



Burnt Tree Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to begin by saying thank you to everyone who donated money for Birmingham Children's Hospital last month. We raised over £150 and received a letter of thanks from the hospital which we have displayed in the entrance area. Also, I would like to say thank you to those of you who donated tinned or packaged food as part of our Harvest celebration. This food is being given to a local food bank which some of our families have benefitted from recently.

Dates for the Autumn Term

Y5 Diwali celebration assembly: Thursday 20th

October 9am

Remembrance Day assembly Wednesday 11th

November 10.30am

Y2 Advent assembly Thursday 1st December 9am

KS2 performance of Christmas 1914: This will take place on Wednesday 7th December at 2pm and 6.30pm. More details will be sent out nearer the time.

Parents' evening

We are looking forward to welcoming you all on Wednesday. As usual we will be asking everyone to complete a feedback questionnaire and we would be really grateful if you could all think of something we do well and something we could do even better and add this to the questionnaire responses. Thank you!

The half term break is week beginning 24th October and the term ends for the pupils on Friday 16th December.

KS1 SATs meeting

We would like to invite all the parents and carers of pupils in Year 2 to attend a meeting on **November 8th at 6.30pm**. During the meeting we will talk to you about the *expected standard* in Year 2 and about the tests that pupils will take in the Summer. There will also be an opportunity for you to ask staff about anything that you can do to support your child at home and for you to see examples of the tests the pupils sat last academic year.

Attendance

Can I politely remind all parents and carers that holiday cannot be authorised in term time. Consideration of leave of absence requests will be made in exceptional circumstances only.

Home reading

Thank you to everyone who hears their child read at home. Many of you are now hearing your child read every evening and recording a comment in their reading diaries. This is a fantastic support to your child and I guarantee it is helping them to become more fluent, confident readers. Being able to read well is the key to success in many curriculum areas. We are about to invest in the Accelerated Reading Programme, for KS2 pupils in the first instance, which is an online resource that your children will be able to access at home on desktop computers, laptops and possibly I pads. This supports reading comprehension and moves pupils on to more challenging texts and questions as soon as they are ready. As soon as we have the login codes and passwords we will send them out to you and would ask you to encourage your child to get involved.

Hill Road

Can I ask once again that everyone is mindful of how and where they park on Hill Road please? It is important that you don't block drives or cover the pavement so that pedestrians cannot get through. Also, we have had some calls from residents who are concerned that some children are not being supervised on the way home and that they are running into the road. Please help us to reinforce road safety messages by ensuring that your children don't do this. Many thanks.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Kind regards

Mrs Evans