Dear Parents

Attendance - 4L & 5J - 100% attendance this week! Well done!

Punctuality - Year 4 - 99.07% this week! Well done!

Mental Health support for children
The last few months have been challenging for children and families. In order to continue to offer support, the educational psychology team is continuing to run its advice line for parents. Details of the support can be found on our school website. Also, on our website is a link to various activities and support for parents which have been identified as part of the #you’ve been missed campaign run by Forward Thinking Birmingham. Both resources can be found at https://www.stlaurencechurchjuniorschool.co.uk/sen/. In addition, if parents are concerned about the mental health of their child and are looking to speak to a mental health professional for support, PAUSE (Forward thinking Birmingham) is continuing to offer support on a help line whilst the drop-in is temporarily closed. https://www.forwardthinkingbirmingham.org.uk/services/13-pause.

Holidays in term time
Holidays in term time are still not authorised. If you are planning a holiday for October half term, please be aware that if you need to quarantine after the week, and this was known before the holiday commences, then this will be recorded as unauthorised absence.

Attendance and Punctuality
After the October half term, Birmingham schools will be resuming the ‘FAST-track to Attendance’ processes to support the government expectation that all pupils should return to school. Having already missed so much of their time in school this year, good attendance is more important than ever. It is important that children do not come into school late, as lessons often begin straight away and children often miss valuable lesson time if they are not punctual. Please be reminded, that if you are late, you will not be able to drive onto the school property and will be asked to come via the pedestrian gates.

Water/ Playtime snack
Please can we remind you that water bottles in the classroom should only be filled with water. Children may have a juice carton for playtime or with a packed lunch. If you are sending a snack for playtime, please make sure that this is a healthy snack. Acceptable snacks are fresh fruit, dried fruit, salad sticks, yoghurt tubes.

Lunches
Please can you check the menu with your child each week and ensure that your child likes the menu options. If there is nothing that your child likes, please send a packed lunch. We are not able to offer other food than the stated menu choices.

PE Mats
We have some good condition (some new) PE mats that are surplus to our needs. If you would like to make a donation to school fund and can arrange to collect them, please contact the school office. There are a limited number and this will be first come, first served.

Morning drop off
Thank you for supporting the parking in Innage Road in the morning. Please can we remind you that there is parking in the pastoral centre or other neighbouring roads. However, please take into consideration when parking on neighbouring roads, not to block residents driveways and car parks belonging to residential flats. Please do not park across the pavement as this narrows the path for pedestrians. Please do not stop on the zig zags near school to drop off. Please also remember to socially distance whilst waiting for your time slot. The opposite side of the road can be used to wait. In addition, please make sure you move to the side to make sure that the path is clear for people to walk past.

Afternoon Collection
Thank you for supporting staff with collecting children at the end of the school day. Please can we remind you not to come early or late for your child’s collection time as this leads to unnecessary groupings in the playground. Please keep the gates clear so that people entering the playground can do so safely.
**Uniform and Belongings**
Would you please ensure that all uniform is named including swimming items, PE kits and coats. Please also make sure that water bottles, lunch boxes and any items being bought into school are named. Thank you

**Parents Prayer Group**
We are planning to restart the parents prayer group in November. We meet monthly to pray for the school, the staff and pupils and we would love you to join us! We usually meet on the 2nd Friday of the month at 2.15 pm in the Rainbow Room at the Infant School. We have put things in place to ensure the meeting will be Covid secure, so it you would like to come along please do let me know. If you would like more information or would like to request a prayer please leave the information in the school office.

Planned dates are 13 November, 11 December, 8 January, 12 February, 12 March, 23 April, 14 May, 11 June and 9 July 2021.

**DIARY DATES**

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