



Canterbury Cross Newsletter 12/07/2018



Dates for your Diary:

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| 16 th July | Drop in Parents' Evening- 4-7 |
| 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

Always use strict privacy settings on apps and websites that you use. When signing up for a website or app, establish privacy preferences immediately and check them regularly. The default settings are usually not enough for most people. On most of today's popular apps you can control things like who can see what you post, who can contact you, and whose posts you can see. If you're unsure www.internetmatters.org as some tips on privacy settings to help you along the way.

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.