

Canterbury Cross Newsletter



Dates for your Diary:

26 th April	1F Class Assembly
3 rd May	School closed – Local elections
4 th May	Teacher Training Day – school closed
7 th May	School closed – Bank holiday
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

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

At Canterbury Cross Primary School we are aware of all the dangers social media present, so we do all we can to keep our pupils safe. This is our tip of the week: always remember to keep your social media accounts private and not post any personal information (phone numbers, school uniform etc.) Make sure you check the age rating of any movie/app you may allow your child/children to purchase so that they do not encounter anything that will not be appropriate for their age group. We do this because it can make the children feel: scared, worried and uncomfortable.

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 April 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.

