

## City of Birmingham School: Management Committee

Instead of Governing Bodies, COBS has a Management Committee that works closely with our Centres. Members include staff, Head Teachers, people from the Local Authority and also the Community. The Committee holds regular meetings and to find out more please contact Joshua Beckreck 0121 464 7907

## Safeguarding our Staff and Pupils.

All of our pupils are expected to place all items that are not needed in their lessons or during the school day in their lockers as they enter the building. If we think a pupil may have a 'prohibited item' then we are allowed to search them or their belongings. On occasions we will use an electronic metal detector as our pupils enter their Centre.

If pupils bring weapons or other objects that are clearly intended for use as weapons then we will always inform the police

## Supporting your Child's learning at home

If you are wondering how you can help you could try to.....

- Put aside some quality time to spend with your child each day to talk about what they've learned.
- Encourage your child to read by sharing books, newspapers or magazines together.
- Improve your child's maths by using numbers together, for example, at the supermarket.

If the UK does continue with its Brexit plans, and leaves the European Union, non-British citizens will be required to apply to continue to live in the UK. If you're an EU, EEA or Swiss Citizen, you and your family can apply to the EU Settlement Scheme to continue living in the UK after 30th June 2021. If you think that this affects you or your family, there is useful advice provided online at: <https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families>.

### DIARY DATES

Term ends. Friday 20th December  
Return to School. Monday 6th January  
Half term. Friday 14th February  
Return to school. Monday 24th February

### EVENTS

**3rd February 2020 Training Day**



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Well is been a really busy and wet term at Ashbourne Centre. We've had enough rain to sink a ship! Well let's hope we get some snow over the Winter break for the children to build some snowmen. Hopefully Santa will send something home from Ashbourne for the children to play with their families. Children and staff have really enjoyed having Scamper the Ashbourne Dog in every Monday. They have been able to help look after him and walk him around the playground. We have a had a big push on Reading this term and the children have made excellent progress. It was great to see so many of you at parent's evening to hear about how hard your children have been working, and how much they enjoy coming to Ashbourne (most of the time!) A huge thank you to all the children for their smiles, care for each other and to all the dedicated, loving staff. Finally I want to thank you, the parents and carers, for all your support and teamwork. It has been a pleasure getting to know you and working together to help your children thrive and develop. Have a safe and happy Winter holiday.

Don't forget... We come back to centre on Mon 6th January

Joshua Beckreck

**Reminder to all Parents/Carers to register with 'Parentmail'**

## Attendance and Punctuality

If your child is absent, please contact the centre as early as possible to let us know why they are away. It is very important that pupils have good attendance levels and are punctual. We hope that all pupils reach at least 90% attendance.

Congratulations to Leo from Green group and Camiri from yellow group 100%

With more consistent effort other pupils can be recognised for their attendance and punctuality.

Head of Centre: Joshua Beckreck

### Yellow Group

In Yellow Group this half term we have been writing persuasive adverts to promote our gadgets and gizmos. We have been learning about money and applying our skills to different problems. We look forward to our swimming lessons and enjoy learning new techniques. We have started to do the daily mile and got wet a few times!

Merry Christmas

### Orange Group

We have enjoyed a range of activities this term. In English, they have been learning lots about instructions. We have made pizza and cookies to help us with our instruction writing! In Maths, we have been doing lots of work around multiplication and division. In Science we have been learning about electricity and have identified electrical dangers around the home. It was fun making our own circuits too! One of the best things this term for orange has been learning to work as a team and sharing games or activities with our friends. We are getting really good at taking turns; understanding the rules of a game and accepting that we don't always win!

### Green Group

In Green Group this term we have enjoyed a range of Activities. In maths we have learnt numbers, shape and money. In English we have been reading traditional stories and re-writing them. We have also learnt about writing instructions. In science we have looked at healthy eating and the children got to try different healthy foods. The children have worked really hard and made the staff very proud.

We also went to the MAC to see Kipper and the Snowy Adventure! The children really enjoyed the performance. Green Group would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas!

### Gold Group

Gold Group have enjoyed a range of different activities this term both inside and outside of the classroom. These include Forest School sessions, swimming lessons, street dance in PE and more. Inside the classroom the children enjoyed taking part in some exciting electricity work in Science, working hard on addition and subtraction in Maths. We have also worked on Instructions in English and a range of daily activities (including Christmas themed ones!) in Reading.

It certainly has been a busy and exciting half term in Gold. The children have worked really hard and have made the staff in Gold Group very proud. They really do deserve a lovely Christmas break!