



# NEWSLETTER

6<sup>th</sup> November 2017

*“Never say I can’t, always say I’ll try”*

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Attendance

Wk beginning 2 <sup>nd</sup> October:	Poppy	98.7%
Wk beginning 9 <sup>th</sup> October:	Emerald & Sky	98.3%
Wk beginning 16 <sup>th</sup> October:	Buttercup & Emerald	98.3%
Wk beginning 30 <sup>th</sup> October:	Ruby	99.7%

## Praise Assemblies

Well done to all our pupils who received Praise Certificates this week!

## Inconsiderate Parking

It has been brought to our attention that some parents have been parking in very inconsiderate and unsafe places. We have been given the details of the following vehicles:

- a black Vauxhall Insignia, registration number **NU15 TFO** has been reported for parking across a drive in Apsley Road on more than one occasion
- a black Peugeot, registration number **VK59 HFS** that was parked across a drive in Apsley Road, preventing the homeowner from entrancing or exiting
- a red Alfa Romeo, registration number **RV06 AVX** that was parked across a drive in Apsley Road, preventing the homeowner from entrancing or exiting. Unfortunately, when the resident challenged the vehicle owner they were rude to them.

May we remind you that consideration should be shown to residents on Apsley Road and the surrounding area when parking around school. We do advise residents to contact the police when they cannot access their property.

## Attendance

The Department for Education has changed the definition of “persistent absence” to deal with the reality of pupil absenteeism in schools and its impact on their learning. DfE figures show that missing 15% of lessons per year is equivalent to having a month off school every year. School age pupils are classed as persistent absentees if they miss more than 10% of their possible sessions in a school year. Having monitored our recent figures for persistent absence, for the first time in a number of years, it has been flagged as an issue with the Attendance and Prosecution Service. We take the matter of attendance and punctuality seriously, therefore, with immediate effect, if your child’s attendance drops to 92% we will no longer authorise absences without medical evidence. We hope that you will support us in this matter so that your child can hope to make the progress of which they are capable.

## Sale of Poppies

Poppies will be on sale from the school office. Please support this worthy cause with a suggested donation of 20p minimum.

**Sandwell Flu Vaccination Programme 2017**

School Health will be delivering the nasal flu vaccination in school on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November to all pupils in Reception, Years One, Two and Three. Please ensure you have returned your consent form by the end of this week. School Health require a form from **every** child, even if consent is not given.

Yours sincerely,

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