

It is February already!

This has been a busy but very quick half term! We have been very proud of the hard work and effort our children have been putting in around school! Early Years are enjoying learning about festivals and celebrations whilst Key Stage 1 have enjoyed learning about the local area. Up in Key Stage 2, children have enjoyed writing play scripts, stories, poetry and speeches and Year 5 have enjoyed reading some text by William Shakespeare. Don't forget to find out what your child is learning about on our 'Year Group' pages on the school website.

Measles

Measles is on the rise in schools in the West Midlands. Please ensure that your family's vaccinations are up-to-date. Being vaccinated protects the individual and the whole community!

New Arbor App

We are working hard behind the scenes to get our new app all set up and ready for use! Keep an eye out on your emails for an invitation to download the app and create an account... We are hoping these will come out very soon.

The Governing Body...

As always, we have enjoyed coming into school and finding out about what the children have been up to. We have been very impressed to hear about the improvements in attendance too! We are looking forward to a positive and productive half term ahead!

Attendance!

The year groups with the highest attendance so far this year is **Year 1 and Year 6 with 95.1%**.

Congratulations to **IM** who have the best attendance with **96.5%**

Well done to classes **2R, 2W, 3G, 4H, 5C, 6JW, 6MW, FT Nursery and RG**, who also all have **over 94%** attendance.

Our aim is to get ALL classes up to and above 95% attendance!

We are looking forward to rewarding all of the children with 100% attendance since Christmas in our celebration assemblies this week. These children will also be entered into a prize draw to win a family ticket to Dudley Zoo!

A few reminders:

- If you have any concerns about your child, please make an appointment to see your child's class teacher in the first instance. Teachers can be reached via email, for example: Year1@hallgreenprimary.co.uk
- Whilst we are pleased to see so many children coming to school on their bikes and scooters, please ensure children know that scooters or bikes are not allowed to be ridden on the school site. There are bike/scooter racks at the bottom end of the playground where they can be stored. We recommend using a bike chain and please note that these are left at your own risk.
- Medication: wherever possible, medication should be administered at home. We will not be able to administer medication unless it is prescribed and the correct forms are filled in at the office.

Reflexions:

We welcomed the Reflexions team into school for a coffee morning earlier this half term. This was really successful and the feedback has been really positive. As a result, we are looking to hold a coffee afternoon with the Reflexions team next half term. Dates to follow.

Road Safety

We continue to battle against dangerous drivers and inconsiderate parking... There have been reports again of some dangerous driving and some very upset parents have been to see us. We all want our children to be safe and secure, so please park and drive respectfully, reporting any dangerous driving or parking to the police and/or council.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 7 th February	Mental Health Awareness day – Express yourself: ‘own clothes’ day.
Thursday 8 th February	KSI and EYFS Celebration Assembly
Friday 9 th February	KS2 Celebration Assembly BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM
Monday 12 th February – Friday 16 th February	Half Term – School closed
Monday 19 th February	<u>School open to all pupils.</u>
Friday 8 th March	EYFS Mothers Day Assembly (time tbc)
Tuesday 12 th March	Parents Evening
Wednesday 20 th March	EYFS Easter Bonnet (time tbc)
Thursday 21 st March	EYFS and KSI Celebration Assembly
Friday 22 nd March	KS2 Celebration Assembly BREAK UP FOR EASTER
Monday 25 th March to Friday 4 th April	Easter Holidays – School Closed to all pupils
Monday 8 th April	Training Day – School closed to pupils
Tuesday 16 th April	Y1 trip to the Botanical Gardens
Thursday 2 nd May	Polling Day – School closed to all pupils
Week commencing Monday 13 th May	Year 6 SATS week – all children MUST attend
Friday 24 th May	BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM
Monday 27 th May to Friday 31 st May	Half Term – School closed to all pupils
Monday 3 rd June	Training Day – School closed to pupils
Week commencing Monday 17 th June	Year 6 Residential to Frank Chapman
Friday 19 th July	BREAK UP FOR SUMMER

