

# Newsletter November 2023







#### Welcome back!

It has been a busy but wonderful start to the half term with educational visits, Diwali celebrations, workshops, Remembrance Service and assemblies all taking place this week. We are looking forward to more enrichment opportunities this half term, including our Diwali Dance Workshop, Class assemblies, Christmas Fair, Christmas activities and many more!

2J Congratulations to those children who have passed 11 club

Aalyan
Aaylah-Rose
Aizah
Daniyal
Eirfa
Hadia
Imad
Marina
Maryam
Zayaan

2G
Congratulations to those
children who have passed II
club

Hassan Ayaan Keiyaan Samah



The school gates open daily at 8.40am and lessons start promptly at 8.55am. Please make sure your child is on time so that they do not miss any of their learning time.

Nursery AM 8.30-11.30am. Nursery PM 12.15-3.15pm.

If your child is unwell and not be able to attend school, it is essential that parents call the office

0121 675 0618 from 8am or email enquiry@slade.bham.sch.uk.

If we do not have contact and are unable to contact you this may become a safeguarding concern.

# school Uniform

Purple jumper or cardigan White polo shirt or blouse Grey trousers/skirt/dress Black shoes (no trainers)

Please can you ensure that your child's uniform is labelled with their name and class.

Children should not wear jewellery to school. Where they have their ears pierced, they should only wear stud earrings.

As part of Anti-Bullying week, the children will take part in a series of assemblies as well as completing homework linked to the week.

We will also be revisiting our school approach to supporting children to understand what bullying is.

We use the acronym STOP (several times on purpose. We will be sharing our child friendly poster with parents too.



We celebrated World Mental Health day on 10th October. It was wonderful to see the children support this by wearing yellow and showing their understanding of the importance of mental health.



# SPOOKY DISCO

The disco really was a 'Spooktacular' evening, where the children enjoyed playing games such as apple bobbin and musical statutes. They really got into the spirit and had a fun time with their wonderful costumes.





Thank you to our families that came and celebrated Diwali with us. It was wonderful to see our community come together to celebrate.

We have the West End in Schools company delivering a Diwali dance workshop to children in Years 2, 3 & 4 on Monday 13th November. This will teach the children the story 'The Ramayana' through the magic of dance.









Children from Year 5 Steel
Pan band attended our
partnership Secondary
School, Stockland Green to
take part in their Black
History Carnival. They
performed for the children
and staff playing songs that
they have been learning with
their teacher Mr Clarke.



On Friday 17th November we are helping to raise money for Children in Need where children can come to school in non-uniform and wear SPOTS.

Mr Bennett has set up a 'Just Giving Page' to reach a goal of £300. Please donate at least £1 to help Slade achieve this.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/slade-primary-school-1699262857372

The children can also take part in a 'Design a Tee' competition. They can get a sheet from their class teacher from Friday 10th, to be handed back in by Friday 17th November to be judged and be in with a chance to win 1st, 2nd or 3rd place.







The children will be learning about road safety on 23rd November in class. It is really important that child are aware of how to conduct themselves when crossing a road and what dangers to be aware of. If you would like to explore this in further detail please check out on the link below:

# https://www.brake.org.uk/road-safety-week/















# Digital Wellbeing at School

Digital wellbeing can relate to how the use of digital technology including personal devices, social media and other apps can affect an individual's life. It can be affected by many things, such as how long we spend on devices, how we behave online, how we interact with others, how others interact with us, what we expose ourselves to, what we're influenced by and how we use technology to achieve desired outcomes. Much like general wellbeing, it can contribute to other areas such as our overall physical and mental health.

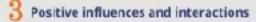


#### Supporting Digital Wellbeing

Children and young people may be introduced to technology from a very young age so it's important to know what can support them with their digital wellbeing. This can include:







Critical thinking around information and online harm

#### **Poor Digital Wellbeing**

There are still behaviours in children and young people that can contribute towards poor digital wellbeing. Some of these include:

- An over-reliance on technology
- 9 Exposure to abuse or online harm
- Poor online/ offline balance
- 4 Negative influences or social interaction



#### What Can Schools Do?

Digital we ibeing plays an important part in the overall health of your school community.

Understanding how technology, apps, online platforms and other spaces can affect students, staff, and parents is hard, but consider the following ways to support digital wellbeing at school.

- Encourage appropriate breaks away from devices
- 2 Create safe spaces for individuals to talk through concerns
- 3 Encourage the use of parental controls and filtering options for apps where necessary
- 4 Appropriate offline activities in school



- 6 Develop a school community approach towards online critical thinking
- 7 Explain what harmful online content is and ways it can present itself
- Making the community aware of online reporting routes



To find out more about Digital Wellbeing visit the SWGfL hub: swgfl.org.uk/topics/digital-wellbeing/





#### **Further Support**

Professionals Online Safety Helpline: saferinternet.org.uk/professionals-online-safety-helpline

Harmful Sexual Behaviour Support Service: swgfl.org.uk/harmful-sexual-behaviour-support-service/

Report Harmful Content: reportharmfulcontent.com















Year 2, 3 and 4 Diwali dance workshop - Monday 13th November 2023 in school

Year 6 - Culmington Manor Residential Wednesday 6th December - Friday 8th December 2023

Year 4 - Willersley Castle Residential Monday 15th January - Wednesday 17th January 2024

Year 6 - Paris Trip Monday 4th March - Thursday 7th March 2024

## Leave in Term Time

The school holiday dates are published a year in advance and holidays in term time are not permitted. If you take your child/ren out of school for a holiday you may be at risk of receiving a penalty notice from the court section. All fines from penalty notices are paid directly to the Education Legal Intervention Team - Birmingham City Council to support improving school attendance.

Last year 89 penalty notices were issued to parents with an additional 5 parents taken straight to court. If you do take your child out of school, please think of the impact this has on your child's education.

Congratulations to the top classes of last term with the highest attendance.

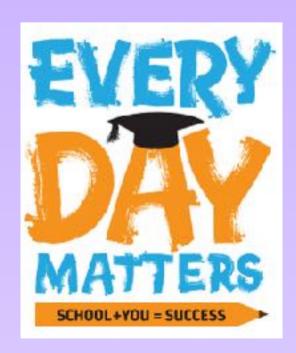
RE 96.23%

2G 96.73%

4S 97.22%

5B 96.39%





# School Term Dates

## **AUTUMN TERM 2023**

Staff Training - Friday 1st December Term Ends - Thursday 21st December Staff Training - Friday 22nd December

## SPRING TERM 2024

Staff Training - Monday 8th January 2024

Term Starts - Tuesday 9th January 2024

HALF TERM - Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February

2024

Term Ends - Friday 22nd March

## SUMMER TERM 2024

Staff Training - Monday 8th April 2024
Term Starts - Tuesday 9th April 2024
May Bank Holiday - Monday 6th May 2024
HALF TERM - Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May2024
Staff Training - Friday 5th July 2024
Term Ends - Friday 19th July 2024
Staff Training - Monday 22nd July 2024