

# Newsletter ~ 12.11.2021



*You'll find lots of useful information in our newsletter*



- Children in Need - Friday 19 November 2021
- Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day will be on Wednesday 15 December 2021
- Last day of this term is Friday 17 December 2021
- Christmas holidays Monday 20 December 2021 - Tuesday 4 January 2021 (Teacher training day)
- Children return to school on Wednesday 5 January 2022

## Message from Mr Lamorte - Head of School



Dear Parents and Carers,

As always, it has been an eventful few weeks at school. Senior leaders have been busy observing in lessons to ensure children are provided with every opportunity to make as much progress as possible. We have focused on reading and phonics and witnessed children giving some wonderful explanations regarding their understanding of key texts, and witnessed some super phonics in KS1 and Early Years. Next week we will be observing writing lessons, which senior leaders are looking forward to very much.

You will notice in the coming weeks an increased focus on developing children's vocabulary, as we develop our whole school 'WordAware' strategy. On top of what we do to support language development, both in core subjects and in the wider curriculum, we will be sharing a word of the week with you, which we would like you to discuss with children at home. We will display these words around school and we will be giving stickers to children when a brilliant word is used. We know this will have a big impact on children's understanding in both reading and writing. You can see the words further on in the newsletter.

A big thank you to all the children who have been purchasing items to help commemorate Remembrance Day. We held a minute's silence in school yesterday and it was impeccably observed by all children and staff. We were very proud of them all.

Next week we are holding open mornings on Tuesday and Wednesday at 9.30am for new prospective new parents. Please ensure you share this with anyone you know who you think may be interested.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mr Lamorte

Head of School

The top 8 attendances by class are shown below

Position	Class	Attendance This academic Year
1 <sup>st</sup>	2L	98.7%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	5F	96.4%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	3R1	95.8%
4 <sup>th</sup>	6C	95.6%
5 <sup>th</sup>	5B	94.5%
6 <sup>th</sup>	4D	94.2%
7 <sup>th</sup>	3T	94%
8 <sup>th</sup>	4B	93.9%



## Golden Ticket Winners



Congratulations to Leo, Abdelwahad, Izak and Nevaeh who each won an activity pack.

Daisy, Angel and Adam each won a creative pack.

Well done to you all !

## Wychall words of the week



We are working hard to expand our vocabulary at Wychall - each week we will have a special word - please discuss your child's word with them at home - Thank you.

KS1 - The word is **COLOSSAL** meaning - very large - example '*I saw a colossal building in the city*'.

KS2 - The word is **ENGROSSED** meaning - to have all the attention or interest - example '*I was engrossed in my new book*'.

We are now a CASHLESS school.



ALL money for toast, dinners, trips etc will be paid through parent pay.

**Years 1-6** - Toast & milk is now on as a payment item - 25p per day

**Reception** - milk (for children aged 5 years & over - 21p per day) children under 5 - Free

PLEASE ENSURE YOU USE THE CORRECT PAYMENT ITEM - Please don't put toast money onto school meal payments - Thanks

Any queries just call us.

If you don't already have an account please contact the school office and we can set you up. If you already have an account at another school for an older sibling you can just add your child at Wychall onto it.

## Children in Need 2021 - Friday 19 November



This year you can dress up in the colours of the rainbow - and don't forget to bring in a £1 for this very worthy cause - Thank you

### School Photos

School photos have been taken today. The proofs will be sent home as soon we receive them and then you can order online and have your photos delivered to your home. Please note we are not able to take orders or payments in school - thank you

### PE Kits

Children should wear their P.E. kits into school on the days they have P.E (or if they are attending an afterschool sports club.)

- Dark tracksuit bottoms.
- White t-shirt
- Dark jogging top, however NO HOODIES.
- Trainers

PE Timetable	
Class	Day
Nursery	Thursday
RD	Tuesday
RS	Wednesday
1D	Wednesday & Thursday
1M	Tuesday & Friday
2L	Tuesday & Friday
2R	Wednesday & Friday
3RJ	Wednesday & Thursday
3T	Tuesday & Thursday
4B	Monday & Wednesday
4N	Monday & Tuesday
5B	Tuesday & Friday
5F	Wednesday & Friday
6C	Monday & Thursday
6R	Monday & Thursday



## Festive Menu ~ Wednesday 15 December 2021



## Children starting Reception in September 2022

If you have a child who will be starting Reception in September we would ask you to visit [www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions)<sup>1</sup>

and submit an online application from before 15 January 2022 (the final closing date).

## TTRS - Times table rock stars



<sup>1</sup><https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions>

Class	Week ending 5th November 2021
1D	-
1M	Elizabeth
2L	Imran
2R	Ayden
3RJ	Anniyah
3T	Maria
4E	Kame
4W	Finlay
5E	Jaycee
5F	Brianna
6C	Lamar
6R	Dylan

Safeguarding





### **Safeguarding:**

**It has been a difficult year and as changes are now coming into effect it is important to remember that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and to be vigilant. If you have any concerns please contact one of the agencies on the list below:-**

- Birmingham Children's Trust (CASS) - 0121 303 1888 option 2, option 2
- NSPCC - Tel: 0808 800 5000, report online at <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/reporting-abuse/report/><sup>2</sup>
- or email NSPCC directly at [help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk)
- Police - If a child is in immediate danger, please dial 999

It is normal to feel anxious, nervous or unsure about getting in touch with the agencies above but please be assured that the agencies are there to help and take that worry from you. Letting us or an agency know that you're worried about a child could be the first step to helping protect them from a lifetime of abuse and neglect.

### **Childhood Mental Health:**

We know that during this period of further uncertainty, both child and adult mental health can be affected.

We have therefore included some links below of agencies that can provide some emotional support for you and your child, if needed, during this time.

**Childline:** <https://www.childline.org.uk/><sup>3</sup>

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<sup>2</sup><https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.nspcc.org.uk%2Fkeeping-children-safe%2Freporting-abuse%2Freport%2F&data=04|01||8da0f8f981de4090c29a08d8b9554de4|1a970741c0da436893693ba2f5922acb|0|0|637463123308796429|Unknown|TWfPbGZsb3d8eyJWljojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D|1000&sdata=ZKr1rOjXQm5x0ZVelkVurdf0O5Qj%2BYZqM5qSq6SdOYw%3D&reserved=0>

<sup>3</sup><https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.childline.org.uk%2F&data=04|01||8da0f8f981de4090c29a08d8b9554de4|1a970741c0da436893693ba2f5922acb|0|0|637463123308806387|Unknown|TWfPbGZsb3d8eyJWljojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D|1000&sdata=qBB62BQjzoP8qI%2FIP7RH9GSWrF0aBG5ZaMoSmb6PjiY%3D&reserved=0>

**Forward Thinking Birmingham/PAUSE:** <https://www.forwardthinkingbirmingham.org.uk/services/13-pause><sup>4</sup>

**The Children's Society:** <https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/see-hear-respond><sup>5</sup>

<https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/information/young-people/well-being/resources><sup>6</sup>

**Mind:**[https://www.mind.org.uk/donate/?gclid=CjwKCAiAl4WABhAJEiwATUnEF52WLN2HWoz0uF0bOt5\\_\\_7RUMTT0TdYpqvwVj\\_TJp6oN8iLyB-l7xBoCwzqQAvD\\_BwE](https://www.mind.org.uk/donate/?gclid=CjwKCAiAl4WABhAJEiwATUnEF52WLN2HWoz0uF0bOt5__7RUMTT0TdYpqvwVj_TJp6oN8iLyB-l7xBoCwzqQAvD_BwE)<sup>7</sup>

**Samaritans:** <https://www.samaritans.org/how-we-can-help/contact-samaritan/><sup>8</sup>

If you would like to speak to someone in school regarding which service you feel would be beneficial to you, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Please see a letter from Hayley Eaton, Safeguarding Lead, regarding online safety on our school website. The letter can be found in the Key Information section.

## Contact Us

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<sup>4</sup><https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.forwardthinkingbirmingham.org.uk%2Fservices%2F13-pause&data=04|01||8da0f8f981de4090c29a08d8b9554de4|1a970741c0da436893693ba2f5922acb|0|0|637463123308806387|Unknown|TWfPbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6I6k1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D|1000&sdata=F9HO7QwLP2AP4NY15DH6WuwkCtSVGvc%2BSynoUupd9E0%3D&reserved=0>

<sup>5</sup><https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.childrenssociety.org.uk%2Fsee-hear-respond&data=04|01||8da0f8f981de4090c29a08d8b9554de4|1a970741c0da436893693ba2f5922acb|0|0|637463123308816340|Unknown|TWfPbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6I6k1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D|1000&sdata=PJjiSHGulP2647byDX3Ttlm0bKwc8PurYtdw28IOEXY%3D&reserved=0>

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<sup>7</sup>[https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.mind.org.uk%2Fdonate%2F%3Fgclid%3DCjwKCAiAl4WABhAJEiwATUnEF52WLN2HWoz0uF0bOt5\\_\\_7RUMTT0TdYpqvwVj\\_TJp6oN8iLyB-l7xBoCwzqQAvD\\_BwE&data=04|01||8da0f8f981de4090c29a08d8b9554de4|1a970741c0da436893693ba2f5922acb|0|0|637463123308826298|Unknown|TWfPbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6I6k1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D|1000&sdata=c8VgRAUXs%2FvIKYJzQxzSyYKd9VjAFMYfHopsD%2BvIA0o%3D&reserved=0](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.mind.org.uk%2Fdonate%2F%3Fgclid%3DCjwKCAiAl4WABhAJEiwATUnEF52WLN2HWoz0uF0bOt5__7RUMTT0TdYpqvwVj_TJp6oN8iLyB-l7xBoCwzqQAvD_BwE&data=04|01||8da0f8f981de4090c29a08d8b9554de4|1a970741c0da436893693ba2f5922acb|0|0|637463123308826298|Unknown|TWfPbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6I6k1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D|1000&sdata=c8VgRAUXs%2FvIKYJzQxzSyYKd9VjAFMYfHopsD%2BvIA0o%3D&reserved=0)

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