

It is hard to believe we have reached the end of the Autumn term and what an excellent term it has been. Thank you for all your support with your child's learning and for ensuring they are in school, on time and in uniform. I never cease to be amazed by how hardworking and dedicated our children are. It is a pleasure to spend time with them in their classrooms, the playground and the dining hall.

As usual, there have been lots of exciting learning opportunities taking place this term. A few highlights were:

- Nursery - Visit from ZooLabUk
  - Reception - Christmas production and trip to The Mac
  - Year 1 - Visit to Aston Hall and Yardley Wood library
  - Year 2 - Trip to Holy Cross church and Yardley Wood library
  - Year 3 - Visit to Birmingham Rep Theatre for the Peter Pan performance and their very own performance on stage
  - Year 4 - Trip to the River Cole
  - Year 5 - Visit to Liverpool and Brighthouse residential
  - Year 6 - Visit to Warwick Castle and Osmington Bay Resource Base - Baking classes and garden development.
- And who can forget the surprise visit from Santa!*

The Christmas Fayre was once again a huge success and enjoyed by a huge number of children, parents and staff. Thank you for your support. Over £800 was raised, boosting the Red Tree Fund total to in excess of £2200. We are well on our way to reaching this years target of £10,000. A huge THANK YOU to the PTA and staff who helped organise the event.

The best way to keep updated on all the exciting events that take place at school is via our twitter page - follow @BPrimary or our Facebook page - Billesley Primary School.

This term we said goodbye to several long-serving members of staff. Mr Leach - our Assistant Learning mentor, Mrs Begum, - our Finance Assistant, Mr Hines - our Assistant Site supervisor and Mrs Smith - our Office Manager. They will be missed greatly by the school. I'm sure you will join me in wishing them well in the future.

I am pleased to let you know we have a new member of staff, Charlene Fields, joining our Pastoral team as a Family Support worker and mentor in January. I know you will give her a warm welcome to Billesley.

You may recall Billesley is now a Research School. Our reputation as an outstanding school continues to go from strength to strength. Our first events were attended by over 32 schools from within and around Birmingham. We have a number of courses coming up in the Spring term and are looking forward to building partnerships with many more schools.

Finally, can I remind you that should you have any concerns about your child your first point of contact is their class teacher. Should you wish to discuss your concerns further, please do speak to a member of the senior leadership team, who you will find in the playground before and after school. Alternatively, you can make an appointment by contacting the school office.

I hope you have a lovely holiday and look forward to seeing you all in 2020.

Mr Rogerson  
Principal

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

School will close at the earlier time of **12.05pm** on **Friday 20 December**. Please make arrangements for your child to be picked up on time, as there will be no staff remaining to supervise the children left.



**A huge thank you to the PTA & all the parents for your support at the Christmas Fayre**  
**We raised an impressive £816**

### TERM DATES

BREAK UP	RETURN TO SCHOOL
<b>2020</b>	
FRIDAY 20 DECEMBER	TUESDAY 7 JANUARY
FRIDAY 14 FEBRUARY	MONDAY 24 FEBRUARY
FRIDAY 3 APRIL	MONDAY 20 APRIL
FRIDAY 22 MAY	MONDAY 1 JUNE
FRIDAY 17 JULY	TBC
PLEASE NOTE:	
THURSDAY 7 MAY 2020 SCHOOL CLOSED	LOCAL ELECTIONS
FRIDAY 8 MAY 2020 SCHOOL CLOSED	BANK HOLIDAY 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF VE DAY

*"We are launching a very **EXCITING** project in school for parents and carers. Parents and carers can sign up to take part in a free 7 week course in school led by Mr Hook and Mrs Burgess. Parents will be well-placed to support their children; learn all the basics; receive free resources and be awarded a credited certificate from the University of Derby"*

Maths. The one subject that always helps us to understand the world around us and a skill we use and need every single day- whether you are aware of it or not! In school, we continue to make Maths as relevant as possible; teach for a depth of understanding. We continue to grow a culture of self - belief in Maths. In short, we love all things Maths!



Children in Key Stage 2 are engaging in our new online Maths homework platform, MyMaths. No paper, no pencils, no problem! Teachers set weekly homework on Fridays and children have a week to complete it. They can have as many goes as they like and it is marked for them.

We have now started a MyMaths Homework Club so if your child is having any problems such as logging on, internet issues or motivation, just let us know. We will always do what we can to help. For support and guidance, you can click here.



Year 5 children have been taking part in an exciting research project to see how physical activity impacts on Maths. Sports coaches worked alongside Leeds University to deliver an 8 week project called Maths on the Move.

This involved extra PE sessions, Maths challenges and wearing activity monitors ALL DAY! The data is currently being collated and we look forward to finding out the results!

### Keep your eyes peeled for some up and coming Maths events in Spring Term:

1. Maths Surgeries for parents: Come on in and discuss all things Maths with our friendly Maths Team; concerns about your child; homework; how to support your child to be the best they can be. A date will be shared with you soon!
2. Maths Bee: You will be invited to attend competitions if your child is chosen.

# LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!

It's that magical time of the year where Reception dust off their jazz hands and prepare to wow our parents and the school, with our theatrical talents. We have been working exceptionally hard to learn nine new songs, epic dance choreography, narration, whilst also following stage directions. We have laughed and cried while throwing everything into our rendition of 'The Nativity Story'. We can not be any prouder of all our reception children to take on such an epic challenge, which is testament to their resilience, courage and determination and has shown how far they have grown since September.



# BASKETBALL

What a fantastic performance from our basketball team to finish 2nd at the next stage of the South Birmingham & Kings Norton District Basketball League. The standard was excellent. Well done to all the teams.



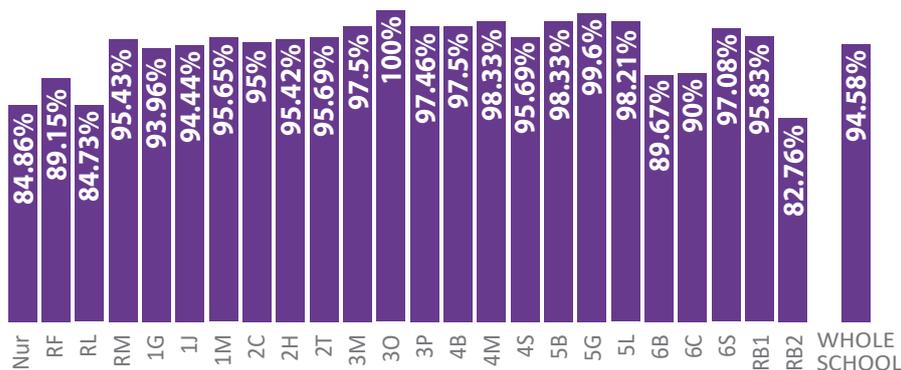
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## ATTENDANCE

CHILDREN NEED TO BE IN SCHOOL AT 8.45AM LESSONS START AT 8.50AM. LATE MARKS WILL BE GIVEN TO CHILDREN WHO ARRIVE AFTER 8.50AM GATES CLOSE AT 9.00AM, AFTER THIS CHILDREN MUST ENTER THROUGH THE MAIN OFFICE

Attendance W.C. 9 DECEMBER 2019



## Are you being a Billesley Bug Club reader?

Certificates are now being handed out to children in Billesley that are reading on a weekly basis and answering questions to earn coins!

Please encourage your children to access Bug Club online, to promote a love of reading. If you are unsure what Bug Club is please click here for more information

## SCHOOL LIBRARY

AFTER SCHOOL OPENING TIMES

MON-THURS

3.20 - 3.40PM

FRIDAY

3.20 - 3.50PM

## PLAYCARE, BREAKFAST CLUB & SCHOOL MEALS

Please ensure you make payment in ADVANCE. Please clear any balances outstanding using Parentpay.

Thank you

## RECEPTION CLASS SEPTEMBER 2020

Parents/Carers who have a child who was born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 need to make an application for their child to start Reception Class in September 2020 by no later than 15 January 2020. The quickest and easiest way to make an application is online at [www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions) or by contacting 0121 303 1888. Please note applications should be sent directly to the Admissions Office and NOT to school.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please remember the safety of all children when parking outside school. **DO NOT** park on the zig zags by the crossing.

**DO NOT** park on yellow lines.

Please also consider our neighbours and **DO NOT** block driveways. *Thank you.*

## CHILDREN SHOULD HAVE THEIR PE KIT IN SCHOOL EVERY DAY:

Black shorts

White t-shirt (with or without the school badge)

Black plimsolls for inside games.

Black trainers for outside games.

Tracksuits or sweatshirts may be worn outside in cold weather.

*ALL KIT SHOULD BE CLEARLY LABELLED*

## WE NEED YOUR WELLIES!

If you have any children's wellies you no longer need and you would like to donate them to Nursery they would be very much appreciated! (We use them in the Nursery garden!)

## REMINDER

Any children not collected by 3.30pm will be taken to After School Club. You will be charged £4 for child care. *Thank you.*

Can you please make sure school has up to date addresses, phone numbers and contact details for your child. If you are unsure please come into the Reception Office where we will be happy to check for you. It is essential the school has up to date information.

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**WISHING YOU ALL  
A VERY MERRY  
CHRISTMAS AND  
A HAPPY NEW YEAR  
FROM EVERYONE  
AT BILLESLEY  
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