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2.10.17 NEWSLETTER

McMillan Coffee Morning

Please can I give a big thank you to everyone who supported our coffee afternoon. A total of £184 was raised so far for the charity.

The raffle also managed to raise £125 which will go towards outdoor games and activity equipment for our new lunch time Play Leaders Scheme. This will be organised by Mrs Walsh and a number of trained Play Leaders from Years 5 and 6 who will set up and run a range of playtime games and activities for all children at lunchtime.



Bartoc - Winner of the Raffle Prize Y1/2W

Behaviour Policy Changes

As you are aware, we are in the process of developing our schools behaviour policy in school this first term. The staff and children have been working hard over the last couple of weeks to devise a new set of rules, school values and a reward and sanction ladder. The response from you about the rewards and sanctions has been very positive – thank you.

Since the start of term, the whole school is using Dojo as a reward system which children can build up points to receive rewards and privileges. Class teachers have sent home passwords and instruction on how to download the App. If you haven't received yours yet or you are having problems, then please speak to your child's class teacher.

Over the past couple of weeks, the children have been enjoying the rewards of our new school behaviour policy. Children across the school received certificates for Star of the Week in assembly, have been collecting Dojos for good work and following the new school rules getting them closer to receiving more prizes, have received golden time and some parents may have received postcards home from me to let you know about pupils who have been recognised for their efforts, achievements and behaviour. Children and staff are working hard to ensure that Croxteth is a safe and enjoyable place to learn.

As part of our review of school behaviour policy review staff and governors are currently producing a policy and charter on Parental Behaviour. When complete this will be on our school website for you to view and we will send out the charter once completed.

Please can I remind parents that, as a school, we have a zero tolerance on aggressive behaviour. It will not be accepted in any instance and will be dealt with accordingly following school and local authority policies and procedures.

KS1 and KS2 SATS and Year 1 Phonics Screening Tests

These will take place in May – please can we ensure that the children are in school during that entire month.

Uniform and PE kit

We still have a large number of pupils who are not wearing PE kit in lessons. Please can you ensure all children have the correct kit, which is clearly named so that they can change and be comfortable for day. Kit is available to purchase from Jackie at the office.

Again can we please remind parents that coloured trainers are not part of the school uniform at school.

Water Bottles

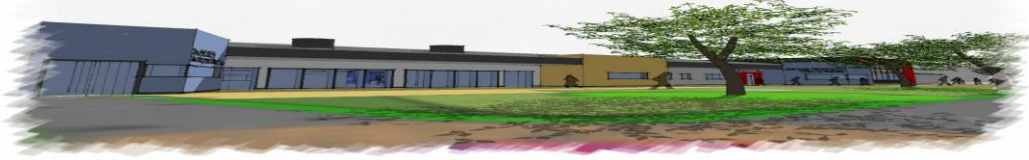
Children have access to water throughout the day to ensure they are hydrated and can sustain good concentration levels. Children are permitted to bring in plastic water bottles for water (not juice or fizzy drinks) which can be used in lessons and carried to PE lessons.

Punctuality and Attendance

This week's attendance figures were 96.7% - a vast improvement from the end of last term. It is still short of the national expectation of 97% but I am sure you will continue to work with us to ensure that we remain as close to that figure as possible. As you are already aware, we are judged on this. If children are not in school they are not learning – and this is paramount. Holiday requests during term time, will regretfully, not be authorised.

This week saw the launch of our termly Punctuality and Attendance award. Each term there will be a draw and all children with attendance above 97% and no lates will be entered.

The figures will be taken from this week, so attendance and punctuality prior to this week will not be included. Everyone has the chance of winning! There are two Kindle Fire HD tablets (one for KS1 and one for KS2) and school will also give two £30 shopping vouchers for each of the families of the winning children. The draw will take place at the end of term.



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Sickness

Please can you ensure that you inform Jackie at the office first thing in the morning to let us know the reason for your child's absence. If school is unaware of why your child is off than this can trigger a letter or visit from the school's Attendance Officer (EWO). We understand that this can cause upset with parents when there is a genuine reason for absence so please let us know so that we can avoid this.

Website and App Update

A new school website is currently being built and will take a few weeks to become live. Our APP is now working and parents should be receiving updates.

Are you on a low income or in receipt of benefits?

if you are in receipt of state benefits or are on low income, your child may be entitled to free school meals and other benefits. Please pick up a form from Jackie at the front desk.

Reading

Reading is the key to unlocking learning! Listening to your child read for 5/10 minutes daily can make a vast difference to your child's education.

Diary Dates

2.10.17	Theatre production for Reception
10.10.17	School Nurse – Flu Vaccination
12.10.17	School Photos
12.10.17	Careers Carousel – Year 6
13.10 – 15.10	Residential –Year 5
20.10.17	Break up for Half Term
30.10.17	Return to school
31.10.17	Parents Evening

Local Authority Review

Last year's end of KS1 and KS2 results, which will be available on the new website when it becomes live, saw a drop in attainment and were well below the National Expectations in all subjects.

As part of the drive to raise standards across the school, the Local Authority will be coming into school to carry out a review. This will be carried out like an inspection but as a supportive role to help identify strengths and areas for improvement in the school. The review will be carried out on Monday 16th October and Tuesday 17th October. It is likely that the team will be out on the yard before and after school. They may attempt to chat to you – please do not be scared, if they ask for your opinions then speak freely. However they will not have time to speak or listen to individual parents or complaints.

Parking

Please can parents avoid parking on the hazard lines outside of school. They are there to ensure the safety of your children and to avoid traffic build up causing other children and parents to be late.

Early Pick Ups/Reception Pick ups

There has been an increase in the number of pupils being picked up from the office early or at 3pm. Unless it is an emergency or arranged prior with the class teacher or Jackie, please can we try to avoid this. The office and staff are very busy at this time of day and there is limited space in the reception area so please can we pick up children from the school yard.

Parents Evening

Parents evening is scheduled in for Tuesday 31th October. A letter will be sent home soon for you soon to choose a time slot to meet your child's teacher. This is the perfect time for you to find out about how your child has settled and how your child is doing in school. Appointment times will be restricted to 5 minutes per parent and teachers will have to stick to these to ensure that other parents are not late for their appointments. If you feel that you need to discuss anything further than please arrange to meet the teacher for an extended conversation at another time.

Flu Vaccination

Letters went out asking parents if they would like their child to receive the flu vaccination on Tuesday 10th October. Please make sure that you sign the consent form and return it to school as soon as possible.