



A note from the Headteacher...

Parent evenings have taken place during the past fortnight and I hope that, as parents and carers, you have been able to gain a flavour of how your children have settled in and how they have fared in the first term of the new year. It was lovely to see so many parents attending over the two nights we put on and I hope that the face-to-face contact was useful.

Apologies if our communication has not been as thorough as usual over the past fortnight. As we posted last week, the loss of our admin server was unexpected and caused some behind-the-scenes disruption. We hope to have everything back online and up to speed, upon our return in November.

It is also that time of year when we like to reiterate the issue of safety to our children, dark mornings and evenings are upon us and we advise that they come to and go from school in groups, that they wear appropriate clothing that may incorporate some high-visibility elements (stickers on bags are a good option) and also, as Halloween and Bonfire Night are almost upon us, there are key safety messages that we have put out to our pupils. There is further online advice available via the following links:

<https://www.rosopa.com/home-safety/advice/fireworks-safety/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/staying-safe-away-from-home/>

This has been a mammoth first half term – was that eight weeks? Rest is important and I hope everyone is able to ‘recharge the batteries’ over the coming week.

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Attendance

Attendance is very important to ensure pupils reach their full potential and something that Woodfield monitors very closely.

Attendance for the week 15/10/18 – 19/10/18

Year 5 – 95.1% Year 6 – 94.3%

Year 7 – 92.9% Year 8 – 93.7%

Whole School – 94%

Whole School Target – 95%

Congratulations to 5PH who achieved 97.6% the highest attendance last week and won a Freddo on Friday.

Positives

Just over 11,000 Positives were awarded with Year 7 being the top performing year group with 3,758 Positives awarded.

Top groups:

5CB – 718 Positives

6BW – 598 Positives

7DD – 850 Positives

8JB – 609 Positives

Important Dates

October 2018

29th Oct-2nd Nov – Autumn Half Term

November 2018

5th Nov: Teacher Training Day

6th Nov: Back to School

9th Nov: Yr.5 trip to the National Space Centre

14th Nov: Yr.8 trip to The Houses of Parliament



16th Nov: Children in Need, Non School uniform (£1)

28th Nov: Yr.6 trip to The Black Country Museum

December 2018

6th Dec: Tea & Teach (Barclays) School Hall 3.15pm

7th Dec: Yr.7 trip to Sea Life Centre

10th-13th Dec–Yr.7 Residential Malvern trip

11th Dec: Arts Evening, School 6pm

12th Dec – Ice Skating reward trip

21st Dec – Autumn Term ends

24th Dec-7th Jan 2019: Holiday

No Drop

Offs!

This is a further request that parents/carers in cars **DO NOT use the school drive to drop-off and pick-up pupils.** We have had a number of near-misses on the drive and on the main road, our emergency services access has been blocked and there has been damage caused to parked cars. We request once again: **please park on the roadside** and allow your children to walk the last few metres into the building.



Football

On Tuesday 9th October the Year 7 football team won their friendly match against Birchensale winning 5-4. Well done to Leighton who scored 2 goals, Liam, Kelsey and Casey all scored 1 goal each.



Year 8 Trip to Oxford University



On Tuesday 9th October a group of Year 8 pupils enjoyed a stimulating day at Oxford University. Along with Trinity High Year 9 pupils they were invited to an 'academic taster day' at Oriel College.

They were given a tour of the college with current undergraduates and an introductory talk, not just about Oxbridge, but careers and pathways to all types of higher education in the UK.

After lunch in the impressive college hall the group took part in an investigative taster session in medicine.

The day finished with a guided walk through Oxford in the sunshine, taking in famous buildings, some Harry Potter location sites and a visit to some gift shops! It was lovely to see some of our former pupils on the trip and rewarding to watch pupils respond so positively to the experience.

District Football

District Football has started this week and will continue through to November.

Year 5 Trip to the Space Centre

Please may we remind parents/carers that the money is due for the Year 5 trip to the Space Centre that is taking place on Friday 9th November.



Head lice

There has recently been a case of head lice identified at the school and we wanted to make sure you were kept informed.

While lice are nothing but a nuisance, it is important that children are checked on a weekly basis so that any head lice can be dealt with quickly and before they are allowed to spread too far. As there has been an outbreak, we suggest that you check your child's head as soon as possible.

Follow the simple CHECK, TREAT, COMPLETE routine below to ensure you are doing your bit to keep head lice outbreaks to a minimum.

CHECK

- Your child's hair once a week
- Use a proper detection comb – with no more than 0.3mm apart to trap head lice
- If you find live head lice, consult a pharmacist for treatment advice

TREAT

- Only treat if live head lice are identified
- Use a clinically proven treatment, ideally with a physical mode of action to which head lice are very unlikely to build a resistance
- Leave the treatment on the hair for the recommended period of time for maximum effect leaving it on for longer will not make it more effective

COMPLETE

- Repeat the treatment for a second time seven days after the first, to kill any head lice that may have hatched from eggs during that time
- Check that all head lice have gone within two to three days of the final application of head lice

treatment to complete the process

- Continue to check for head lice on a regular, weekly basis

For further information on head lice please see your pharmacist.

Back to School

School re-opens on Tuesday 6th November 2018.