



Dear Parents and Carers,

It's hard to believe that we are reaching the end of the first half-term already. We have continued to build on the positive start to the year and are proud of the achievements and progress that our children have shown so far.

Below, you will see some of the brilliant things that have been happening in school. Please enjoy reading and as always get in touch with the school if you would like any further information about anything discussed.

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## Parent Feedback



With our first half term reaching its conclusion, we want to reflect on what has gone well for children and families (both at the start of this year and in previous years), and which aspects we can explore going forward to be even better. We would really value your feedback to support this.

Please help us with the evaluation by taking a couple of minutes to complete the below survey.

<https://forms.office.com/r/JXQxZr5JPv>

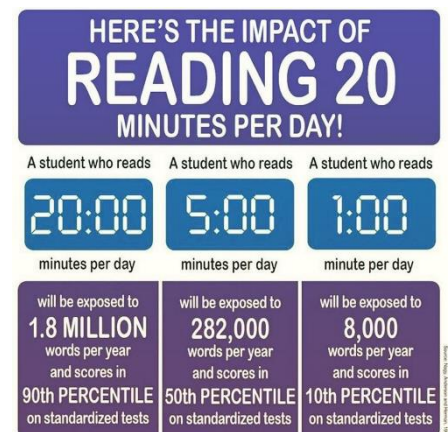
## Reading Inspire Sessions

We were thrilled to have had so many attend our Reading Inspire sessions and thank you for your support and interest in this area. Feedback from parents has been extremely positive and we hope that you all took lots away from the session that you are able to use to further support and develop your child's reading at home.

**“The workshop was really beneficial to understand the different ways to help and encourage him to read at home.” – Year 1 Parent**

Reading is considered one of the most impactful aspects of learning, so look out for further developments and opportunities to improve our provision and approach.

One of the upcoming amendments to our reading approach will be the introduction of a new way to record and share reading at home. We will provide more information about this in the coming weeks, including more opportunities to come into school for support but in the meantime, if you would like to take a look, please use the following link: <https://go-read.co.uk/>



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## Clubs and competitions

Clubs have continued and children have been enthused and enjoying these sessions. We are increasingly enjoying participating in various competitions and opportunities outside of school, including bowling, football and netball. These are not only an opportunity for children to put what they have learned into practise but also build their character and confidence and we have been extremely proud of the children that have represented us so far.

The club arrangements will stay the same after the break until the end of the calendar year.

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## Assemblies - Tolerance and Respect

Over the past couple of weeks, the themes of our assemblies have been based on the British Value; Tolerance. We have discussed the importance of diversity, celebrating our differences and showing respect to each other, regardless of backgrounds, cultures and beliefs. This has linked to our learning about Black History Month, and celebrating the lives and achievements of brilliant individuals. Year 6 have also had input from West Midlands Police about life beyond Primary school, which has also supported this understanding.

These values are essential to our children succeeding in life beyond school, so please reiterate these messages at home to develop your child's understanding and acceptance.

Finally, Year 3 delivered a Diwali assembly to the school, sharing how the occasion is celebrated and some wonderful Rangoli patterns.

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## Parking

Thank you - I really appreciate the effort that the vast majority of parents have gone to, to support the school in improving this issue and secure the safety of our children as much as possible.

Hopefully, you will also have noticed the impact that not parking on the yellow lines has had on the amount of traffic and safe crossing immediately outside of school. Please continue with this commitment – even as the weather gets colder and staff members are not present.

We have still had reports and complaints of dangerous driving resulting in several near misses further up the road. Please be safe and considerate with your driving, especially when there are lots of children around. It's not worth thinking about the impact that an accident could have on yours and other families, for the sake of being that little bit quicker!

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## Safeguarding

West Midlands Police came into school to present 'Precious Lives' which is a fully funded knife crime awareness workshop delivered to Year 6. The approach for primary schools is very different using tools such as positive choice building, resilience, and peer to peer learning. Knife crime is a topic that is of huge importance for our youth today. With the high levels of knife carrying and knife crime incidents we are currently seeing, having that important conversation has never been more paramount. This is a useful transitional tool for children in Year 6 so please ask your child questions about it!

The school has recently updated its Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy and Behaviour and Anti Bullying Policy. These are available to read on our school website.

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## Attendance

We have seen an increase with children absent for holidays and family occasions. The Government published new guidance that came into effect in September 2022 around leave in term time and persistent absence through illness.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance>

The Local Authority guidance for parents is also available on the Birmingham City Council Website.

[https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20014/schools\\_and\\_learning/1502/school\\_attendance\\_advice\\_for\\_parents/4](https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20014/schools_and_learning/1502/school_attendance_advice_for_parents/4)

The school recently sent a whole school letter from the Local Authority for 'fast-track and leave in term time' on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2022 by email and whole school dojo in relation to Attendance. The Attendance and Punctuality Policy has also now been updated and is available to read on our school website.

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## Dates for Diary

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November- 4RB swimming  
3<sup>rd</sup> November- Year 1 out at Selly Manor  
15<sup>th</sup> November- Braswicks photography in to do Individual photos  
16<sup>th</sup> November- Whole school parents evening  
16<sup>th</sup> November- Year 3 out at Bishops Wood- Stone age  
25<sup>th</sup> November- Year 5 out at Tatton Park

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Finally, I would like to wish all our friends and families that are celebrating, a happy Diwali! We hope you enjoy your festivities.



Thank you for your continued support. We wish you a happy half term and look forward to seeing you back on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

Kind regards,

Mr Hull

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