

NEWSLETTER

Friday 21st December 2018

What an amazing half term this has been - culminating in some wonderful Christmas performances this week. I hope you all have a very happy Christmas break and I look forward to welcoming you all back to school on **Monday 7th January.**



Attendance

Last week's attendance was 95.13%. This is slightly below our target of 96%. The best attendance last week was the Puffins class with 98.67% - well done!

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Reception Admission Applications

Please could all Ducklings parents ensure that you have completed your online application through Nottingham City Council for your child's place in our Reception class for September 2019. **THIS IS NOT AUTOMATIC ADMISSION.**

The deadline for applications is 15.1.19. All the information, including the Supplementary form for faith references can be found: on our website:

<http://bluecoatprimaryacademy.co.uk/parents/admissions-2/admissions/>

Stay and Read

The first term of Stay and Read has been a huge success and it has been great to see so many parents enjoying books with their children each week. In general the sessions have run very smoothly. However, in response to feedback from those parents with children in both KS1 and KS2, we are proposing a slight change to allow for these families to read together.

From January, children in the same family will be able to remain with their parent on the KS1 Learning Street from 8.45 until 9am. Staff will ensure that KS2 children return safely to their classroom at 9am, however, if for any reason a parent leaves before 9am they must be responsible for taking their children back to their classrooms.

To allow for this to happen, registers will be completed immediately after Stay and Read once all children are back in class.

We hope that as many parents as possible will be able to join us for Stay and Read in 2019!

School Council Elections

At the start of next half term we will be holding our School Council Elections. If your child would like to nominate themselves for this role, we ask that he/she completes a short speech, explaining why they would like the role and what they could bring to it. They will then be given an opportunity to share this with their class in the first week back before voting takes place and two representatives from each class are elected.

The Aliens are coming!

In Ducklings, Flamingos and Peacocks, to kick start their Spring Term theme; we would like to invite the children to join their teachers, by dressing up as an Alien on the first day back at school - Monday 7th January 2019.



Leave your Lunchbox

We try to encourage our younger children in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 to try new foods, so we will be providing every child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 with a hot cooked meal on Thursday 17th January. All Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 children are entitled to a free school meal every day. We understand a lot of children at this age can be fussy eaters, but we hope this will encourage them to try a school dinner. Please support us with this and encourage your child to give it a try on this day. If you are concerned that your child may not like the dinner, you are welcome to send a packed lunch as a back-up. Further details of the menu will be sent out after Christmas.



Medical Appointments

Please be aware that if your child has medical appointments, the school office must be made aware in advance of the appointment day. Proof of the appointment must be provided. Authorisation from the Head will be required for any child who needs to be collected at short notice and approval will only be given in exceptional circumstances. Children leaving class early for any reason has an impact on their learning. Thank you for your support in this matter.



Afterschool Clubs

A selection of new clubs for you to select will be sent out on Monday 7th January.

Year 5 Swimming Lessons

On returning to school in January it will be time for our Year 5 class to make a splash and take part in school swimming lessons at Harvey Hadden Sports Village. The lessons will take place on a Wednesday morning, starting on Wednesday 9th January up to and including Wednesday 3rd April 2019. Please see your letter for further details.



PE Days

Please see below for details of when your child will have PE next term:

Ducklings	Friday
Peacocks	Friday
Flamingos	Friday
Puffins	Tuesday + Thursday
Penguins	Wednesday + Thursday
Hummingbirds	Monday + Wednesday
Kingfishers	Monday + Wednesday
Eagles	Monday + Tuesday
Owls	Monday + Tuesday
Parrots	Wednesday + Friday
Emus	Tuesday + Swimming Wednesday

Bug busting - Head lice

During the Christmas break can you please ensure you check your child's hair is free of head lice. Now is the time to bug bust before we get back. If you require further information regarding the detection or treatment of head lice please visit the NHS website at www.nhs.uk/conditions/headlice

REMINDERS:

Important Dates

21.12.18	Last day of Autumn Term
7.1.19	First day of Spring Term
12.2.19	NEW: Archway Student Awards Evening
w/b 18.2.19	Half Term - school closed to children
7.3.19	World Book Day
13.3.19	Parents Evening
14.3.19	Parents Evening
15.3.19	Events for Comic Relief
19.3.19	Class Photographs
5.4.19	Last day of Spring Term
23.4.19	First day of Summer Term
13.5.19	Year 2 SATS wk1
20.5.19	Year 2 SATS wk2
w/b 27.5.19	Half Term - school closed to children
10.6.19	Phonics check week (Y1 & Y2)
28.6.19	INSET Day - school closed to children
11.7.19	Sports Day for EYFS
12.7.19	Sports Day for KS1 & KS2
19.7.19	Last day of school year

Feedback

As ever we welcome feedback. Please email primary@bluecoat.uk.com, speak to the staff in the office or leave a suggestion in the box. Please let us know what we are doing well or give us any constructive ideas for improvement.

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