



17th September 2021

## Attendance

Class	Attendance for the period 06-09-2021 to 10-09-2021 Target 97%	Has the class target been attained this week?
RA	98.15%	Attained
RB	92.24%	Not Attained
1A	95.32%	Not Attained
1S	96.55%	Not Attained
2K	93.33%	Not Attained
2Y	96.67%	Not Attained
3C	93.67%	Not Attained
3PF	92.31%	Not Attained
4A	97.67%	Attained
4SR	98.00%	Attained
5A	99.00%	Attained
5D	94.76%	Not Attained
5P	100.00%	Attained
6F	98.06%	Attained
6K	96.00%	Not Attained
Overall School	96.12%	Whole school target not attained!

**Our attendance target is 97%**

**Please ensure you send your child to school.**

**Due to further easing of lockdown measures, sending your child to school is now a legal requirement. You will be fined if you do not send your child to school.**

## WELCOME

Welcome back to school to all our pupils, as well as a special welcome to all our new pupils who started with us this week! As you will be aware, many of the Covid-19 restrictions have been relaxed and classes and children are no longer required to stay in 'bubbles'. Dinner times and playtimes have also returned to their normal timings with lunch for KS1 children back to its normal time of 12.00-1.00pm and lunch for KS2 children at 12.30-1.30pm.

Please continue to follow Public Health England guidance for anyone in your household who has coronavirus symptoms. Anyone with symptoms should isolate and book a PCR test. Please inform us immediately if your child has symptoms and inform us of any test result. Close contacts who have had two doses of vaccine or are under 18 years of age, do not need to isolate.

There are no more staggered school timings for our KS1 and KS2 children in the morning. The first bell will ring at 8.35am; this is the time children should be lined up in their classes ready to come into school. The school gates on Westminster Road will close at 8.50am and access will only be available via Stamford Road after this time. The school day finishes at 3.30pm Monday to Thursday and at 12.30pm on a Friday. Please ensure you arrive on time to collect your children; if you are running late then please telephone the school office to notify us of any delays.

## SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

If your child is in Year 6, you will need to make sure you make an application for a secondary school place by 31st October 2021.

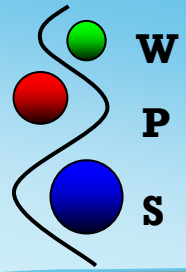
You can do this by going online at:

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

If you would like any support in accessing and using the online application service, please come and see a member of the school office staff. We will be holding a series of parent workshops in October (Tues 5th, Tues 12th & Thurs 14th Oct) for parents who require assistance with the submission of their application.

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## Coffee Morning

We will be holding a coffee morning for parents/ carers on Friday 24th September at 9.00am. Please come to the main school office and Mrs Khan (Parent Support Advisor) will sign you in. All new parents and carers are encouraged to attend. We will be hosting a guest from Lime Tree Children's Centre who will advise on adult classes available in the community.



## Attendance

All parents should have received a school attendance letter via email outlining attendance procedures post lockdown, including term time leave. If you have not received this information, please come and speak to a member of the school office team.

## Email addresses

We are sending most of our correspondence to parents via email. Please can you ensure school has an up to date email address for you in order that you can receive communications from the school.

## Before and After School Clubs

Our before and after school sports clubs will be starting from Monday 20th September 2021. Please make sure you only send your child to the club if you have received a club acceptance letter today. Your child needs to come in their PE kit if they are attending a club in the morning; they need to bring their uniform in a bag that they can change into after their club finishes at 8.35am. Children attending an after school sports club need to bring in their PE kits in a bag and will be given time to change into their sports kit at 3.30pm. All children attending a club need to ensure they bring in a water bottle in order that they can keep hydrated. Our Play Co-ordinators will be in charge of running the clubs: Mr Khan will be running the morning clubs and Mr Azhar will be running the after school clubs.

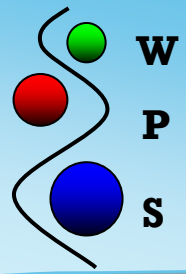
## Dates for your diary 2021

<b>Friday 22nd October:</b>	Pupils break up for half-term
<b>Mon 25th Oct to Fri 29th Oct:</b>	Autumn Half-Term Holiday
<b>Monday 1st November:</b>	School re-opens for pupils
<b>Friday 17th December:</b>	Pupils break up for Christmas Holidays
<b>Mon 21st Dec to Mon 3 Jan:</b>	Christmas holidays
<b>Tuesday 4th January:</b>	Start of Spring term 2021



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## **New Staff**

We would like to welcome two new members of school staff who started with us this month; Miss Parveen is the new class teacher for 5P and Miss Chauhan is our new Pastoral Mentor.

## **Harvest Collection**

We are organising our annual harvest collection for families in need. If you would like to contribute any tinned/packaged food items or toiletries towards this initiative, please can you bring the items to the school office. We will set up a table in the conservatory and we will accept contributions for the next month. All items will be distributed to those less fortunate over the next few weeks.

## **Handsworth Association—Food Bank**

During the Covid-19 pandemic, we were very fortunate to have links with Handsworth Association Food Bank and we were able to work together to provide emergency food parcels to struggling families. If you have any problems with accessing food parcels, please come and speak in confidence to our Parent Support Advisor, Mrs Khan, who will be able to signpost you in the right direction.

## **Lost Property**

There are a number of school uniform items that have been handed in to the school office. If your child has lost / misplaced a school uniform item, please come and check the lost property box in the main office conservatory. Please ensure that you label your child's school uniform with their name using a waterproof marker pen.

## **Westminster Parents, Friends & Teacher Association (PFTA) - Asda green token scheme**

Westminster PFTA is currently taking part in the ASDA green token scheme. To win, the PFTA needs you to vote on the link shown below by 30th September 2021. You can vote once every 7 days. The winners receive a voucher for £500 which our PFTA would like to use to support those in our school community who are experiencing hardship in the form of help with uniform costs, travel, funding the breakfast club as well as rewards to boost attendance and to ensure the children have everything they need to attend school. Link for voting: <https://www.asda.com/green-tokens/store?store=4945>

## **Vacancies in school**

We currently have two vacancies advertised for a Lunchtime Supervisor and a Play Co-ordinator. If you are interested in any of these vacancies, please download a pack from our school website: [www.westmnst.bham.sch.uk](http://www.westmnst.bham.sch.uk). Please look under the 'Vacancies' tab for the packs.