



Newsletter
09.12.19

ELECTION DAY

Thursday 12th December, school is **OPEN**, as usual. **ALL** children **MUST** attend or classed as unauthorised absence.

Attendance

Our attendance target is 97%
Thank you for all your hard work last week.
Overall attendance was 96.43%

Well done to the following classes who all reached the target.

1DM – 97.78%	2B – 97.78%
2H – 98.21%	3C – 97.04
6BP – 97.33%	RS – 97.02%

Almost there, 3AF – 96.30% and 4W – 96%
All other classes need a bit of improvement.
1H – 94.81 5DH – 93.10 RD – 95.56

Progress against Ofsted Improvement Areas

The school have commissioned three external reviews in order to ensure improved provision against those identified by Ofsted in Reception.

07.10.19 **Moderation of assessments** on entry to school: Discussions with the EYFS lead demonstrated her sound knowledge of EYFS. The school are robust in thoroughly assessing each strand for the baseline, to make an accurate 'best fit' judgement. All children sat beautifully and engaged during an activity, clearly demonstrating the high expectations but also, clear routines the children had received.

15.10.19 – **Early Years Consultant:** Key improvements have been made to ensure that children are being taught systematic phonics teaching. Staff have had CPD for phonic teaching and children have the opportunity to apply their phonics during guided reading in small groups with TA's on a daily basis. All suggested actions from previous term have been completed. All children are extremely well settled, happy to be in school and have made good relationships with adults and children.

13.11.19 – **Early Years Leader** from an outstanding provision - There have been clear changes since the first visit in March: a positive ethos which allows children to choose activities and move freely around the unit; focused, purposeful activities both inside and outside. The adult facilitating independent learning inside supports and questions the children well across their chosen activities. The outside provision offers opportunities for the children to learn with carefully planned for activities and an adult facilitating the children's learning well with interaction and questions. The continuous provision activities were purposeful.

Christmas Fayre

Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Fayre which raised over a £1000 for the school fund.

READING

A huge 'thank you' to all those families who have been listening to their children read and commenting regularly in their reading diaries regularly. Your input makes a big difference to your child's enthusiasm for reading and progress. We really appreciate your support with your child's reading journey.

Parent / Carer Conduct

This has now been uploaded to the school website.

If parents have any comments could they please respond through the website or hand in any thoughts, concerns for school to consider.

DIARY DATES

Carol concert – Wednesday 11th December 10 am, prompt for all KS2 children at Erdington Methodist Church. Parents welcome.

Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 13th December (School Council)

KS1 Christmas Performance – Tuesday 17th December 9:30am for parents of children in **2B, RS and 1DM** (unless told differently.)

KS1 Christmas Performance – Wednesday 18th December 9:30am for parents of children in **2H, RD and 1H** (unless told differently.)

Christmas dinner – Thursday 19th December

School closes – Friday 20th December at 1pm (for most children, as usual) or 3:15pm **Staff Training Day** - Monday 6th January 2020