

YWCPS NEWSLETTER

November 2013



As previously advised 5 of our teachers participated in the Birmingham Half Marathon on the 20th October 2013.

A big well done to Miss Palmer, Miss Cox, Mrs Smith, Miss Joyce and Miss Hegarty for completing the Half Marathon to help raise money for NSPCC.

Also a big thank you for your support. A grand total of over £1250.00 was raised.

RECEPTION 2014

Parents / Guardians of current Nursery children should have now received a letter from Birmingham Admissions regarding Reception 2014 places.

The on-line admissions website has now opened. The web address to apply on-line is

www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions.

Should you wish to apply via post please call into the school office to obtain a copy of the application form.

All applications should be submitted by 15th January 2014.

We are having a Reception open session on Wednesday 13th November 4:30pm-5:30pm, please take this opportunity to come in meet the Teachers, and have a look around our vibrant Reception class.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS

For the last 2 ½ years we have operated an open door policy for parents to come in & discuss school issues, or issues at home that might affect the children here. The school is a happy & welcoming place, & I love working here.

Unfortunately a small minority of our school community do not always support us in the same way that we have supported them. There have been a number of incidents recently which have brought us to the point of developing a “Code of Conduct” for parents. Included in the draft copy are issues concerning a small minority of our parents such as:

- Parents using offensive language in & around school
- Some parents entering school either under the influence of alcohol or drugs
 - Thoughtless parking around school
- Slanderous or libellous & hurtful comments about school, staff or other parents on social networking sites such as Facebook

I would welcome contributions from you our parents, to add to this “Code of Conduct”. Teachers & Teaching Assistants already have very clear Codes of Conducts & professional standards, which they adhere to.

As soon as the Code of Conduct for parents is complete, I will circulate copies & place on the school website too.

Many Thanks for your support,

Mr. Turner

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Children In Need 2013

Friday 15th November is Children In Need. For a donation of 50p per child we are asking children Reception to Year 6 to come to school with wacky hair & dressed in school uniform worn back to front. For Nursery children Miss Joyce would like children to dress up as Nursery Rhyme characters to tie in with Nursery Rhyme Week, which is next week.



Year 6 Residential to Conover Hall April 2014

On Tuesday 12th November, there will be a meeting after school for all year 6 parents/guardians.

This will be an informative meeting where staff will be able to answer any questions / queries which you may have. A DVD of Conover Hall will be shown, and leaflets will be available.

The meeting will commence at 3:40pm and will last approximately 20 minutes.



SPORTING COMPETITIONS



YWCPS have competed in a few sporting competitions this Autumn. To date we have not won any competitions, but the children have tried their best which is always the greatest achievement, and we have had great results:-

Football – against many different schools – 3rd overall
Football League – against 3 other schools – 3rd overall
Netball League – against Wheelers Lane – lost 7-1

50pence must be paid for every club which a child attends.

Should any of you know of businesses who may like to sponsor any of our teams with kits, please encourage them to contact the school.

DATES FOR DIARIES

11/11/13

09:15 am - Remembrance Service in school followed by Year 6 attending service at Christchurch @ 11:00am

3:40pm - 6:00pm Parents Evening

Bookfair after school all week

12/11/13

1:30pm-3:00pm - Nursery Parents Workshop

13/11/13

School Photographs. Families to bring pre-school children in to have photos with siblings at 08:30am. All other pupils will have photos taken during school time.

4:30pm-5:30pm - Reception open session for new Reception 2014 parents

3:40pm-6:00pm - Parents Evening

18/11/13

09:15am - 10:15am - Reception Letters & Sounds Workshop for parents

Anti-Bullying Week

GOVERNORS

We still have one Parent Governor position vacant.

If you want to take your involvement in school life to a new level, please contact our Chair of Governors, Mrs. Pat Cox.

Her email address is p.cox@ydlywood.bham.sch.uk

ATTENDANCE

Attendance was over 95% last half term - thank you and well done all.

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