



### Dates for your diary

Monday 26th November 2018—Christmas Festive Evening Prep—9am and 2pm.  
Friday 30th November 2018—Christmas Festive Evening Prep—9am and 2pm.  
Friday 7th December 2018—Non Uniform day (more information to follow)  
Monday 10th December 2018—Parents Coffee Morning.  
Tuesday 11th December 2018—Reception Nativity at 9.30am & 2.00pm.  
Thursday 13th December 2018 – Nursery Nativity at 10.30am & 2.15pm.  
Friday 14th December 2018—4pm—6.30pm Christmas Festive Evening.  
Monday 17th December 2018—9am Years 1 & 2 End of term assembly.  
Tuesday 18th December 2018—9am Years 3, 4 & ESC End of term assembly.  
Wednesday 19th December 2018—9am Years 5 & 6 End of term assembly.  
**Thursday 20th December 2018—Last day or term for pupils.**  
**Friday 21st December 2018—Teacher Training Day.**  
**Monday 7th January 2018—School re-opens to pupils.**

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the Christmas period can I thank the 33 parents/carers who have volunteered to help us out with our Christmas Festive Evening. I look forward to seeing all our families at our forthcoming events.

Yours sincerely,

Jacqueline McGibney

Head Teacher

### Year 5 Lest We Forget Concert

Our school was asked to take part in a very exciting, significant and poignant opportunity to commemorate the centenary of World War 1. A mass choir, made up of over 2000 children from England and Wales sang at the Genting arena, accompanied by various orchestras and bands.



### Year 2 Selly Manor

On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November, Year Two went to Selly Manor in Birmingham to learn about the Great Fire of London. The children explored the house and discovered what life was like in 1666. They thoroughly enjoyed taking part in role-play activities and dressing up as children from 1666.



### Year 3 Creswell Crags

On Tuesday 6th November Year 3 went to Creswell Crags Museum and Prehistoric Gorge as part of their learning about the Stone Age. The children had a fantastic time learning about how people in the Stone Age survived. The children explored the caves inhabited by hunter-gatherers; built shelters with animal fur and sticks; built skeletons of hyenas and caves lions and also perfected their spear throwing skills!



### Food in School

**We currently have a child in school with severe allergies to NUTS and GINGER Please could all parents and carers work with the school and ensure that NO food items containing or state that they 'may contain' these products are sent into school.**

### Skills Academy

This year, pupils in Key Stage Two have the opportunity to take part in the school's Skills Academy initiative. Skills Academy is a fantastic way for children to have fun and learn new skills through attending clubs on a Friday afternoon and for the children to take part in activities that interest them and motivate them to learn new skills.

The clubs fall into three categories:

1. Physical development
2. Creative development
3. Academic development



Skills Academy provides children with the opportunity to enhance skills and talents they have (or don't know they have yet!). The children have selected three different clubs they would like to attend throughout the year. Children are really enjoying enhancing their skills in clubs such as: Art, Chess, Origami, Cricket, Basketball, Singing, Gardening, Punjabi Enterprise, School Newspaper and many more.

### Coffee Mornings

Coffee mornings will be held at school on the second Monday of each month from 9am until 10am. This is an opportunity for parents/carers to have a chat and a catch up over tea, coffee and croissant. There will be preparations available for you do for our Christmas Festive Evening if you wish. The next one will be held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018. We hope to see as many parents as possible.



### Snacks

Please ensure that you send your child to school with a healthy snack such as fruit, raisins or cereal bars and **not crisps or chocolate**. These must not be put in the children's lunch box and should be taken into the classroom to be stored in their draw for playtime. **Please ensure that any cereal bars do not contain nuts.**

Children in Nursery –Year 2 are entitled to free fruit from the government which they have access to each day for playtime if they wish to have it.



### Water bottles

Please ensure that your child brings home their water bottle every night and that it cleaned out and has fresh water in for each day when they come into school. Children are spending too long each morning rinsing their water bottle out from the previous day and refilling it ready for the day ahead. The water bottle needs to be non-drip and have a secure fitting lid. Water bottles are available to buy from the school office for £1.00.





## ATTENDANCE



Ms Morris's News

Our whole school attendance to date is currently 96.1%  
Our target figure is 96.0% for all pupils



So far this term the best attendance has been in Year 2 with 98.9%.  
Years 4 are hot on their heels with 98.8%:



We would like to thank parents for their continued support regarding their children's attendance

### Safeguarding Concern

It has been brought to my attention that a number of children are being left early, on their own outside on the playground in the mornings. There are a lot of people on the playground in the mornings and staff members are not outside until 8.40am. In the interests of Safeguarding our pupils I'd just like to remind you that parents must wait with their children until the school doors are opened and the children have been taken into the building before leaving.

### Family HUBs

**Mrs McGibney, Ms Morris and Miss Caswell have recently visited the local Family HUB (Pathways). The staff were very friendly and it was a very welcoming environment. A family hub is a place where children, young people and their families can go when in need of help or support for a whole range of issues. Our local Hub is at Radford Primary or alternatively Moat House. Further information about the hub can be found on our parent notice board, online at [www.coventry.gov.uk/familyhubs](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/familyhubs) and you can also find them on Facebook.**

As part of our Safeguarding, Attendance & Welfare support, myself and Ms Caswell are available each morning from 8.30am for parents and carers to have a quick chat about any concerns regarding attendance or any other issues that you may be facing. We can arrange meetings to discuss things further in a confidential and impartial setting and we are able to offer a variety of support as required; such as parenting courses (perhaps to help with behaviour issues), School Nursing Service referrals (poor behaviour, poor sleep patterns, toileting issues, weight/dietary concerns and emotional wellbeing), counselling and lots more.

Please do not hesitate to contact us; we are here to help and support our families.



### Parent Partnership Meeting

We held our first 'Parent Partnership' meeting of the year on 1<sup>st</sup> November. Thank you to all of the parents who came along and committed to joining the group. The purpose of the 'Parent Partnership' group is to gain a parental voice which contributes to the development of the school improvement plan and helps the school to move forward.

During the meeting we discussed 'how parents and carers can be more involved in the life of the school.'

Some suggestions were:

- Forming a fund raising group who support the school with fund raising and with organising events.
- Sending a yearly diary of events where parent can help to prepare for specific events such as 'Christmas Fair' and 'Movie Nights'
- The school holding 'International days' and inviting children and parents to contribute with food from their own culture/heritage.
- The school holding curriculum workshops/meetings for parents during 'Movie Nights' to help with childcare
- Having a focus for the mornings eg. Wrapping gifts for the Christmas Fair.

The next 'Parent Partnership' meeting will be held on: Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January from 5.00-6.00pm.

Anyone who wishes to join the group is welcome. If you are unable to join the group but have a suggestion for a discussion point, please contact the admin team.

The agenda for the next meeting will be sent to parents who have expressed an interest in joining the group prior to the next meeting.



### Parking

The safest option when dropping off, or picking up, your child is to park away from the school and take a short walk to the gates.

If you **must** park near to the school, and space is limited, please keep the following rules in mind:

- Do **not** park on zig-zag lines or keep clear markings
- Do **not** park across dropped kerbs or drives
- Do **not** park on footpaths
- Do **not** stop to drop kids off in the centre of the road
- Do **not** block access gates - emergency vehicles may need to access the school site
- Always abide by the restriction signs - park only in permitted areas
- Please park safely and be considerate of children and residents by not causing an obstruction.

We have also noticed, that an increasing number of cars are tailgating blue badge holders and are appearing in the school car parks each morning. **Please remember that parking within school site is strictly for blue badge holders only.** You will only be able to come onsite if you are a blue badge holder, if you don't have a blue badge you will not be able to gain access. Parents with a blue badge must ensure that they're parking safely when on site. Please ensure that the school office has up to date details regarding your blue badge. If you are a blue badge holder and a bay isn't available please do not park on the grassed area.

### GOVERNORS

There will be a Governor Forum on the first Monday of each month. A governor will be in the school reception area at 3:15pm to speak to parents. The next session will be on Monday 3rd December 2018. All welcome.

### TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Can all parents/carers ensure that they keep the school office up to date with any changes of contact numbers or email addresses in case your child is unwell during the school day or in case of an emergency.