



YWCPS NEWSLETTER



JANUARY 2014

Happy New Year!

It has been a super start to 2014. Our children have returned to school with positive attitudes and excellent behaviour... just the way we like it!

The Carol Concerts & Nativity seem a long time ago now, but I am sure you'll agree that they were really special events.

This term we have updated the school website. Mrs Smith has spent a long time making it easier to navigate the site and it is full of information, school news, class blogs and some great photos too.

Just before Christmas the Department for Education published national results for all schools – please have a look at the link on our website to see how far our school (your school!) has come.

In last year's Key Stage 2 SATs 89% of our children achieved L4 or above in reading, writing and maths – this is the 8th highest result in the whole of Birmingham. All of our children made 2 levels or more progress in reading, writing and maths and we are one of only 9 schools in the city to achieve this 'triple 100%' in 2013.

Looking forward to 2014 and beyond, these are exciting times for the school and we are striving for another successful year.

Thank you for your continued support.

Ben Turner

Reception 2014
REMINDER

If your child was born between 1st September 2009 and 31st August 2010, you need to make an application for your child to start Reception Class in September 2014.

The closing date for applications is 15th January 2014, the quickest way for parents to apply is on line by visiting www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

If you do not have access to the internet, please call into the school office for a paper application form.

SUPER COACH
 INSPIRE ACHIEVE

YWCPS are excited to advise that we have employed a Super Coach, Mr. Elvins. Mr Elvins has been employed to provide us with high quality instruction to pupils both during P.E. lessons and after school clubs.



YWCPS UNIFORM
 Should you have any school uniform at home, which your child no longer needs, please do not throw away. If it still has wear left in it, please donate it to the school where it can be re-used.



A REMINDER TO PLEASE CONSIDER OUR NEIGHBOURING COMMUNITY WHEN DROPPING & COLLECTING YOUR CHILDREN. PLEASE DO NOT BLOCK RESIDENTS DRIVEWAYS, PARK WHERE THERE ARE DOUBLE YELLOW LINES OR BLOCK ACCESS TO LOCAL BUSINESSES.
 MANY THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

Year 6 Residential Trip to Condover Hall

The year 6 residential trip is due to take place 2nd April 2014. The total cost of this trip is £85.00. Parents/ Guardians are welcome to pay for this trip in instalments. Total payment must be received by Monday 3rd March 2014. Should you have any queries regarding payment do not hesitate to contact Miss Ford in the school office.



PUPIL CONTACT DETAILS - Should any emergency contact details have changed over the festive period, please ensure that you notify the school office.



SCHOOL START & FINISH TIMES



School Starts

08:55am


School starts at 08:55am. Could all parents / guardians please make an extra effort to get children to school on time. While the amount of late pupils has improved, there is still room for improvement. Pupils being late for school not only has an impact on their learning, but is also very disruptive to the class.

School Finishes

3:30pm

School finishes at 3:30pm (year groups 1-6) 3:20pm (Nursery & Reception). Parents of those pupils collected late from school will incur a charge of £5.00 for every 15 minutes of lateness. This fee must be paid within 7 days of receipt of invoice.

School Absences: Please ensure that when your child is absent from school you contact the school office Tel: 0121 675 2456. If we are NOT advised of the reason for absence it will be recorded as unauthorised. Attendance has been fantastic this first week back ☺. Let's keep it up!!



SCHOOL MEALS
Should your child's dietary requirements change please advise the school office. We are unable to change lunch time arrangements on a daily basis. Should you wish to alter your child's meal arrangements please advise the office on a Monday morning.



YEAR 2 TRIP – BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL & MUSEUM



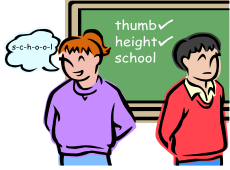
Year 2 are participating on a trip to Birmingham Cathedral and Museum on 22/01/2014. Can parents / guardian please ensure that payment of £2.25 is paid by 15/01/2014 in order for your child to attend the trip.

Pupils who usually have a school meal provided by school will have a packed lunch provided, those pupils who usually bring packed lunch from home, should do so as usual.



SNOW

Should the school be closed due to the weather it will be announced by 6:45am on local radio stations Heart FM, Free Radio, & BBC Radio West Midlands. It will also be announced on the school website www.ydlywood.bham.bham.sch.uk A text message will also be sent.

 <p><u>BREAKFAST CLUB</u></p> <p><i>YWCCPS run Breakfast Club every morning during term time. There is no need to book, just pop in. For a small fee your child can enjoy breakfast. Prices starting from a little as 20p. Families are also welcome. Breakfast Club is open 8am – 8:45am. (A short form will need to be completed, prior to your child being left at breakfast club).</i></p> 	 <p><u>SPELLINGS</u></p> <p>A new spellings scheme has been put into place throughout school. The scheme has been brought in line with new Government requirements. Please check the school website for spellings, and also please check your child's school bag each Friday to see if they are a 'Star Speller'.</p>
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THE SNOWMAN TRIP

If your child is attending the Snowman Trip next week (16/01/14) , please ensure that you complete and return the form advising that somebody will be here to collect your child at 5pm-if you have not received a form please call into the school office. Final payments for this trip MUST be made by Monday 13th January.