



## Term 1 News & Information



### **Staff News**

We are pleased to announce the birth of Miss Austin's baby daughter Heidi earlier this term, who arrived much earlier than expected! Both mother and baby are doing well.

We are all very sorry to be saying goodbye to Mr Booth who is leaving CCS today due to family circumstances and moving back to Wales. Mr Booth joined CCS last year and he will be sadly missed by children, staff and parents. Y4 parents enjoyed an excellent Y4 Spotlight Assembly yesterday morning and an opportunity to say goodbye to Mr Booth.

Mrs Harle has been appointed to the role of Y4 class teacher for the duration of the academic year. Y4 parents are invited to 'Drop In' and meet Mrs Harle on Tuesday 1st & Wednesday 2nd November between 3.15 pm and 4 pm.

We are delighted to have Mrs Denton back to the Primary Office this term after her absence last year.

### **Changes to Morning Arrival Procedures for KS1 –Y1 & Y2**

The primary playground is becoming extremely congested at the beginning and end of the day. In order to ensure access for children to get in to school smoothly and calmly we will be trialling the following procedures next term:

**Reception** - Continue to go straight into their classrooms from 8.35 am.

**KS1: Y1 & Y2** -Go straight in to classes on arrival from 8.35 am. Parents are asked to say goodbye to their children as they drop them off at entrance to the link corridor where KS1 staff will be on duty to meet them. Y1MH will come in to their class via their playground door.

**KS2: Y3-6**– Continue to arrive from 8.35 am and remain on the playground until the hooter sounds just after 8.40 am, ready for an 8.45 am start.

At the end of the day parents are asked to stand well back from classroom doors so classes can get out easily.

**Thank you for your co-operation.**

### **Important Diary Dates Coming Up**

**Friday November 4th** — School Photos.

#### **Tuesday 8th November**

Welcome to Y6 ! Information for parents about learning, assessment and transition to Y7. 7pm-8.15pm. Details to follow.

#### **Wed. 9th & Thurs. 10th November**

Parents Evening for Foundations Stage Parents only.

#### **Thursday 10th November**

Science Dome in school -YR,Y4 &Y5

#### **Tuesday 22nd November**

Maths information Workshops for parents YR-6 . Afternoon and evening sessions available. Details to follow.

#### **Tuesday November 29th**

Young Voices - Birmingham Primary Choir

#### **Wed. 7th December (afternoon) & Thurs 8th December (evening)**

Foundation Stage Christmas Celebration for Parents.

*Fairy Tale Land Nativity Show*

#### **Friday December 9th**

CCS Friends Christmas Fayre 3.15 pm

#### **Monday 12th December**

-Mince Pies, Milkshakes and Christmas Crafts for Reception Parents & Children Together – morning activity.

#### **Tuesday 13th December (evening)**

Performing Arts Christmas Concert

#### **Wednesday 18th & Thursday 19th January**

Parents Evenings for YR-Y6 4.40 –7.30 pm

This is a change to our previous parents' evening calendar -see over leaf for further details.

## Assessment & Reporting to Parents—Changes to Procedures

As you are aware we successfully launched our On-Line Reporting system last term which enabled you to securely access your child's report through our website. We have had much positive feedback and now look forward to building on our success this year. In previous years, we held our first parent teacher consultation of the academic year in November. This will now take place in January. Prior to this in December, data will be released online which will give you an accurate picture regarding your child's progress and approach to learning for the Autumn Term. This will enable you to have a more informed conversation with your child's class teacher in January. Following this, the next parent teacher consultation will take place in April, and again, data will be released before the meeting. The final assessment information of the year will be released in July, closely followed by the hugely successful 'Primary Celebration Event'. Parents will receive a detailed outline of our new assessment and reporting calendar after half term. Parents are, of course, able to make an appointment with their child's teacher at any point as the need arises.

## Big Health and Happiness Week 2011



BBH&HW takes place every year in T1. During last week, our learning was focused on the science, PSE and Physical education elements of curriculum. All children in primary phase took part in a range of health and sporting activities as part of Big Health and Happiness Week. These activities included football coaching, tae kwon do lessons and a visit from Boots opticians, to name but a few. We were very lucky to have community coaches from the Cobblers Football Team coming to run workshops in Key Stage 2 and the Ballroom and Latin Dance lessons put a smile on everyone's face and a spring in our step!



All the children visited the Life Education Bus to learn about aspects of keeping healthy and safe with the help of Harold the giraffe. The children also enjoyed a choice of the ever popular 'IT' activities on Thursday afternoon including, Stack IT, Dig IT, Cook IT, Ace IT and OlympIT.

Next term we will be bringing you exciting news of our 'Outdoor Curriculum' developments and plans.

