

# January

We would like to wish everyone a very belated Happy New Year! We hope you all had a restful and happy Christmas holiday.

Thank you for supporting the arrangements for the Christmas performances. All the children did brilliantly and we were all so proud of them!

The children have settled back into school really well and have been working really hard on reading, writing and maths. Well done! We hope that you have a lovely weekend.

## SAFEGUARDING

If you are concerned about a child, for any reason, you can contact CASS on **0121 303 1888** or ask to speak to DSLs, Mrs Harris or Miss Horton in confidence.

If you have concerns about online safety, contact Miss Horton, Mrs Harris or Ms Brady.

Staff are trained in online safety to ensure that children are learning about keeping safe online from an early age.

As part of our safeguarding we have an online filter called Impero which ensures that unsuitable or unsecure sites cannot be accessed through the school system.

## COVID, FLU, STREP A, SCARLET FEVER

There continues to be a higher number of cases of; STREP A, Scarlet Fever, COVID and Flu across the country. We are following all the guidance provided and we will keep you updated with advice from government agencies via the newsletter and app.

Currently, the UKHSA has advised that if your child has a fever they should remain off school until the fever has ended. Also remind children of good hygiene, including handwashing and using tissues.

Please click on the link:

[Back to school advice issued amid high levels of flu, COVID-19 and scarlet fever - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/back-to-school-advice-issued-amid-high-levels-of-flu-covid-19-and-scarlet-fever)

## BE SMART ON THE INTERNET

Did anyone get a new games console this Christmas? If so, are you worried about what children might be playing, who they can interact with and can they make accidental purchases? All consoles come with parental controls. Take a look at *internetmatters.org*. They have lots of help and guidance on how to set parental controls on all kinds of devices to help protect you and your children.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/nightbeforevideogames/>

All you need to know  
[www.brdmedoi.bham.sch.uk](http://www.brdmedoi.bham.sch.uk)

## DON'T DELAY - RECEPTION AND YEAR 3

### PLACES 2022

Applications for entry to Reception and Year 3 in **September 2023** must be submitted by 15th January

Any applications received after that date will be late and will be processed after the national offer day.

If you have not completed your form please contact us as a matter of urgency.

National offer day is

Monday 17th April 2023

## WELCOME

We welcome Miss Rumaysa Khayyam, from BCU and Miss Zameena Khimji from UCB. They are in Nursery and Reception every Tuesday and are mentored by Miss Bushell, Miss Gregory and Mrs Beddoe.

Miss Ellie Boazman and Miss Phoebe Gordon, who are trainee teachers through Newman University and Colmore Partnership, will be in school every day. They are based in 2L and 2B and are being supervised and mentored by Mrs Lewis and Ms Brady.

## SUPPORT IS A 'PHONE CALL AWAY!

Annette is available to speak to every week and holds a Wednesday coffee morning from 9:00am. She is there to listen and help and is able to offer to support in lots of different ways. She is able to signpost parents to different organisations who can help, too.

If you would value a call from Annette, please call 0121 464 4266 and we will add you to Annette's call list. She will contact you as soon as possible.

## LEARNING THIS TERM

Our knowledge organisers give everyone a good starting point to talk about what children are learning in class this term and to find out more at home.

Nursery: Rhythm and Rhyme

Reception: Animals

Year 1: All Around the World

Year 2: Time Detectives

Information on our phonics programme *Little Wandle* is on the website.

## IMPORTANT: NUT FREE

We have children in school with a severe allergy to all kinds of NUTS. Please can we ask that food in lunch boxes is **NUT FREE**. **Peanut butter, Nutella or Hazelnut/chocolate spreads could also cause a severe allergic reaction.** Thank you for your co-operation .



## CRIME PREVENTION, SAFEGUARDING,

### BEHAVIOUR AND SECURITY - CCTV

We would like to remind all parents that we have CCTV cameras operating across the whole site and focused on all the entrance gates and playgrounds. There is a camera in the foyer. The information is shown on screens in both offices and records on to DVD recorders.