

Canterbury Cross Newsletter



Dates for your Diary:

26 th - 29 th March	Book Fair 3.40- 4.10
29 th March	School closes for half term
16 th April	School re-opens
3 rd May	School closed – Local elections
4 th May	Teacher Training Day – school closed
7 th May	School closed – Bank holiday
25 th May	School closes for half term

All children will be given a £1 voucher which they may use at the book fair.

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

Parking

Last week the police were patrolling outside school to note any illegal parking. They will be making spot checks periodically and have said that they will issue fines. Please remember not to park on the zig-zags, double yellow lines, on junctions or across drives. Please also refrain from driving up onto curbs or pavements. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Easter Egg Time

It is that **Egg-citing** time of year again - the chance for you to flex your creative muscles and design and decorate an egg for the annual Easter Egg Competition! All entries must be in school by Wednesday 28th March at 9:00am. Please remember to **BOIL THEM FIRST!** 😊

E-Safety

From connecting to free WIFI hotspots to pension fraud to password advice, this website can provide useful information for protecting yourself in this digital age :

<https://www.getsafeonline.org/protecting-yourself/>

Road Safety

A member of the public has raised concerns about how some of our children are crossing the roads. As a school, we discuss road safety regularly, we will revisit this topic before the Easter holidays. Please discuss with your children how they are crossing the roads when you are not with them. The member of the public described the children as "walking out, without even looking." Some drivers do not obey the speeding restrictions around the school, making a serious injury a real possibility. Thank you for discussing this issue with your children.

Parent Pay

A pre-launch letter has gone out today for your information.

Rights Respecting School's Award

In March we are looking at **Article 31**. Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.

Mr Din's Monthly Homework

We are changing Mr Din's homework to a monthly prize. This month's homework is to design a new toy - it can be drawn and labelled or make a 3D model of your new toy.

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.

