



Message from the Headteacher

A huge thank you to Mr & Mrs Birchall and Mrs Bytheway for hosting another fantastic quiz night last week. Fabulous attendance and a great night was had by all. Staff came 4th this time! We are busily revising for the next event on Friday 27th March 2020. Hope to see you there. To add to that Mrs Bytheway and Mrs Birchall also hosted a children's quiz on Wednesday. The children thought this was super fun and very much enjoyed the exciting competition aspect.

If you have any ideas for future events that the school could run or that you could help with, please get in touch.

Today Governors have visited the school. Visits to schools during the school day give insights that you can acquire in no other way. If they are to carry out strategic and accountability roles as a governor, you need to have an understanding of the way schools work and a feel for the dynamics of the school. There is no better way of gaining this information than by visiting during the working day. Being a governor should be an exciting, rewarding and productive experience and visiting school is part of this.

First hand experiences of the school help to bring governing body meetings to life. They introduce a reality that can otherwise be missing. The experiences prompt questions to the head teacher and enable governors to be more effective in the role of critical friend. Visits allow governors to develop relationships with staff, pupils, parents and members of the local community. This provides a two-way flow of ideas that helps to inform governors' decision-making.

We currently have a vacancy for the role of a community governor. If this is something you would be interested in, please come in and have a chat with either myself or one of the governors.



What's on next week



Monday 10th February:

- Non Uniform Day – Dogs Trust £1 donation
- KS2 Dodgeball 3.20-4.20pm
- Lego Club 3.20-4.20pm
- Science Club 3.20-4.20pm
- Year 6 Late Birds
- Year 2 SATS Meeting 6pm

Tuesday 11th February:

- Choir 8.20-8.50am
- Singing, Woodwind & Guitar Lessons
- KS1 Dodgeball 3.20-4.20pm
- Year 5 Late Birds

Wednesday 12th February:

- Street Dance Club 8.15-8.45am
- Violin & Keyboard Lessons
- Parents Evening

Thursday 13th February:

- Drum Lessons
- KS2 Healthy Lifestyle 3.20-4.20pm
- Year 3 Late Birds
- Parents Evening

Friday 14th February:

- KS2 Archery 3.20-4.20pm
- Year 4 Late Birds

Years 1 & 2

KS1 have had a busy week planning and creating their own leaflets about the type of house they live in. We have made comparisons of our local area here in Lichfield with the City of Nairobi in Kenya in our theme work.

In maths, Year two have been learning about time with a focus on hours in a day, minutes in an hour and seconds in a minute.

Year 1 have been learning about numbers 20 to 50, ordering and understanding the place value of the numbers and discussing which are more and less.

In PE, we have been doing gymnastics and using the small apparatus to balance, travel and jump.

NEXT WEEK: each class are going on a walk in the local area so make sure your child has their uniform on, a warm coat and sensible shoes.

REMINDER: Homework is due in on Tuesdays, spelling books must come to school on a Monday to have new spellings put in, reading books must come to school every day and RWI books are changed on a Friday.

Years 3 & 4

It's been a fun week in Year 3/4 with the children enjoying creating a seascape on the playground using chalks, twigs, sticks, grass, leaves and pebbles. After doing this we studied the features of recounts and wrote about what we did!

The children have also worked hard in maths with Year 3 multiplying by 10 and 100 and Year 4 finding tenths and hundredths of numbers.

Please check your child has their maths homework as well as spellings and reading.

After half term we will swap swimming from the Year 4s to Year 3s. You should have received a letter about this. Next week, we have parents evening when we look forward to seeing you for a report on your child's progress and attainment.

Years 5 & 6

Years 5 & 6 have this week begun a Science investigation posing the question 'Does gravity affect objects of different sizes in the same way?'

We have also produced some very detailed sketches of Henry VIII or one of his wives.

Next week we will be concluding our theme with a quiz about all of the things we have learnt.

Thank you to the parents and carers that attended our SATs meeting, we will be putting the PPT onto the school website. Revision books are still available and order forms will be available again at Parents Evening next week, we look forward to seeing you then.

Message from the Chair of Governors

Dear Children and School Families, today was Governor Day, when the Governors can come into school for the whole day to enjoy the happy and stimulating environment and see all that is being done for the benefit of the children. It is a real highlight for us and we are so grateful for the efforts made by Mrs Grainger and all of the staff and children, who always make us feel so welcome and accommodate what we ask to see. Thanks to everyone and we are already looking forward to our next Governor Day!

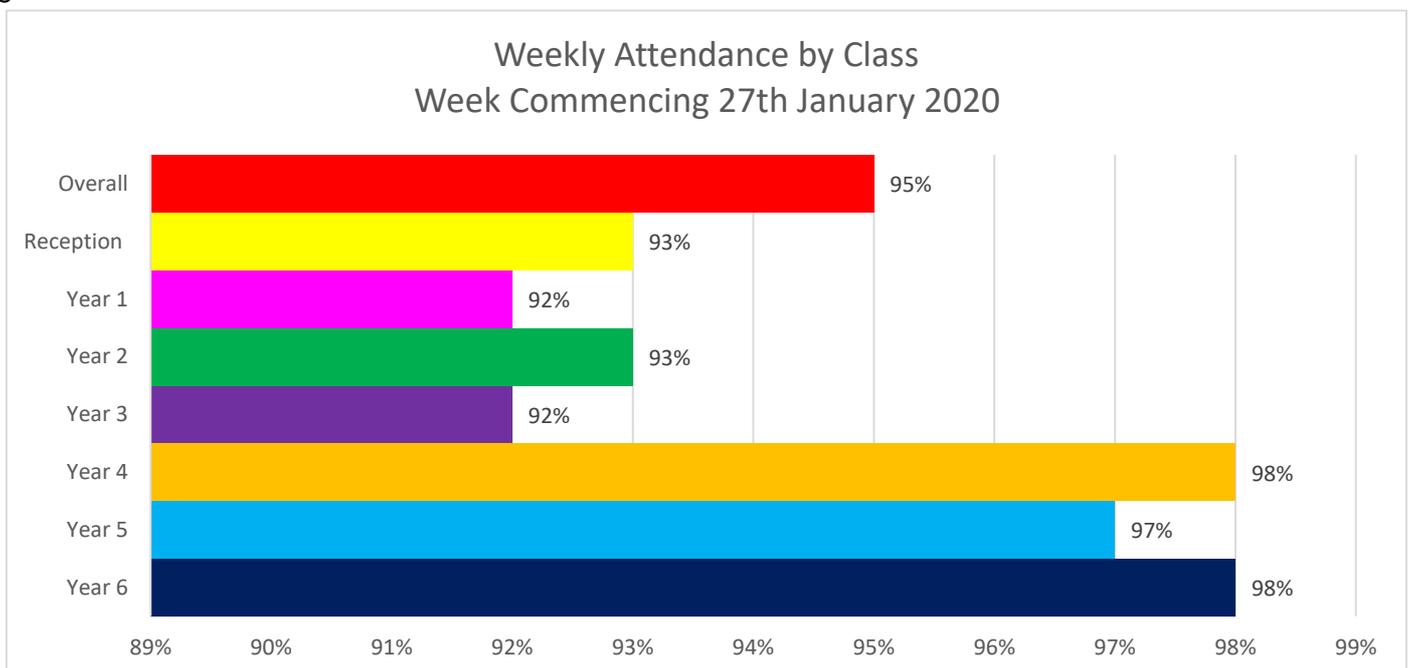
Very best wishes

Iona Chisholm

Chair of Governors

Quiz

Thank you to everyone who attended the quiz last Friday night, we raised £95 through the event. Well done to the winning team: 'The Wise Quacks' and a big thank you to Mr & Mrs Birchall and Mrs Bytheway for arranging such a great evening!



House point totals
Week Commencing: 27th January 2020

	203		257
	218		242



Coronavirus – Advice for Schools

As of today, there are currently two confirmed cases in the UK. The risk to the UK population has been assessed as **low**. Schools do not need to take any extra precautions over and above their normal good hygiene practice, which involves ensuring pupils are washing their hands thoroughly and using tissues.

It is understood that the people returning to the UK from Wuhan in the next few days will be transferred to an NHS facility for 14 days.

We are in constant contact with Public Health England and will be sure to keep you updated if any advice changes.

If you have any queries in the meantime, Public Health England's website has all of the latest information regarding the Wuhan coronavirus.

'Omegle' App

With any social media there is a potential risk but this app in particular is concerning. Omegle is a free online chat website that allows users to socialize with others without the need to register. The service randomly pairs users in one-on-one chat sessions where they chat anonymously using the names "You" and "Stranger" or "Stranger 1" and "Stranger 2" in the case of Spy mode. The below links provide further information.

Think u Know- Omegle

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/globalassets/omegle-parents-guide.pdf>

National Online Safety

<http://www.hollingworthbec.co.uk/files/omegle-parent-guide.pdf>

Local Litter Picking Group

The group meet every Tuesday morning at 9.30am at the Lichfield Community Centre in Reynolds Close and last week collected a number of bags from our school road. The group has asked for our support in helping us make a difference in our community by asking children to be litter legends and bin litter and not drop it in the street.

Latest In2Ed Africa Photos

The children are excitedly opening the letters and pictures from Chadsmead!



Teacher Interview - Teacher Name: Mrs Dennis

Interviewed by: Ollie



What inspired you to become a teacher?

My biology teacher made it easy for me to learn and I wanted to be as good as him.

1. What did you do before you became a teacher?

I worked for a charity for children who needed extra help and support and ran a swimming club and a club for children with physical needs.

2. Why do you enjoy teaching?

Because you never know what's going to happen - everyday is different.

3. What is your favourite subject to teach? Why?

R.E. because I teach the whole school and I get to see the children's understanding about faiths develop.

4. What house team are you in?

I'm not in a house ☺

5. What are your favourite hobbies?

Running - I am taking part in the Great South Run this year.

6. What sort of music do you like?

Anything that can make you dance!

7. If you had a super power, what would it be? Why?

Invisibility, so I could sneak around.

8. If you were head teacher, what would you do to make the school even better?

I would get every child to run around the field in the morning before school to improve their fitness and then have to time to wake up and think about their day as they run and chat.

☺ Thank you for letting us interview you today. ☺

Too Good To Go

SAVE THE FOOD

Poetry Competition

We throw away 1/3 of food
Great words can change our attitude.

- Pen a poem about food waste
- Write 16 lines or fewer
- Win prizes for you and your school
- Open to all primary school students
- Entries close March 31, 2020

Enter at toogoodtogo.co.uk/poetrycomp

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Half Term Reminder

Please be reminded that school closes for the half term holiday on Friday 14th February at the usual time. School will reopen to all on Monday 24th February after the half term break.



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Charlotte Anderson

from

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