



PRINCE OF WALES

PRIMARY SCHOOL & CHILDREN'S CENTRE



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Dear Parents, Carers, Governors and Friends,

Happy New Year and best wishes to all for 2014. I was delighted to see all the children and families back at school. We continue our journey to be an outstanding school and our intentions are reflected in many ways, including our new outdoor play equipment. They should give children a further opportunity to be engaged in meaningful play with others during break and lunch times as well as provide physical challenges. These positive experiences will support them to focus on their next lesson when they return to class. Due to the limited space classes will take turns on this apparatus and we request that, until further notice children stay off the equipment before school starts and during home time. We ask parents to support us in this.

When you enter the KS 1 and KS2 corridors you will notice new fitted storage cupboards that give the school a more tidy and purposeful feel. Come in and have a look on Tuesday when visiting your child's class to discuss progress with the teachers.

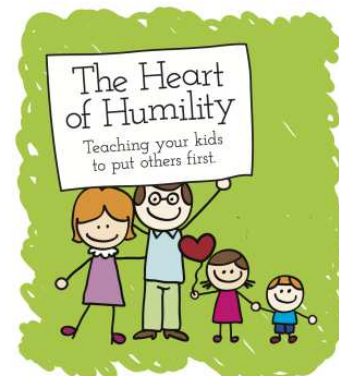
I would like to welcome teachers new to our school: Mr Noakes replaces Mrs Toofill in 5T, Mr Hammer replaces Ms Stewart in 5S. We would like to thank our former colleagues for their work and dedication and wish them well for the future. The following support staff are also new in post: Mr Roughan in 2R, Miss Parlour in Year 5 and Miss Dunlea in Year 3.

Jan M Bless
Headteacher

Value of this Month: *HUMILITY*

Humility is a good value to start a new year. To illustrate this theme we looked at the contrast with boastfulness, pride and showing off. The younger and older children were able to give good examples. The Feast of the Epiphany, marking the end of the 12 Days of Christmas, took place on Monday. Miss Clarke contrasted the presents the 3 Wise Men from the Nativity gave with that of the shepherds. Again the children understood that the shepherds' gifts were more humble but no less valuable than those the Kings brought. One child said it quite simply: *"From the heart."*

These children received a certificate and baton for demonstrating humility at our school this week: Esther Onigbokun 1M, Jamal Yusuf 1N, Chayce Barker 1S, Jasmine Lee 2C, Amina Yusuf 2G, Tice Soyleroglou 2R, Hunnie Gupta 3D, Sara Duran 3G, Yasmin Chaoubi 4F, Ayse Ayken 4H, Hannah Mulema 4S, Letwin Nkame 5H, Joshua Baguena 5S, Mma Oguejiofor 5T, Jason White 6A and Melissa Chaoubi 6B.



The School Run

We understand it is tempting to drive to school, especially when it rains as much as in recent days. However the increase of traffic on nearby roads such as Ordnance Road and Salisbury Road can cause much longer delays than it takes to travel on foot. We ask you to leave your cars at home if you live within walking distance. Local residents are politely asking you to not park in front of their drives, even for 5 minutes as some have 24 hour care. Carers and ambulance services cannot be held up by illegally parked cars. We may publish number plates of those cars to discourage this behaviour and will forward these on.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

School and Local Residents

Attendance this week

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| Years 1,2,3 Family | | |
| 1M 90.00% | 2C 95.66% | 3D 89.33% |
| 1N 96.66% | 2G 95.33% | 3G 94.33% |
| 1S 93.91% | 2R 87.66% | |
| Years 4,5,6 Families | | |
| 4F 88.51% | 5H 97.50%* | 6A 95.51% |
| 4H 96.29% | 5S 96.55% | 6B 96.12% |
| 4S 88.92% | 5T 88.62% | |



Well done to **1N & 5H** for best attendance this week.
Overall attendance since September: **95.08%**
School Target: 95.5%

Dates for your Calendar

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| 13.01 | Staff Training Day – school closed |
| 17.02 | Half Term Break |
| 24.02 | Start second half term |
| 03.03 | Book week |
| 05.03-07.03 | Year 5 Residential visit |
| 28.03 | Report Cards |
| 03.04 | Easter Bonnet Parade |

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