

## Y2 Visit The British Motor Museum



Beep, beep! Year Two took to the road on Thursday and visited the British Motor Museum. Children had the opportunity to dress up, look at the exhibits and even take a ride in some of them. As well as learning about the development of the motor car, they also made observational drawings and enjoyed designing and making different Lego cars which would perform well on a range of slopes and surfaces. This was a great day out!



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Article 15: Freedom of Association





# Reception Find Bill!

**We are pleased to announce that Bill is safe!**



The missing owl was found by the children sheltering in a tree by the doctor's surgery on Wednesday. Bill was very cold and snuggled in to Mrs Scholes' jumper to keep warm on the way back to school.



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**Article 29: Goals of Education**

# RSC Staff Training



This academic year, all children in school will study Shakespeare's play, "The Taming of the Shrew." This week, teachers have participated in training sessions led by The Royal Shakespeare Company. During sessions, the themes of the play have been explored. These include gender equality, money, marriage, power and families. Teachers have also experimented with rehearsal room techniques which will be used back in the classroom to help children understand the text and bring the play alive.

We look forward to seeing our children enjoying lots of drama, writing activities and creative thinking stimulated by exposure to Shakespeare's work.

## "The Training of the Shrew"



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Article 31: Leisure, Play and Culture



# Citizenship



Our local MP, Matt Western, visited school on Friday morning.

Mr Western met with our Unicef Ambassadors, Eco Representatives and Learning Detectives to discuss children's rights, education and politics. Pupils had penned some challenging questions which Mr Western bravely answered!

Mr Western was very impressed by the children he met and the nurturing and inclusive nature of our school. He even took away a copy of "The Unique Unicorn" - our self-published picture book on the theme of diversity.



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**Article 12: Respect for the Views of the Child**

# Medicines in School

## Staff training on medical conditions

On Tuesday, we welcomed school nurse Ashley Witnall to Sydenham. Ashley trained some of our staff in how to respond to emergencies when children are suffering from asthma or anaphylaxis and these staff learned how to administer epipens and inhalers when children need them.

If children with serious medical conditions do not have the correct (life saving) medication with them in school, we are able to refuse admittance. We need to make sure that we can keep all children safe.

Ashley gave us the following information to pass to parents:

## If your child has asthma:

School need to be aware of children who have asthma and use an inhaler. **Please inform the school office if this is the case for your child.**

Your child should keep a blue (reliever) inhaler in school. This should be prescribed to them and come with a spacer, which we also need in school. Your GP can prescribe these. We note that many of our children with inhalers do not have a spacer with them. If this is the case for your child, please contact your GP and **provide us with a named spacer alongside their inhaler.**

Children with asthma should have regular reviews at their surgery. Part of this process should be to draw up a care plan (written by the nurse). **Please provide us with a copy of this (up to date) care plan.** If your child does not have one, or if it is over 12 months old, please contact your GP surgery to request one.

## If your child has an epipen:

**We need to know if your child has an epipen** and, if this is the case, we need their medication at school. If this is relevant for you and you have not already told us, please inform the school office ASAP.

If your child has an epipen in school we will work with you to draw up a care plan so that all staff know how to respond in an emergency.

Thankyou.

Mrs Manley

(SENDCo)



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Article 3: Best Interests of the Child

# Lateness

Please make sure your child arrives on time for school. When pupils arrive late, they miss out on essential instructions given at the beginning of the lesson. This can significantly reduce achievement, regardless of academic ability. Children also feel awkward arriving to the classroom when everyone else is settled. Furthermore, when one pupil arrives late, it disrupts the entire class and the teacher, therefore, everyone's education is compromised.

Please note that the classroom doors open at 8.45am and close at 8.55am. It is a parent's legal responsibility to ensure that their children arrive punctually at school so please give yourselves plenty of time to travel, to park your car safely and to make your way round to the classroom door. Please allow extra time in your morning schedule to accommodate any delays.

Persistent, severe or unexplained lateness can be classed as unauthorised absence and may be referred to the Local Authority. It is worth noting the following:

## **Minutes Late Per Day = Equivalent of Missing**

5 minutes = 3.4 school days a year

10 minutes = 6.9 school days a year

15 minutes = 10.3 school days a year

20 minutes = 13.8 school days a year

30 minutes = 20.7 school days a year.



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**Article 3: Best Interests of the Child**

## Job Opportunity - Midday Supervisor

**We are looking to appoint an enthusiastic and committed Midday Supervisor to join our team.**

**You will work during the lunch time period (Monday—Friday, 12 noon to 1.30pm) term time only.**

**You will be responsible for the supervision and safety of our pupils during the lunch time period, working under the general direction of the Senior Midday Supervisor.**

**You should be good at communicating and be able to work on your own initiative as well as being a strong team player.**

**If you are interested in this role, please pick up an application pack from the school office. The closing date for applications is Friday 25th October 2019.**



# Guy Fawkes Bonfire Lunch

Tuesday  
5th November  
2019

**Pork Sausage Hot Dog with  
Ketchup, Bonfire Crispy Potatoes and  
Crackling Corn**

or vegetarian only

**Veggie Hot Dog with Ketchup, Bonfire  
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**(v) Toffee Apple Sponge  
and Custard**



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**Fruity Stuffing, Apple Sauce & Gravy**

or

**(v) Roasted Quorn Fillet**  
**Fruity Stuffing, Apple Sauce and Gravy**

**Roast and Mashed Potatoes**

**Corn on the Cob and**  
**Green Beans**

**(v) Homemade**  
**Buttered**  
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or

**(v) Homemade**  
**Ship's Biscuit**  
**Chocolate Oatcake**



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**Well done to Y3 JM and Y1 EL who had the highest attendance at school this week with a brilliant 100%**

Attendance for other classes this week was as follows:

Y2 AP	99%
Y4 SM	98%
Y1 CD	98%
Y6 KG	97%
Y3 JL	97%
YR LS	97%
Y5 RA	96%
Y6 JvS	95%
Y5 CB	95%
Y4 FC	95%
YR RK	94%
Y2 CP	93%

**Please note that our school attendance target is 97%. The minimum acceptable attendance, as stipulated by Warwickshire Local Authority, is 95%. Low attendance results in poorer educational progress and attainment.**



# Diary Dates

Monday 14th October	Open morning for parents/carers of children in YR RK (Miss Knight's class) from 9.00—10.00am.
Tuesday 15th October	Y2 CP class assembly at 10.15am in the hall. Y2 CP parents/carers are warmly invited to attend.
Tuesday 15th October	YR Parent's Evening, 3.30—5.00pm
Wednesday 16th October	YR Parent's Evening, 3.30—7.00pm
Wednesday 16th October	Family Learning, parenting workshop, 9.15—11.15am.
Wednesday 16th October	"Story in a Box" workshop for Y1/2, 1.30pm—3.00pm.
Monday 21st October	Flu vaccinations for all pupils, YR—Y6.
Monday 21st October	Y6 library visit—Fantastic Fun With Words Festival.
Tuesday 22nd October	Y1 EL Reading River, 9.15—9.45am in the hall.
Wednesday 23rd October	YR Diwali party, 2.15—3.15pm.
Friday 25th October	MUFTI (non-uniform) Day. Please bring a donation of 50p per child if they choose to wear non-uniform.
Friday 25th October	Y2 Diwali assembly at 9.30am in the hall. Y2 parents/carers are warmly invited to attend.

## **HALF-TERM, Monday 28th October—Friday 1st November**

Monday 4th November	Return to school.
Tuesday 5th November	Y6 JvS class assembly at 9.15am Y6 JvS parents/carers are warmly invited to attend.
Thursday 7th November	Y4 trip to The Sealife Centre.
Friday 8th November	PTA cake sale at 3.20pm.
Tuesday 12th November	Y1 EL class assembly at 10.15am. Y1 EL parents/carers are warmly invited to attend.
Tuesday 12th November	Open morning for parents/carers of children in YR LS (Mrs Schole's class) from 9.00—10.00am

Friday 15th November	School closed—In Service Teacher Training (INSET) Day. Teachers will be attending Talk for Reading training, led by Pie Corbett.
Tuesday 19th November	Reading workshop for YR parents, 4.00—4.30pm. (Meet outside the school office.)
Friday 22nd November	MUFTI (non-uniform) Day. Please bring a donation of 50p per child if they choose to wear non-uniform.
Friday 22nd November	Reading workshop for YR parents, 9.00—9.30am. (Meet outside the school office.)
Tuesday 26th November	Y5 CB class assembly at 9.15am. Y5 CB parents/carers are warmly invited to attend.
Wednesday 4th December	YR Nativity at 9.30am—YR parents/carers are warmly invited to attend.
Wednesday 4th December	Parents' Evening, 3.30—7.00pm.
Thursday 5th December	Parents' Evening, 3.30—5.30pm.
Wednesday 11th December	Y1 and Y2 carol concert, 9.30—10.15am in the hall. All Y1/2 parents/carers are warmly invited to attend.
Thursday 12th December	Y3/4 carol and recorder concert, 2.00—2.30pm in the hall. Please note the change of time.
Thursday 12th December	Christmas Crafts for Y1 & 2, 9.15—10.45am.
Friday 13th December	Y5/6 carol and recorder concert, 2.00—2.30pm in the hall. Please note the change of time.
Friday 13th December	YR/1/2 visit Warwick Arts' Centre to watch a performance of "Father Christmas" at 1.30pm.
Monday 16th December	Rocksteady concert at 2.00pm.
Monday 16th to Wednesday 18th December	PTA Present Wrap Room.
Tuesday 17th December	Christmas Lunch.
Friday 20th December	MUFTI/Christmas jumper day. Please bring a donation of 50p per child if they choose to wear non-uniform.

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY Monday 23rd December 2019—Friday 3rd January 2020**

**Return to school on Monday 6th January 2020**

# Sydenham Super Stars!



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Have a lovely weekend from Miss Glenly and Miss Challand