

Friday 7th September 2018



Welcome Back!

Welcome back to everyone after the holidays. We hope you had a relaxing break! It has been lovely to hear about all of the children's adventures over the holidays. A very warm welcome to anyone joining our community; we hope you are very happy here.

Ms Bennett had a little boy, Kaspar, in the holidays and Ms Malik had a baby boy, Umar, last Thursday. Congratulations to both of them and we look forward to meeting the boys soon.

We have a number of new staff this year. We would like to welcome the following staff:

Miss Sekaninova - Nursery

Miss Spencer - Reception Dolphins

Miss Gibb - Reception Turtles

Miss Lans - 1 Diamond

Miss Archibald - 3 Willow

Miss Tatt - 3 Oak

Miss Matthew - 4 Pine

Governor Parent Forum

Due to a change in governor availability, the governor's parent forum will now be on Thursday 27th September at 6pm in the Lower Hall. We hope to see you there.



Healthy Snacks

As part of helping our children adopt a healthy lifestyle, we ask that the only snack they have at breaktime is fruit. Please also note that we have several children and staff who have severe nut allergies. Please do not include nuts of any kind in your child's packed lunches, including peanut butter. Thank you for your co-operation in helping us to keep everyone safe.



New playground equipment

The children (and some of the staff!) have been very excited to use the new equipment in the Key Stage 2 playground. It was an absolute pleasure to see the excitement on the children's faces as they walked in to the playground to see the new climbing frame. Huge thanks to the DSA, and the whole school community, for raising the money to pay for it.



Reusable water bottles

As part of a bid to reduce our plastic use, we are asking children to bring in a reusable bottle for their water. Although plastic bottles can be recycled, many still end up polluting the oceans and rivers. The Eco Committee have therefore decided to implement this initiative.

Eco Committee

The Eco Committee took part in an experiment run by Friends of the Earth to measure how polluted our playground and local area was. They sent off the results to be analysed and, happily, we are well below the recommended maximum guidelines. These results will be added to a map to track levels of air pollution in the UK.



Year 5 Bikeability

Year 5 will be taking part in their annual Bikeability course in a couple of week's time. The children will learn how to ride their bikes safely on the road.

Meet the Teacher

There will be an opportunity for you to meet your Assistant Head for each phase and to hear about what your child will be doing this year. Years 3 and 4 are on Tuesday, 1 and 2 on Wednesday and 5 and 6 on Thursday. All at 2.30pm.

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Dates for your diary

September

- 5th - Back to School Years 1-6
- 7th - Whole School Picnic 3.30pm - 4.15pm
- 7th - 1st Reception visit day and coffee morning
- 10th - 2nd Reception visit day and coffee morning
- 11th - Year 3 and 4 Meet the Teacher 2.30pm
- 11th - 3rd Reception visit day and coffee morning
- 12th - Year 1 and 2 Meet the Teacher 2.30pm
- 13th - Year 5 and 6 Meet the Teacher 2.30pm
- 20th - Somali Parent's Coffee Morning
- 21st - Jeans for Genes Day
- 24th - Year 6 trip to Floating Classroom
- 25th - Year 6 trip to Floating Classroom
- 26th - Year 6 trip to Floating Classroom
- 27th - Arabic Parent's Coffee Morning
- 27th - Governor parent forum
- 28th - Year 4 trip to Kentish Town City Farm

October

- 1st - Year 1 open classroom and coffee morning 9.00am
- 1st - Year 4 trip to Kentish Town City Farm
- 2nd - Year 2 open classroom and coffee morning 9.00am
- 3rd - Year 3 open classroom and coffee morning 9.00am
- 4th - Year 4 open classroom and coffee morning 9.00am
- 5th - Year 5 open classroom and coffee morning 9.00am
- 5th - Year 4 trip to Kentish Town City Farm

8th - Year 6 open classroom and coffee morning 9.00am

- 17th - DSA Annual General Meeting
- 19th - Black History Month Celebration
- 22nd - 26th - Half term
- 30th - Year 3 trip to Floating Classroom

November

- 2nd - Year 3 trip to Floating Classroom
- 6th - Parent's Evening 3.40pm - 7.00pm
- 7th - Parent's Evening 3.40 pm - 5.30pm
- 15th - Somali Parent's Coffee Morning
- 16th - Children in Need
- 19th - Community Coffee Morning
- 22nd - Arabic Speaking Parent's Coffee Morning

December

- 7th - DSA Christmas Fair
- 10th - Nursery Christmas Show
- 11th - Reception Show 2pm
- 12th - Reception Show 2pm
- 13th - Year 1 show 9.30am
- 13th - Christmas Lunch
- 14th - Year 2 show 9.30am
- 14th - Christmas Jumper Day
- 17th - Year 6 show 2.15pm
- 18th - Year 3 show 9.30am
- 18th - Year 5 show 2.15pm
- 19th - Year 4 show 9.30am
- 21st - End of term. Finish at 2pm