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**ATTENDANCE**

Attendance since the last newsletter is:

Rec	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
93.7%	99.5%	96.5%	99.1%	94.1%	97.3%	97.8%

Congratulations to **Year 1** who are our winners again this time - well done. School target for the whole academic year is 96% Overall attendance since the beginning of the year 95.97% therefore we have missed our target by .03% **Please ensure that all medical appointments are made outside of school hours whenever possible.**

If your child is unable to attend school due to sickness, please telephone the school office on 0121 464 5500 before 9.15am.

**Children MUST be on the playground by 8.50am** in readiness to be collected by their class teacher at 8.55am. Children arriving after 9am will receive a late mark and children arriving after 9.30am are marked as absent for the whole morning session which then impacts on their own and the school's attendance figures.

Late marks since the last newsletter are:

Rec	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
16	16	16	13	24	18	10

**These figures need to be much improved in September.** Children's learning is affected even by arriving a few minutes late and children are often embarrassed at having to enter the classroom after the rest of the class.

**Walk to School Competition**

Huge congratulations to Malaika in Year 6 who has been chosen as one of 12 national winners in the Walk to School Badge Design competition. The 2017/2018 theme is Walk the Americas and Malaika's design of the Californian Coast will be depicted on the November badges. In recognition of this, Malaika was awarded with a bag or art goodies, a trophy of her design and £500 of Walk to School resources for the school.



This is the Malaika's design - this and further details can be seen at

[www.livingstreets.org.uk](http://www.livingstreets.org.uk)

**School Uniform**

On the reverse of this Newsletter is a copy of our School Uniform Policy. Uniform is available from Clive Marks and Mansuri Ltd, both in Kings Heath. **Parents of children moving from Year 2 to Year 3** in September are particularly reminded that KS2 children should wear a shirt and tie with either a v-neck jumper or cardigan.

We look forward to seeing everybody back in September looking smart and wearing the correct uniform.

Any unwanted PE Kits, particularly from children leaving the school, would be gratefully received at the school office as "spares".

Thank you

**Centenary Celebrations at St Chad's Cathedral**

To celebrate the centenary of Fatima, the Virgin statue of Our Lady of Fatima and Relics of Saints Jacinta & Francisco will be visiting St Chad's Cathedral on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July. Full details can be found online at [www.stchadscathedral.org.uk](http://www.stchadscathedral.org.uk)

**DIARY DATES:**

- **Tues 18<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Leavers' Mass.** 9.30am - all welcome
- **Tues 18<sup>th</sup> July - Musical Showcase** - Choir @ Bishop Challoner 5pm
- **Wed 19<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Production.** 1.30pm & 6.00pm. All welcome
- **Fri 21st July - SCHOOL CLOSSES for summer.** 3.15pm
- **Mon 24<sup>th</sup> July - SCHOOL CLOSED - TEACHER TRAINING DAY**
- **Tues 25<sup>th</sup> July - SCHOOL CLOSED - TEACHER TRAINING DAY**
- **Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Sept - SCHOOL CLOSED - TEACHER TRAINING DAY**
- **Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Sept - SCHOOL RE-OPENS FOR CHILDREN**

**Summer Fair**

Many thanks to everyone who came and supported our Summer Fair. The weather was very kind to us and the support was fantastic. Congratulations and thank you to everyone involved with the PTA and organisation of the event. A total of £1335.55 has been raised which is being used for furnishings and further development of the school house.

**Medicine**

Please ensure that any medicines/creams and any other medication is collected from the school office on Friday. Medication should not be left in school over the summer holiday.

**Outstanding Money- Dinners/Breakfast Club/After School Club**

Any outstanding monies for this term must be paid no later than **WEDNESDAY MORNING**. Thank you in advance for your co-operation with this.

**Good Luck & Good Bye**

As another school year draws to an end, we inevitably have to say good bye to those moving on to new ventures in September.

Good luck to all of our Year 6 children - you all have a wonderful future ahead of you and we look forward to hearing great things about you all in years to come.

We also wish Connor in Reception and Patryk & Filip in Year 3 the very best of luck as they leave us to start with new schools in September.

Please also join me in wishing Mr Crowley (caretaker) and Miss Tulloch (Teaching Assistant) all the best for their futures as they leave us at the end of the term too. Thank you both for all of your hard work and commitment to the school.

**An End of the School Year Prayer**

Lord God,

You have blessed us in our relationship with you and with our friends.

Our school has shared many things this past year.

We were linked by common tasks and time together.

This month we say good bye and end our school year.

It is a time of praise and a time of thanks

Lord bless our students, teachers and staff, especially those we will not see again.

Keep each of us in your care both during the coming summer and throughout our lives.

Guide our steps and strengthen our hearts, until we gather once again in your Kingdom.

We ask this through Christ our Lord,

Amen

Wishing you all a very safe and happy summer break. Thank you all for your hard work and commitment throughout what has been a very busy but successful year. We all look forward to seeing you back on **TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>** for the start of another exciting year ahead.

God Bless