



Canterbury Cross Newsletter



Dates for your Diary:-

- 16th February School closes for half term
- 26th February School re-opens
- 1ST March World Book Day – Dress as a book character
- 1st March Reception Eye Test
- 5th March Year 5 Anne Frank workshop
- 6th March Year 3 Birmingham Museum and Art
- 8th March Year 1 Birmingham Royal Ballet
- 29th March School closes for half term

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.

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 in our newsletter every week, we will be following the Fixed Penalty Notice procedure to the letter without exception.

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 Primary School 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

Medical Appointments

If your child has an appointment at the Doctor's or Hospital, please provide a letter to the school office. If we do not receive a letter or card then the absence will be unauthorised.

E-Safety

Useful websites:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents>

<https://primaryschoolict.com>

Dinner Money

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 £11.25. Children must stay on their agreement till the end of the month.

Rights Respecting School's Award

In February we are looking at **Article 27**. Every child has the right to a standard of living that is good enough to meet their physical, social and mental needs. Governments must help families who cannot afford to provide this.

Mr Din's Monthly Homework

We are changing Mr Din's homework to a monthly prize. This month's homework is to show how we can help people who can't afford to buy food. Design a leaflet to advertise a food bank and explain how it works.

Nursery September 2018

Parents of children born between **01/09/14 – 31/08/15** please apply for nursery now. Applications are available from the school office.