

## HEADTEACHER COMMENT OF THE WEEK

It was a year ago this week that we received the Government announcement that schools were to close and the country went into lockdown. As a community we have all experienced great changes over this period of time and had time to reflect on what is important in life and for our children's future. A year on, we are together and stronger. Thank you for working together and thank you for your continued support to keep our children safe.

We are proud of the way we have strengthened our partnership to focus on children's well-being and education. Your efforts and kind support has supported the school during a difficult time. Our children have developed their emotional resilience, and confidence in being flexible and adapting to change.

### School Attendance

Well done everyone for adjusting back into school routine. We continue to monitor school attendance and have noticed some changes to school attendance. We request all Parents and Carers to support the school by:

- Ensuring your child arrives at school on time every day
- Informing the school on the first day of absence
- Responding to text messages to share information
- Providing medical evidence where requested
- Informing the school of any medical appointments in advance to collection

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

### Home Learning

We hope the children are enjoying completing their homework using Google Classroom/Purple Mash (EYFS). We will continue to post their weekly homework for Spelling, Maths and Literacy. We will also be posting additional resources and activities to support parents to review learning from school at home. All children will be expected to complete all home activities. Parents will be able to review some aspects of the week's learning including reading texts, good examples of class learning on our website and through our twitter feeds.

### Arrival and Dismissal of Children

Thank you to all the Parents and Carers who are following the one-way system, will we continue next term with our staggered starts and ends to the day as this is working really well. As the government road map is progressing now we are taking steps to allow additional activities over the summer term including swimming, P.E additional sports and trips and visitors if permitted. We aim to allow parents on site to **drop off and collect** pupils from their **classrooms** from start of the summer term.

Could we please request everyone adheres to the one-way system and wears an appropriate face covering and maintains good social distancing. Thank you.

It is encouraging to see that Covid cases are lowering in our local area and by working together as a community to following the government guidance, our academy risk assessment we have not experienced any Covid bubble closures this half term.

May I take this opportunity to thank our dedicated staff team for their hard work this term. Also, parents we really appreciate your ongoing support. I hope that you all have a lovely family break. Stay safe, take care. I look forward to an exciting Summer Term ahead.

Mrs M Lathbury-Cox



## E-ACT'S GOT TALENT

Do you have a special talent to show?

REGIONAL CELEBRATION EVENT

*Submit your video entries by 30<sup>th</sup> April*

*Video submissions should be no longer than five minutes. Please send entries to [Donna.Johnston@e-act.org.uk](mailto:Donna.Johnston@e-act.org.uk). Why not record your entry over the Easter break!*

**ALL WINNERS WILL PERFORM AT THE NATIONAL PUPIL CELEBRATION EVENT ON 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY.**

### COMMUNITY NEWS

Family cycling and learn to ride on  
Saturday 3rd, Saturday 10th and Wednesday 7th April  
9.30 am-12.30 pm.

Sons of Rest Talbot house Bentley lane Walsall opposite Alma pub

All bikes supplied with safety equipment.  
Contact Birchills Agenda 21 on 07505 202 722  
Or on Facebook Birchills Agenda 21 group

### WELL DONE

4WC were the class to win overall attendance this half term. Mrs Clifft and her class enjoyed cakes this afternoon as a treat. Well done again! Keep up the great work.

### CLASS ATTENDANCE

RLW 89.1%

RLT 89.66%

1CO 94.77%

1VG 98.32%

2LP 89.94%

2CG 94.94%

3PG 89.17%

3HF 98.85%

**4WC 99.17%**

4KR 97.25%

5PB 96.89%

5HT 88.17%

6HL 91.52%

6BH 83.19%

6RF 92.31%

Well done to **4WC**  
this week for  
achieving **99.17%**



Overall attendance

92.96%

**Newsletter**  
**Spring Term 2 Week 6**  
**Week ending**  
**1 April 2021**

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