



# Canterbury Cross Newsletter

### Dates for your Diary:-

- 11th December- R—Year 4 Nasal flu immunisation
- 11th December- 14th December—Book Fair after school
- 15th December—Christmas Jumper Day
- 19th December— Santa Fair after school
- 20th December— Santa Fair after school
- 21st December—Christmas Assembly and parties
- 22nd December—School closes for Christmas holidays
- 8th January— Teacher training day—school closed to pupils**
- 9th January— School re-opens for pupils
- 10th January—Young Voices concert—2.30 pm—9.30 pm
- 11th January— Year 5 Switch off prejudice—Anne Frank

### Nursery places

We have several vacancies in our Nursery morning and afternoon. If you have a child who is born between 1st September 2013 and August 2014 or you know someone with a child of this age who needs a Nursery place, please contact the school office.

### Extended Holidays

In line with Government requirements and Birmingham City Council policies, we are unable to authorise absence unless it falls within the exceptional circumstance criteria. An example of which would be an immediate family member falling ill and the tickets **being booked that day, for an immediate departure.**

**Last year our school suffered from a number of extended holidays in the summer term, pulling our school attendance down to a level that OFSTED deem unacceptable. The children missed vital work to prepare them for the following year and the school will fail to receive the “Outstanding” OFSTED label that we are striving for, due the attendance level – which is out of our control.**

**As we have stated on the newsletter every week, we will be following the Fixed Penalty Notice procedure to the letter and without exception.**

Where a child is absent for more than 5 days the school complete the legal fixed penalty notice paperwork and send it to court, at this point the school has no further involvement. A fixed penalty may be issued and failure to pay will be taken up via the courts.

**The school DO NOT receive ANY money from the fine; it all goes to Birmingham City Council Court Section.** The fine is set at £60 per parent, per child. This will therefore cost a family with 2 children **£240**. If it is not paid within 14 days this doubles to **£480**.

**The Local Authority have issued over 21 fines since the Summer to parents of children in the school who took their children on Holiday. Two cases will be taken to Court in January.**

### Mr Din’s Homework

Advent: We are now in the period of Advent. This is the time Christians prepare for the coming festival of Christmas. What traditions are observed during this time?



### E-safety

Latest Ofcom research has shown that 94% of 5-15 year olds live in a household with internet access and over a third of all 3-4 year olds are now accessing the internet in their homes. It is advisable to ensure devices are setup correctly and parental controls are enforced on devices used by children.



### Rights Respecting School's Award

During the month of December we will be thinking about article 31:

Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.



What do you do at home that supports this goal? What do we do at school to support this goal?

### School closes on 22nd December for Xmas Holidays

Please note that school closes on Friday 22nd December for Christmas holidays. **We will re-open on Tuesday 9th January as Monday 8th January is a teacher training day.**

### Reception 2018

Parents of children in Nursery, please apply for your Reception place as soon as possible by completing your application online at [www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions). **The closing date is 15th January 2018.**

### School Meals

School dinner money is £9.00 per week Monday to Thursday. If your child is in Friday Club and they wish to have a hot meal then the total for the week is £11.25.

**Your child will need to stay on their current lunchtime arrangement until half term.**

## Star of the week - Week Beginning 27th November 2017

## Good to be green - Week Beginning 27th November 2017

### KEY STAGE 1

F2H Ariwan Ali Saiba Shaikh  
F2K Amirah Ahmed Numaan Yasir Ishaq  
1K Eman Syed Hussain Hamza Malik  
1F Fatimah-Zahra Hussain Mahanoor Sharafat  
2K Amima Amjid Ameera Shaikh  
2S Tanvi Rashid Muskan Bi

### KEY STAGE 1

F2K Tabraiz Hussain  
F2H Mohammed Hamed Ghazi  
1F Aliya Fatima  
1K Aliyah Jabeen  
2K Ameera Shaikh  
2S Malayeka Baz

Best attending Class—

2K – 98.3% - Well done!

### KEY STAGE 2

3C Aisha Jamil Mohammed Yusuf Siddique  
3M Mohammed Nahid Rahman Wahid Ali Ali  
4D Zayn Hussain Nuha Ali  
4P Amaan Farooq Shayan Deshmukh  
5A Zeeshaan Hussain Zayn Khan  
5S Malaika Sheikh Munazza Bhana  
6A Emanuel Dura Aqsa Kazi  
6D Mohammed Rayyan Rahman  
6G Mahboba Islam Tayyabah Pathan

### KEY STAGE 2

3C Muhammad Hansrod  
3M Awais Hussain  
4D Mohammed Hussain  
4P Hasan Ahmed  
5A Adam Tariq  
5S Ibrahim Arrazi  
6A Umaimah Khalfey  
6D Raheem Khan  
6G Unaiysa Akhtar

**House Points Winners!**  
Spain Mexico

**Attendance:-**  
3C—99.3% - Well done!