

Canterbury Cross Newsletter



Dates for your Diary:

25 th May	School closes for half term
4 th June	School re-opens
12 th June	Year 3 – Stone Age trip
19 th June	Year 2 Conkers
27 th June	Year 6 Peak District
27 th June	Year 4 Ackers
5 th July	Year 5 Cadbury World
9 th July	Year 6 Woodlands
11 th July	Year 6 Woodlands day visit
16 th July	Parent's Evening
18 th July	Reception Graduation (AM)
18 th July	Year 6 Graduation (PM)
20 th July	School closes for summer holidays

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

The NSPCC gives 4 steps to parents to keep their children safe on-line. Talk, Explore, Agree, Manage. You can visit www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe to find out more.

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.

Parent Pay

We will be going cashless after half term and the only method of payment for trips and dinners will be via Parent Pay. Please activate your Parent Pay account **ASAP**. You may also make payments with a PayPoint card. If you wish to use this method, please inform the school office. Trip and dinner information letters will carry a unique barcode which will allow you to make cash payments at your local PayPoint store. The nearest PayPoint stores to school are Costcutter Supermarket on the Birchfield Road, Esso petrol station on Aston Lane and Noshahi Food Store on The Broadway. If you have any queries or need help setting up your Parent Pay account, please contact the school office. We also have devices in the school office for those who may not have internet access at home. You are welcome to use these devices to set up your accounts and make future payments. Thank you

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. Your homework must be handed in on Monday 4th June.

Year 2 SATs

A big well done to our Year 2 children for completing their SATs exams this week. The children gave everything they had and we are very proud of them.

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.

