



The Anchor News

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Hello everyone!

Time has flown by and it's hard to believe that it's the end of the fourth week of term already! The children are working extremely hard and walking around the school you can see all the amazing things they are doing.

Next week, we have a really busy week ahead of us! It is Child Safety week, where each class will be covering a different aspect of keeping safe.

Also, do not forget that it is Parent's evening on Wednesday 7th February. So, be sure to book an appointment to see your child's teacher. You will also get an opportunity to take a look at all the hard work your child has been doing.

We are looking forward to seeing you all!

Have a happy and safe weekend!

Miss Tsang
Year 1 Class Teacher



📌 This week's header was coloured in by Hafsa Sambou - Reception 😊

Parent's Evening,
Wednesday 7th February
3:30pm - 5:30pm

Letters were sent home this week and we hope to see as many of you as possible at Parent's Evening next week. It will be a great opportunity for you to talk with your child's class teacher and see their work.

Please make sure to return your slip with your preferred time slot to your child's class teacher so that they can send you an appointment.



Safeguarding
Attendance and Punctuality
NEW Guidelines for Parents

It is important that everyone works together to help children obtain the best possible start in life with a good education.

Parents should work in partnership with the school, notifying the school of the reason for their child's absences and highlighting any areas of concern they may have so they can be addressed promptly.

At St. Clement's we offer support for parents regarding attendance and punctuality issues, so please see a member of the Pastoral Team.

Please also take the time to read the attached information from Birmingham City Council regarding legal guidelines for parents.

ST. CLEMENT'S
DIAMOND
AWARD FOR
KINDNESS

Well Done!

Taiba Ansar
- Year 1 -

Mona Alawad
- Year 3 -

Aleesha Hector
- Year 3 -

Aneesa Hector
- Year 4 -

Maryam Fatima
- Year 5 -

Star Pupils

Jordan Winter and Aliyssia Siniara

Djurdjura Azem and Abu Bakr Gultasab Khan

Sara Hasan-Somed and Momen Farah

Abdulrahim Haji Ebraahiim and Abdullah Minhas

Sumaya Ahmed and Jun Hee Fong

Makayla Moyo and Maryam Fatima

Mohamed Adam and Emad Haroun

Arinze Nweke and Lyla Critchley

Head Teacher: Mr Ricketts
Deputy Head Teacher: Miss Shryane
Assistant Head Teacher: Mrs Nizamis



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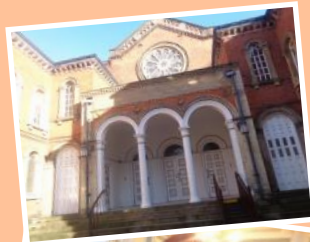
School Blog

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Year 1 visit to Singers Hill Synagogue



Year 1 have been learning all about Judaism as part of their Religious Education learning. This week, we visited Singers Hill Synagogue to learn more about the religion.



We were shown around by a Jewish man who has worshiped in the Synagogue for many years, ever since he was a little boy. He showed us lots of special things and what they mean to Jewish people.



All the children were very interested and asked lots of questions. As a result we now know why the Star of David is a special symbol for Jewish people and how many times a day Jewish people pray.



Everyone in Year 1 learnt a lot and really enjoyed the trip!

Miss Tsang
Year 1 Class Teacher



Forest School's Delivery!

On Monday I was very excited to take delivery of some freshly cut willow to be used in our Forest School area.

If you are walking passed school at the weekend you may see some people from Forest Schools Birmingham working in the playground. They are going to use the willow to make a dome shaped den. Willow is quite special because if it is cut and planted again quickly, it will start to grow again. This means that our new den will be alive and will grow.

I am looking forward to seeing the den on Monday and I hope you will enjoy using it.

Mrs Grant

Half Term Holiday Club

Mon 19th - Wed 21st Feb 9am - 3:15pm

Lots of fun filled activities for your child to participate including sports, arts and crafts and a trip.

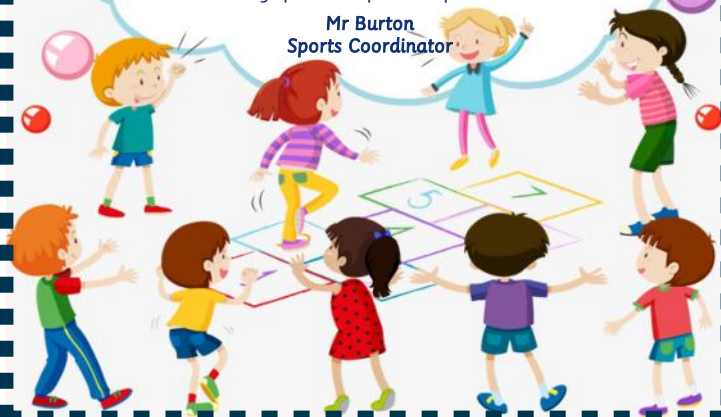
If you are interested, to secure your child's place you will need to pay a non-refundable deposit of £5 to the school office by Wednesday 14th February.

The remaining cost will be £5 per day your child attends.

There are limited spaces so please let the Office know if you are interested as soon as possible.

If you need more information or have any question please speak to me.

Mr Burton
Sports Coordinator



GURU NANAK GURDWARA



Year 3 visit Smethwick Gurdwara

On Tuesday, Year 3 visited the Guru Nanak Gurdwara Smethwick as part of our Religious Education topic on Sikhism.



At the Gurdwara, we met our guide who led us through the Gurdwara to one of the learning rooms. We learnt all about the 3 duties of Sikhs (Believing in 1 God, earning an honest living, and sharing), the 10 Gurus and the 5Ks. Our guide was impressed by how much we knew! We still had lots of questions that we found out lots of new things.



Our guide explained the importance of the Sikh Holy Book, the Guru Granth Sahib and where they are kept in the Gurdwara. We learnt that Sikhs believe the Holy Book is like a human teacher and we have to use 'they' when we talk about the Guru Granth Sahib. We got to see the room where the Guru Granth Sahib stays when they aren't being read and we visited the prayer room. It was very calm and peaceful.



Finally, we joined in the Langhar and most of us tried some of the dhal and rotis before we headed back to the school on the train.

Big thanks to Isaiah and Kaeb's mums for accompanying us.

Miss Suwanpatra - Teach First

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School Attendance

A very important message for all Parents/Carers

Dear Parent/Carer,

St. Clement's C of E Academy is working in partnership with parents and the Local Authority to improve school attendance. **We would like to congratulate the many parents who make sure their children attend school regularly.**

Absence disrupts the education of the individual pupil and the whole class. Are you aware that children who do not attend regularly:

- do not achieve well in exams
- find it difficult to maintain friendships
- are more likely to become involved in crime
- miss out on opportunities in further education and the world of work?

How does your child compare?

| Attendance during one school year | equals this number of days absent | which is approximately this many weeks absent | which means this number of lessons missed |
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| 95% | 9 days | 2 weeks | 50 lessons |
| 90% | 19 days | 4 weeks | 100 lessons |
| 85% | 29 days | 6 weeks | 150 lessons |
| 80% | 38 days | 8 weeks | 200 lessons |

Absence can only be authorised by the Head Teacher, within the boundaries set by the Education (Pupil Registrations) (England) Regulations 2006. ***Head Teachers may not authorise leave during term time except where the circumstances are exceptional.***

Please remember that parental illness, going shopping, visiting family, truancy, not wanting to go to school, alleged bullying (speak to school immediately to resolve the issue) are not acceptable reasons to be absent. All of these will be recorded as unauthorised absence, including if your child arrives at school after the close of registration.

Family emergencies need careful consideration. It is not always appropriate or in the best interests of the child to miss school for emergencies which are being dealt with

by adult family members. Being at school with support from staff and peers can provide children with stability. The routine of school offers a safe and familiar background during times of uncertainty.

It is a parent's legal responsibility to ensure their children receive appropriate education. Failing to send your child to school regularly without good reason is a criminal offence.

Legal action that may be taken includes:

- **Issuing penalty notices:** Each parent receives a penalty notice for each child who has unauthorised absence. The penalty is £60 or £120 depending on how soon payment is made. So, if there are two parents and two children the total penalties could be up to £480. Failure to pay may result in prosecution.
- **Taking parents to court for unauthorised absence:** Education Act 1996 Section 444(1) - court can fine each parent up to £1000 per child, order payment of prosecution costs and/or impose a Parenting Order.
- **Taking parents to court for persistent unauthorised absence:** Education Act 1996 Section 444(1A) - court can fine each parent up to £2,500 per child, order payment of the prosecution costs, impose a Parenting Order and/or sentence you to a period of imprisonment of up to 3 months.


Being taken to court could result in you having a criminal record.

Frequent absence can add up to a considerable amount of lost learning and can seriously disadvantage your child in adult life.

If your child's level of absence is of serious concern, the school will offer advice and support to improve attendance. After this, any unauthorised absence may result in the School and the Local Authority taking legal action.

Again, we would like to thank those parents who make sure their child is attending school regularly and are therefore benefiting fully from their educational opportunity.

Yours sincerely,



Lead Attendance Officer

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