

Canterbury Cross Newsletter



Dates for your Diary:

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 Tip of the Week

Vishing is a type of phishing scam that happens on the phone. The word vishing is a combination of 'voice' and 'phishing'. These are unsolicited phone calls from fraudsters which encourage you to give out your personal details, such as your card, PIN, Mobile Banking App activation/passcodes or card reader codes. The fraudsters pretend to be your bank, the police, or any other official company in order to get your personal information. They may have some of your personal information, such as name, address, or phone number, to make them seem genuine. These calls will often seem urgent to get you to act as quickly as possible, giving you minimal time to think about whether the call is fraudulent. The atmosphere and background noises can help the calls seem more convincing. Sometimes you may get a 'warm up' call where no information is discussed. This is to set the scene for a later call where you may be asked for information.

Canterbury Cross is trying to be eco-friendlier!

You may have noticed that the newsletter is on a different type of paper this week. We have now moved to recycled paper! Whilst this paper is not crystal white, it is still of high quality and has saved the school over £800. The added benefit is that the paper is made from recycled paper; this means our school will have saved trees and reduced our carbon footprint on the Earth.

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.

