

THEATRE VISIT

We can't wait for our whole school visit to the Birmingham Rep theatre next Thursday to see The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe! Please remember that we are leaving promptly so we need all the children to be here by 8.30am that day. If your child is not attending the theatre for any reason, they are still expected to be in school on Thursday. If you have not ordered a packed lunch from school, your child will need to bring a packed lunch with them that day. We will be having our lunch later than usual so please make sure your child has a good breakfast and brings a healthy snack with them. We will be back in school at about 1.30pm so school will finish as usual at 3.20pm.

WHATSAPP, SNAPCHAT AND OTHER SOCIAL MEDIA

Please always keep an eye on what your child is doing online. We have had some very unpleasant incidents reported to us recently regarding messages children have sent each other online, including children from other schools. Please come and talk if you are unsure how to keep your child safe online and please report any concerns.

REPORTING ABSENCES

For those who do not already know, we have an answer phone service which enables you to report absences without coming through to the office. It has been up and running for a few months now and we are pleased to say it is working very well. Therefore, we are asking you to please use this method of communication to report absences rather than calling the office, as it helps the attendance team and keeps the phone lines free for other queries. All absences should be reported by 9.15am on the FIRST day of absence and should include your child's name, class and details of the reason for their absence. To access the answer phone message, please call 0121 272 5888 and select option 1. Thank you.

ATHLETE VISIT

On Friday 2nd February, the children will be visited by former Team GB Olympic swimmer Amy Smith. Amy, who has had a remarkable career competing at international level at the World Championships, Commonwealth Games and Olympic Games, will take part in a sponsored fitness challenge with the children and deliver an assembly where she will talk about her career. Follow this link to learn more about Amy:

<https://sportsforschools.org/athletes/amy-smith/>

To sponsor your child for this event, you will need to follow this link to set up a fundraising page for your child:

<https://sportal.sportsforschools.org/events/landing>

As we are a cashless school, all fundraising will need to be done online so please do not send sponsorship money into school. Thank you for your understanding with this. The sponsorship window is currently open and will stay open until Friday 9th February. Sponsorship is completely voluntary; every child will take part regardless of funds raised/not raised as this will hopefully be an amazing opportunity for the children to meet a real life Olympian. Sponsorship money will be split between Sports for Schools for athlete development and equipment for our school. Thank you.

NSPCC NUMBER DAY

On Friday 2nd February we will be celebrating Number Day to support the NSPCC charity. If you are in a position to donate, we are asking for a small donation to the NSPCC directly, or through the school shop on School Money. No cash please. We will ask the children to come in number-related clothing - something they can be comfortable in whilst getting involved with our visiting athlete sessions - details in the previous article. This non-uniform can be anything with a number on: football shirts, home made t-shirts, concert dates, anything with numbers on! Just please remember our usual non-uniform day expectations: no crop tops, no offensive words or messages on clothing, sensible footwear and the usual jewellery and make up rules apply. Throughout the day, the children will be involved in activities relating to numbers. There will be tasks they can complete at home too if they wish. We are very much looking forward to celebrating this day with all of our children!

DIARY DATES

Thu 25 Jan	Whole school visit to the theatre
Tue 30 Jan, 9.00am - 10.00am	Year 6 parent workshop
Fri 2 Feb	Number Day - non-uniform
Fri 2 Feb	Athlete visit
Thu 8 Feb	Year 3 visit to the synagogue
Fri 9 Feb	Chinese New Year - non-uniform (wear red)
Fri 9 Feb	Break up for half term
Mon 19 Feb	School reopens
Mon 26 Feb	Wizard of Oz performance in school
Tue 27 Feb	Year 6 visit to the church
Thu 7 Mar	World Book Day
Fri 15 Mar	Red Nose Day

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

3C: Lewhat	4B: Tommy	5A: Jayden	6IS: Armaan
3L: Harriett	4F: Karamveer	5P: Eesa	6MS: Esmay
3P: Dylan	4L: Michael	5W: Humaira	6SM: Evelyn
3W: Ripley			

BEECHES BRILLIANT READERS

Year 3: Sofia (3W)
Year 4: Alfie (4B)
Year 5: Hassan (5A)
Year 6: Freya (6SM)

TEAM POINTS

1.	Team Cadbury	713
2.	Team Lewis	624
3.	Team Zephaniah	600
4.	Team Malala	594

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