

*“No-one is perfect, that’s why pencils have erasers”*

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Attendance**

Wk beginning 6 <sup>th</sup> November:	Ruby	99.7%
Wk beginning 13 <sup>th</sup> November:	Amber & Emerald	97.4%

### **Praise Assemblies**

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

### **Inconsiderate Parking**

**Retraction:** In our Newsletter dated 6<sup>th</sup> November we reported that a red Alfa Romeo, registration number **RV06 AVX** was parked across a drive in Apsley Road, preventing the homeowner from entrancing or exiting. The resident also said that the driver was very rude to them. Upon investigating this matter, it appears this was not actually the case. We apologise for any distress this may have caused.

### **Late Collections**

Although the school day ends at 3.20 p.m. (Reception and KS1) and 3.25 p.m. (KS2), there may be the rare occasion when an emergency arises and your child is late being collected. We have made new arrangements and require the adult to enter via the main reception area where they will be required to sign their child out, along with the time and reason for the late collection.

### **Children in Need**

Many thanks to all who supported our “Children in Need” appeal last Friday. A total of **£403.91** was collected, this includes £62.56 from Pre School and £38.40 from the penalty shoot-out arranged by a small group of Year Four pupils.

“We’ve raised £38.40 from our penalty shoot-out. A special thank you for everyone who took part. Six people from Ocean Class were the organisers and their names were Arjunveer, Neehal, Christian, Arjan, Aaran and Josh.” Well done boys for helping to raise money for such a worthwhile cause.

### **Christmas Events**

Our ‘Christmas Countdown’ was sent out last week, giving details of the events being held in school until we close for the Christmas break. Please note, as per our Behaviour Policy, children who have been on the Behaviour Tracker 3 or more times this half term will not be able to attend the disco on 1<sup>st</sup> December.

### **Slippers for Shelter**

On 8<sup>th</sup> December we will be taking part in ‘Slippers for Shelter’. This is an event in aid of the charity Shelter, to raise vital funds needed to make a life-changing difference to the families and children that need help at Christmas. Could all children please come in to school with a pair of slippers in a bag to wear during the school day – fluffy ones, patterned ones, superhero ones or even Rudolph ones! Suggested donation of £1.00 can be sent in with your child.

### **Primary Science Quality Mark – Silver Level**

The Primary School Quality Mark scheme enables schools to work together to share good practice and is supported by professional development led by local experts. The Primary Science Quality Mark is led by the University of Hertfordshire, School of Education in partnership with the Primary Science Teaching Trust. It is supported by the Royal Society for Chemistry, the Ogden Trust and the Association for Science Education.

We are delighted to inform you that we have been successful in achieving a PSQM at silver level.

Jane Turner, PSQM National Director said: *“Gaining a Primary Science Quality Award is a significant achievement for a school. The profile and quality of science teaching and learning in each awarded school is very high. Children are engaging with great science both in and outside the classroom, developing positive attitudes towards science as well as secure science understanding and skills. Science subject leaders, their colleagues, head teachers, children, parents and governors should be very proud.”*

Special thanks to Miss Taylor for leading Science and achieving the Quality Mark at Silver level.

### **Helping Birmingham’s Homeless**

This year, rather than making up shoeboxes we will be supporting the ‘Helping Birmingham Homeless’ Charity’s appeal, which will allow each person to make up their own gift bag by choosing from a variety of items plus one Christmas gift. If you would like to help please send in any of the following items for the attention of Miss Maskell or Mrs Haydon:

*Jeans/joggers, Jumpers/sweatshirts/hoodies, Coats, Trainers/boots, Hats, Gloves, Scarves, Toiletries, Crisps, Chocolate, Pot Noodles, Dog food, A special gift such as a box of chocolates or Tesco voucher.*

Thank you for your generosity.

### **Christmas with the Salvation Army**

I am sure you will be delighted to know that our school choir have won a place to sing at Symphony Hall in Birmingham on the afternoon of Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December. This is an excellent achievement, not only because just four schools in Sandwell were chosen, but also as our choir was only brought together in the summer term to perform at our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. Congratulations to Mrs Reid and all children involved!

Yours sincerely,

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