



Canterbury Cross Newsletter 05/07/2018



Dates for your Diary:

6 th July	Dress as your hero day- £1 donation
9 th July	Year 6 Woodlands
9 th July	Nursery closed
11 th July	Year 6 Woodlands day visit
16 th July	Parent's Evening
18 th July	Reception Graduation (AM)
18 th July	Year 6 Graduation (PM)
20 th July	Non-uniform and end of year parties
20 th July	School closes for summer holidays
3 rd September	Teacher Training Day School closed
4 th September	Teacher Training Day School closed
5 th September	School re-opens to pupils

Attendance

If your child is absent, please telephone the school office before 9.45 am to inform us as to why your child is absent. Please do not inform teachers or teaching assistants of your child's absence.

If you do not ring the office, a call will be sent out from the office via Truancy Call. You will then be asked to leave a message. Please make sure you leave a clear message.

If we do not receive a reason for your child's absence the absence will be unauthorised.

Frequent absence can add up to a considerable amount of lost learning and can seriously disadvantage your child in adult life. If your child's level of absence is of serious concern you will receive another letter advising you about improving attendance. After this, any further unauthorised absence may result in the school and the Local Authority taking legal action which could include a fine or prosecution.

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.

Prosecution of parents/carers, Education Act 1996 Section 444

At Victoria Law Court in January 2018, the first case against a parent at Canterbury Cross Primary School was heard. After hearing the circumstances of the case the Magistrates imposed a fine of £95, costs of £110 and a victim surcharge of £30; a total of £235.

This was for 1 parent for 1 child

Parent Pay

Please make payments for trips and dinner money via Parent Pay online or at your nearest Pay Point shop. If you have any issues or queries regarding Parent Pay, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. We are happy to help.

E-Safety Tip of the Week

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Home assistants are ever popular but are easy to just leave sitting in the background, always on, always listening. If you use Alexa or Google Home devices consider the following to stay safe:

- Turn off microphone when not in use
- Enable PIN protection or disable voice purchases
- Keep away from windows & doors
- Delete interactions or history and periodically check what you have shared
- Enable sound notifications to alert you when device is activated

Sun Cream

During summer term, we would advise parents to apply sun cream to their children in the morning before they come to school. If you wish to send your child in with a bottle of sun cream, you may do so. The bottle must be clearly labelled with the child's name and class. Thank you.

Rights Respecting School's Award

In July we are looking at **Article 33**. Governments must protect children from all other forms of bad treatment.

Dinner Money

Dinner money must be paid on a Monday. If your child is absent their account will be credited for that day. Dinner money for this half term is Monday – Thursday £63.00 and Monday – Friday £78.75. Please make payments via Parent Pay.