

Canterbury Cross Newsletter



Dates for your Diary:

21 st May	Year 1 Cannock Chase Museum
22 nd May	Reception Conkers
25 th May	School closes for half term
12 th June	Year 3 – Stone Age trip
19 th June	Year 2 Conkers
27 th June	Year 6 Peak District
28 th June	Year 4 Sutton Park
9 th July	Year 6 Woodlands

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

E-Safety Tip of the Week

Fortnite, is an online game that's becoming a sensation amongst youngsters. The game requires players to work collaboratively to survive in an open-world environment, involving combat against other characters controlled by the game or other people. Its gameplay involves cartoonish violence and characters that might be disturbing to younger players. Fortnite is rated 12+ by PEGI, for its frequent scenes of mild violence. This rating is simply advisory but as with all games online, it is important that parents are aware of all the safety concerns around Fortnite and can facilitate safer gameplay for their children. Visit Parentzone.org.uk and search Fortnite for all you need to know.

Safeguarding Alerts

We are having more incidents of children watching inappropriate DVDs and playing inappropriate games on their X-Box/ Play Stations etc. Games and DVDs with an age rating of 15+ can contain explicit scenes of violence and sexualised content. Under Birmingham's safeguarding advice ALL cases of children disclosing that they have watched or played inappropriate content should be reported to the Designated Safeguarding Leader. This information will be placed on the child's child protection record and parents will be contacted. Many parents do not watch the games their children play and when this matter is discussed with them and images from the games are shared, many are shocked at the graphic and adult themes. Please note the age certification on the games and DVDs and ensure older siblings do not allow young children to have access to this adult material.

Parent Pay

This week we sent out user names and passwords for your child's Parent Pay account. We will soon be going cashless and the only method of payment will be via Parent Pay. If you have any queries please contact the school office. As this is a new system to us all please be patient as we are learning as well!

Thank you.

Rights Respecting School's Award

In April and May we are looking at **Article 32**. Governments must protect children from work that is dangerous or might harm their health or education.

Mr Din's Monthly Homework

We are changing Mr Din's homework to a monthly prize. In Victorian times children were sent to work as chimney sweeps, miners and factory workers. Research this then write and illustrate a diary entry for a child at work.

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 £47.25 and Monday – Friday £58.50. Thank you.

