

## HEADTEACHER COMMENT OF THE WEEK

It's fantastic to see how all of our children have settled back this term. It is wonderful to see all of our Nursery back in our academy too. I'm pleased to say that our pupil and teacher affected by Covid are feeling much better. Thank you again for abiding by our social distancing rules when collecting the children. As you know we are using several collection points to minimise numbers. Once you have collected your children please ensure that you leave the academy site to maintain the gap between different year group collection times.

The children are following the guidance and expectations well within the academy and I'm so proud of how they are keeping themselves safe. Well done to our children for following the academy behaviour policy and the new Covid safety guide.

On return our attendance was 96% in our first week which was very good and we are now working hard to get our attendance back up. This week it's at 92.20%

Yesterday as you know we had a visit from Ofsted. The visit was not an inspection and will not result in an Ofsted rating, but is instead part of a series of planned visits to schools and academies across the country in the autumn term. The focus was about full re-opening of the academy and how pupils are getting back into their routines. The inspector did not need to visit lessons or to speak to children or parents as this visit was purely around the reopening National survey. The inspector will write a short letter which we will be happy to share with you on our website.

The atmosphere in school is calm and settled with all of our pupils engaged in learning. They are working really hard and I'm impressed the quality of their written work. We are having a big focus on the following areas on return to school:

Handwriting and Spelling

Reading and Phonics

Writing

Core skills in mathematics

We have timetabled additional sessions in an afternoon to support any gaps in learning.

As you know we are continuing to use our virtual learning too. We use google classroom across the academy and purple mash with our youngest pupils. Where possible we are setting all homework through our learning platform this year.

All the children that took part in our 45 club will receive they prizes very soon. We are sorry for any delay as we have experienced long delays due to Covid. Well done! I will update on you next week on our winners.

Have a super weekend.

Mrs M Lathbury-Cox



**Magical Maths** are the Number 1 provider for after school maths clubs in the country. We know that some schools might not be able to do after-school maths clubs so we have got something that will help.

We have [Live - Virtual Maths Clubs](#). Children can do this in the comfort of their own home using the free zoom app! We did these during the lockdown and the children loved them.

Our sessions will be live and interactive and taken by one of our best Mathemagicians.

**For more information and to book please call 0121 392 7475.**

### Transfer to Secondary School September 2021

To do this, you must submit an on-line application through the Secondary Admissions web page of Walsall Council website:

[www.walsall.gov.uk/secondary\\_school\\_admissions](http://www.walsall.gov.uk/secondary_school_admissions)

Alternatively, from the front page of the Walsall Council website, follow: Education – School Admissions – Secondary Admissions (click on Secondary Admissions Chalk Board)

**Please note that the online application portal is open daily between 8am and 9.30pm each day up until the 31st October 2020.**

If you require any advice or support with making your application, then please contact the School Admissions and Appeals Team at [schooladmissionsadvice@walsall.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissionsadvice@walsall.gov.uk).

Members of the team will be pleased to assist you.

**The deadline for submission of applications is 31 October 2020.**

### CLASS ATTENDANCE

RLW 86.18%

RLT 92.24%

1CO 94.10%

**1VG 97.32%**

2LP 93.33%

2CG 94.92%

3PG 96.90%

3HF 95.22%

4WC 96.39%

4KR 88.04%

5PB 95.29%

5HT 93.88%

6HL 87.39%

6BH 91.38%

6RF 91.44%

Well done to **1VG** this week for achieving

**97.32%**



Overall attendance

92.20%

### Newsletter

**Autumn Term 1 Week 5**  
**Week ending 02 October 2020**

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