

6th January 2023

## Attendance

Class	Attendance for the period 02-01-2023 to 06-01-2023 Target 97%	Has the class target been attained this week?
RA	85.00%	Not Attained
RB	92.08%	Not Attained
1A	99.17%	Attained
1M	96.67%	Not Attained
2K	92.50%	Not Attained
2Y	92.08%	Not Attained
3A	96.67%	Not Attained
3B	92.50%	Not Attained
4FS	80.24%	Not Attained
4S	98.33%	Attained
5D	91.25%	Not Attained
5P	95.97%	Not Attained
6A	91.94%	Not Attained
6F	89.92%	Not Attained
Overall School	92.45%	Whole school target not attained!

**Our attendance target is 97%**

**Please can we remind parents that any leave requests during term-time will be denied. Time taken during school term time may result in fines administered by the Council and may result in court action.**

## Reception Class—Admission arrangements for September 2023

If your child was born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019, they will be eligible to start our Reception class in September 2023. **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 **15th January 2023**:

<https://eadmissions.birmingham.gov.uk/>

If you require help with filling in your online admission form, please contact a member of the school office staff.

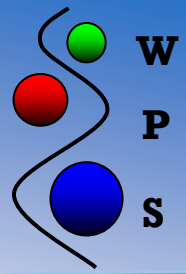
## Vacancies

We are currently advertising for the following posts:

**Play Co-ordinator**  
**Lunchtime supervisor**

If you are interested in any of these posts, please can you email the school on [enquiry@westmnst.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@westmnst.bham.sch.uk) to request an application pack. Alternatively, you can access an application pack from the school website. Please click on 'Vacancies' and select the relevant post you are interested in.

If you would like further information, please contact the school office.



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## Lost Property

If your child has lost or misplaced school uniform, please check the lost property box which can be found in the conservatory are in the main school office, We have a large number of unclaimed items. If these are not collected, we will have no option but to dispose of them. Please do check the box as we have unclaimed uniform items from last term. In order to make tracing of lost items easier, please ensure that you write your child's name on their clothing labels.

## Snacks in school

We would like to remind parents when sending their children in with snacks or packed lunches that the children do not bring in **nuts or any items containing nuts (such as Ferrero Rocher or almond slices)**. This is due to the fact we have a number of pupils in school who are allergic to peanuts and other nuts such as almonds, cashews, brazil nuts etc. Opening a packet of nuts in the presence of a pupil with the allergy will also cause an allergic reaction for some pupils, hence the instruction of having no nuts in school at all. We thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



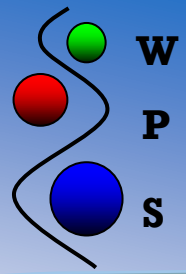
## Punctuality

Please can we remind you that children need to be in class by 8.50am. Ideally you should have your child lined up ready to come into school by 8.40am. Any child arriving in school after 8.50am will be given a late mark. From next week, we will be closing the gates on Westminster Road at **8.50am promptly**. If the gates are closed, you will need to bring your child in through the Stamford Road entrance and they will receive a late slip.

Please ensure you arrive on time to school with your child/children.

## Dates for your diary: 2022 –23

<b>Fri 17th Feb:</b>	Staff training day
<b>Mon 20th Feb—Fri 24th Feb:</b>	Spring half term holiday
<b>Mon 27th Feb:</b>	School open for pupils
<b>Fri 31st Mar:</b>	Break up for Easter holidays
<b>Mon 17th Apr:</b>	Start of Summer term—school open for pupils



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## Parent Courses and information

There are a number of courses for parents starting in this month. Please see below for dates:

Course	Start date	Time
8 week diabetes course	10-01-2023	1.15—3.00pm
Creative Art (cooking, cake art)	10-01-2023	9.15—11.15 am
Women's Fitness (Saheli Hub)	11-01-2023	1.30—2.30 pm
Digital ICT Computing	12-01-2023	9.00—11.00 am
Wellbeing (knitting, crochet)	13-01-2023	9.30—11.30am

For adults in receipt of benefits, there is the opportunity to access free English classes. Level 1 ESOL classes organised by BAES will run every Wednesday and Thursday from 9.00—10.30am in January 2023. If interested, please see Mrs Khan. Or if you prefer, you can call 0121 716 6206 to register.

**We will also be holding a Shelter Advice surgery on Monday 16th January from 9.00—12.00am. This will take the format of one-to-one sessions for anyone experiencing housing difficulties.**

## Dinner Money

Please can parents /carers ensure that dinner money payments are made on a **Monday morning** and placed in an **envelope** with the name of the child and class clearly stated on the front. The envelope needs to be posted into the cash box in the conservatory. Please note we cannot accept cash payments across the desk.

Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

## Food Parcels

We are working with Handsworth Association and iCare to secure food parcels for families that are in need.

If you are currently struggling and in need of a food parcel, please come and speak to our Parent Support Advisor, Mrs Khan. All enquiries will be handled confidentially.

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## CHILD FLU HOSPITALISATION

We have been asked by Public Health England to share the following key messages with you:

At Birmingham Children's Hospital, the Emergency Department continues to be under **unprecedented pressure due to high levels of respiratory infections including flu and RSV.**

Public Health England are urging child flu vaccine uptake and want to specifically highlight the extremely busy situation in Children's Emergency Departments.

### Key messages

- The Children's Hospital Emergency Department is incredibly busy – those who are not seriously ill will face very long waits to be seen and may need to go elsewhere for help.
- Remember, the Children's Hospital Emergency Department can't help with dental or eye issues. For an eye emergency, please attend the Midland Eye Centre at Dudley Road open 9am-7pm. NHS 111 can help with finding and accessing an Emergency Dentist
- There are things you can try before visiting, such as:

View our 'virtual consultations' to hear our doctors' advice on the most common reasons people come to the Emergency Department. Go to: <https://bwc.nhs.uk/ed-top-tips>

Visit Healthier Together, a website recommended by our doctors, which has advice and resources for parents and young people. Go to: <https://www.what0-18.nhs.uk>

Visit <https://111.nhs.uk> (for children aged 5 and over) - this site helps answer questions about your symptoms on the website and they will tell you what to do next.

Take these simple steps to keep well this winter:

- Wash your hands regularly just like you did during the pandemic
- Get your flu jab and COVID-19 booster

