HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

We are excited to tell you about a new walking challenge the school will be running with national charity Living Streets. Strider’s Family Walking Challenge will be starting it on the 10th November. This FREE challenge is open to every pupil. It is simple, each child will get a challenge booklet, and in it will be a different challenge for each day. As part of your walk, complete the challenges to earn the daily challenge stickers. At the end of the 5 days, pupils that have completed the daily challenges will receive Pop-up Trophies; more importantly, the whole family will have learned that walking to school is great fun!

SCHOOL NEWS

Homework

Big congratulations to Y3, for the most progress made on Maths Whizz and to Y4 for the best usage, so far this year.

Parent’s, can you please ensure your child completes their English and Maths Whizz homework. Also, please complete your child’s reading record, after you have listened to them read.

Can I please ask you, to remind your child to bring their Book Bags into school everyday.

Please do not hesitate to speak to your child’s teacher, if you need any support with their homework.

A parents’ guide to the new National Curriculum

Please see the St Matthew’s C.E. website, for a new handy guide for parents, from Rigby Star.

It explains the changes to the National Curriculum and provides a clear outline of the new content, by year group. It also provides some background information, about how the curriculum and assessment works.

Harvest

Congratulations to Year Four, for a fabulously fun Harvest Assembly.

We were so proud to see all the children perform with such confidence and clarity.

WELL DONE children and Mr White!
A special thanks to everyone who donated food.
**Cold Weather Alert!**

As the balmy October weather leaves us and another cold weather front moves in, please ensure your child comes to school, in a warm coat; scarf and gloves.

Also, please remember that all footwear **MUST** be black.

**ATTENDANCE**

October’s whole school attendance is... 98%

The classes with the **best attendance** are

Rec, Year 5 & Year 6 with 99%

The class with the **best punctuality** is:

Year 6.

**RECEPTION CLASS SCHOOL APPLICATIONS**

A reminder to parents who have children who are nearing Reception age

Your Applications should be submitted **online** by **31st October 2014**

[https://eadmissions.birmingham.gov.uk/prefs.php](https://eadmissions.birmingham.gov.uk/prefs.php)

If you are unsure about what to do, please speak to Mrs Blewitt or Mrs Oram and they will arrange some support.

**Packed Lunches**

Just a reminder to parent’s...

Please ensure that your child brings a healthy packed lunch to school. **We do not allow fizzy drinks or sweets.** Please see Mrs Oram, if you would like some support with this.

We have a range of healthy options, as part of the school dinner's menu. If you would like your child to have school dinners, please ask Mrs Blewitt, at the office, about the prices.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

4th November
Parents to School Day
9.15am

6th November
Reception Open Day

24th – 28th November 2014
Assessment Week

**ESOL Classes**

Thank you to all the parent’s that have been attending this course. If you would like further information about this or any other support/advice, please see Mrs Oram.