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CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Following on from our last newsletter, we can confirm that the new gates on Westminster Road are now operational. The new wider gates allow for a greater flow of people in/out of the premises and allow for greater social distancing compared with previously. Also we would like to thank all of you who have complied with our requests for all parents and visitors on the school site to wear a face covering. You will have seen that all staff also wear face coverings when they are outside. Thank you for distancing yourself appropriately (2 metres) when speaking to school staff.

Please remember to only book a Covid test if you suspect you or a member of your family is showing symptoms of Covid-19. A test should only be booked in the following instances:

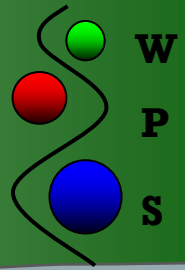
- A high temperature—37.8 degrees or above
- A new continuous cough; coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- A loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste.

We will keep you updated of any changes as and when they occur.

WIZARD OF OZ PRODUCTION

This week in school we had a production of Wizard of Oz presented to our children. Originally this was supposed to be a live performance but due to the current coronavirus situation, the theatre crew had produced a pre-recorded version of the performance which was introduced by one of their cast members on site. Children from the year groups 1 to 6 got to watch and interact with the production at staggered intervals during the course of the day. The production was highly entertaining and the children and staff thoroughly enjoyed the production!





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Secondary School Applications

If your child is in Year 6, you will need to ensure you make an application for a secondary school place by **31st October 2020**. You can do this by going online at:

<https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions>

If you would like any support in accessing and using the online application service, please contact the school office. Due to the coronavirus situation, we are unable to hold face-to-face workshops for parents this year but we can offer support with the online application process.

Reception Class—Admission arrangements 2020

If your child was born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017, they will be eligible to start our Reception class in September 2021. This applies to all our current Nursery pupils. However, the Reception admission arrangements mean that if your child is in our Nursery you do not automatically get a place for your child in this school next year for the Reception classes. You will need to apply online for a Reception place at the following site by 15 January 2021: <https://eadmissions.birmingham.gov.uk/>

If you require help with filling in your online admission form, please contact the school office. The decision regarding school place allocation will be made by Birmingham City Council and communicated to parents on 16 April 2021.

Coffee Mornings

Due to the coronavirus restrictions in place at the moment, there will no coffee mornings held until further notice. If any parent/carer has any query regarding adult courses, entitlement to benefits, housing issues, access to food parcels or any related issues, please do come and see our Parent Support Advisor, Mrs Khan, who will be able to signpost you in the right direction.