

Learning for Life, Anchored in Christ

Happy New Year everyone!

I hope you all had a blessed Christmas and New Year break. It has been lovely to see all the children return to school looking refreshed, smart and ready to learn.

This term is a real hardworking term when the children make a lot of progress in their learning. Please do all that you can to support your children by making sure they are at school every day and hearing them read a little every evening. The teachers are always willing to provide suggestions as to what you can do at home to support your child's learning. There are also lots of resources on the internet that you can access if you are on-line.

The weather is taking a turn for the colder so it's time to make sure those coats, hats, scarves and gloves are on. The teachers will make every effort to ensure your child keeps their coat on outside but a quiet word from yourselves will also help (it's amazing how they seem to not feel the cold!) Also if you could check that these items have your child's name and class inside, this will speed up the process of finding them again when they do take them off and leave them lying around.

Have a great weekend everyone - see you all on Monday.

Miss Shryane, Head Teacher

Our **values** focus this half term is

Compassion 💞

Be the person that makes others feel *special*. Be known for your *kindness* and *grace*.



Jewellery in school...



Can we please remind you of the school policy on jewellery. For health and safety purposes, the only jewellery allowed in school is small stud earrings, watches and jewellery of a religious purpose.

No other jewellery should be worn and children will be asked to remove any jewellery and it will be handed back at the end of the day.

Thank you

<u>PE Times this Term</u>

Please take note of when your child has PE and make sure that they have the correct kit in school for their lessons.

| Reception | Wed PM / Fri AM |
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| Year 1 | Mon AM / Thurs AM |
| Year 2 | Mon AM / Thurs AM |
| Year 3 | Mon PM / Wed AM |
| Year 4 | Mon PM / Fri AM |
| Year 5 | Tues PM Swimming / Thurs PM |
| Year 6 | Tues PM / Thurs PM |

Did you know that every week we have a selection of posts on our blog to keep you updated on what goes on around school. Posts vary and can include some amazing artwork, telling you about a trip somewhere exciting, a workshop the class has attended, fun at Stay & Play and many more events and activities - much more than we can fit in the newsletter. Make sure to visit regularly, by either clicking on the **Academy & Class**

This week we posted our **1000th** post on our school blog!

Blogs menu found on our website, or directly using the link below. Let us know what you think by commenting on a post or letting us

know as we are always happy to hear from parents and pupils.

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- Safeguarding: Goals, Dreams and Resilience -

This half term our Jigsaw focus is 'Goals and Dreams'. The children will be learning about aspirations, hard work and making dreams come true. This week in school children have learned about being motivated when challenged and keeping that resilience going. Resilience is very important and is something we should talk to children about. We know that this can be hard to explain to young people, but below are some tips to help introduce resilience into your family home.

What is Resilience?

- $\Rightarrow~$ Imagine you have each end of a piece of elastic in your hands.
- \Rightarrow Pull your hands apart and the elastic stretches.
- \Rightarrow Let go of one end and the elastic bounces back to its original size.
- \Rightarrow That is resilience.
- ⇒ For people, resilience means that whatever bad times you go through you can bounce back again and be yourself.

Remember you can always talk to a trusted adult in school and at home if you have any worries and need support in dealing with them. Also 'Kids Health' website has lots of interesting activities and information

https://www.cyh.com/HealthTopics

Things to Help.

- Positive self-talk.
- Set realistic goals, take small steps and build on success.
- Make good choices.
- Be a positive person.
- Compliment others and they will compliment you.
- Make friends and work at being a good friend.
- Join in hang out with positive people.
- Say "I can't do thisyet!" then try to learn a bit more each day.
- Exercise, play sport, learn skills, be active.
- Accept that you will make mistakes say sorry to yourself as well as to others then try to put things right and have another go.
- Get involved in pleasant things like art, music, drama.
- Give yourself time to think!
- Have a go at new things make sure they are safe.

<u>Applying for your child's</u> <u>place in Reception</u>

Children in Birmingham can start school (Reception) in the September after their 4th birthday. If your child currently attends our nursery this <u>does not give them</u> <u>automatic priority for a place in our Reception class</u>.

You need to apply for your child's place online at: <u>https://eadmissions.birmingham.gov.uk</u>

- The closing date for applications next week, <u>TUESDAY 15th January 2019</u>.
- If you miss this deadline you may be offered a school place anywhere in Birmingham.

Please make sure you complete the online form and if you need any help please ask us and we will do our best to support you.





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