Performance tbc
Friday 20 th July 2018	Reports sent home

School closed to pupils on:

Staff Training: Friday 25th May 2018

Staff Training Days confirmed for 2018/2019 (school will be closed to pupils on the following days). See separate document attached with term dates for 2018/19.

Monday 3rd September 2018

Tuesday 4th September 2018

Friday 19th October 2018

Monday 29th October 2018

Monday 22nd July 2019