

This will be my last newsletter at Canterbury Cross as I am leaving on 22nd December. I just wanted to say thank you to all the lovely parents and their wonderful children whom I have had the pleasure to meet over the last ten and a half years. I will miss you all so much. Canterbury is very lucky to have such lovely families.

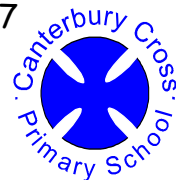
Thank you also to the fantastic staff who work so hard throughout the school, thank you for allowing me to be part of the Canterbury family. It has been a pleasure and I will miss you all too. To my lovely office girls Ms Mir and Mrs Sheard we have shared some lovely times and some sad times but I will never forget your friendship ♥

I hope to see you all again in the not too distant future. Have a fantastic Christmas holiday and I wish you all a fabulous 2018 with good health and happiness.

Mrs Debbie Beamond xx

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Dates for your Diary:-

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—1.30 pm—10.30 pm

11th January— Year 5 Switch off prejudice—Anne Frank

16th January 2017—Year 6 Sats Workshop 9.15 am

6th February—Aston Hall -London's Burning—Year 2

6th February—Parents Evening

7th February—Parents Evening

13th February—Year 1 Twycross Zoo

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.

Court Action

Prosecution of parents/carers, Education Act 1996 Section 444

At Victoria Law Court in December 2017, the first case against a parent at Canterbury Cross was heard. After hearing the circumstances of the case the Magistrates imposed a fine of £160, costs of £110 and a victim surcharge of £30; a total of **£300.**

This was for 1 parent for 1 child.

Mr Din's Homework

We have worked very hard this term; enjoy a lovely rest with your families. Please make sure you read - every day - as well as practicing your multiplication tables. Everyone at Canterbury Cross wishes you a Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Good Bye and Hello!

As you will have seen, we are saying goodbye to Mrs Beamond, our school secretary. Mrs Beamond has worked at Canterbury Cross for 10 years and has done an excellent job organising you all! She will be missed by everyone.

We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Carty. Mrs Carty is off on an exciting new adventure with her husband and we wish her all the best for the future and what to thank her for all her hard work.

Miss Robinson will be formally joining our staff and taking over 3C, I am sure everyone will make her feel very welcome.

Rights Respecting School's Award

In January we are looking at Article 4.

Governments must do all they can to make sure every child can enjoy their rights.

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. **The closing date is 15th January 2018.**

School meals

Please pay all your remaining balances of dinner money this week. If you wish to change your child's dinner arrangements for after Christmas please come to the school office to complete a form.

Star of the week - Week Beginning 2017

Good to be green - Week Beginning 2017

KEY STAGE 1

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1F
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Best attending Class—

- Well done!

KEY STAGE 2

3C
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KEY STAGE 2

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House Points Winners!

Attendance:-
- Well done!