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Dear Parents and Carers,
Newsletter No. 16 – Spring Term

Friday 19th January 2018

Attendance and Punctuality (4th to 12th January 2018)

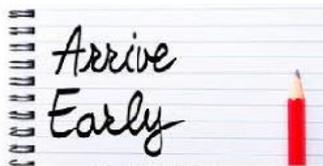
Year 6 achieved the highest attendance during the first week of the year (figures include 4th & 5th January), so that's a great start for them – Well done Year 6!

Unfortunately we have had a fair amount of illness but everyone seems to be on the mend now so we hope to see lots of children back at school next week.

In the same period we recorded a total of 29 late marks, which is still far too many. A reminder that our doors are open to pupils to arrive **from 8.45 am** and the best start you can give your child is to aim to arrive at school at this time. The school day begins at 9 am and the whole class should be settled and ready

Year Group	Attendance
Nursery	87.9%
Reception	95.0%
Year 1	96.7%
Year 2	90.5%
Year 3	97.1%
Year 4	95.7%
Year 5	95.8%
Year 6	98.9%

to learn at 9 am. You will have seen that we are **closing the main doors at 8.55 am**, as we informed you in last week's newsletter. Please aim to arrive at school at 8.45 am, to give the children enough time to be totally ready for learning when the clock strikes 9 am! Thank you.



Extended Schools Provision

We are now in a position to tell you that our new provider for Breakfast and After School Club will be 'Energy Kidz'. We have visited one of their settings and are now working with them towards the launch on 19th February, when they will be taking over the provision. Leaflets and posters will be available shortly. We are excited to launch this new service and look forward to a successful working relationship with the new company. You can visit their website at: <https://www.energy-kidz.co.uk/breakfast-and-after-school-clubs/>, where you will see that many of their settings have been judged 'outstanding' by Ofsted. They operate an online booking and payment system; details will be available soon. The Breakfast Club will start earlier, at 7.30 am, which we hope will be of help to parents.



Structured Conversation Reports

Following the meetings last term, a record of your structured conversation has been emailed out this week. Please check your mail. If you require a paper copy, you will need to request this from the office.

School Lunches

Please accept our apologies for the recent problems with school meals. We are working with Caterlink to resolve the issues and ensure we are providing the best possible service for our children.

Our new 'Meat Free Mondays' menu begins this coming Monday 22nd January and menus have already been sent out.

Camden Special Parents Forum

Please find attached a copy of this term's calendar for Spring 2018 with details of workshops and events aimed at parents of children with special educational needs.



Red Book Awards – Well done to all the children who were commended at our Worship assembly this week, as well as everyone who received a ‘red letter’ for their excellent work, efforts or behaviour. It’s great to celebrate your success together.

Year Group	Writer of the week	Pupil of the week	Perfectly Presented	Playground
Nursery	Elizabeth for trying very hard to write her name, and independently using her name card to help her.	All nursery for being able to listen to and follow instructions when making their own individual pizzas from scratch!		
Reception	Adonay for trying really hard to use his sounds in his writing about turtles!	Natalka for being kind and cuddling her friend when they were upset!	Natalka	
Year 1	Amalia for using sound mats to write clear sentences in English.	Teddy for always using his best manners with staff and classmates.	Nathalia.	Annabel for including everyone in her games.
Year 2	Shang for the huge improvement to his handwriting presentation.	Romain for his reasoning during maths lesson.	Yasmine	
Year 3	Scarlett for great dialogue writing between the Gorilla and Hannah.	Emily for amazing mental maths and all round class contributions.	Emma	
Year 4	Olivia for using her oracy skills in her writing, and when answering questions in class.	Miguel for always setting the right example and being helpful.	Victoria M	Alejandro
Year 5	Oliver for using his learning in Literacy in Numeracy by writing complex sentence with a relative clause in his reasoning work!	Christina for consistently being an exemplary role model for behaviour.	Julio	Frankie
Year 6	Joseph for a huge improvement in his handwriting	Temwani for her consistently positive attitude to learning	Christian V	

Building Fund / News – GIFT AID

Around half-term we are expecting the foundation groundworks to be completed and work on the new Early Years classroom will begin. There will be some scaffolding erected, probably close to the back doors of the school, which will enable the builders to transport some of the building material to and from the playground site.



In September we suggested a regular donation of £20 per term to this fund. As we begin the New Year, please consider making a further donation for the Spring Term. We are very grateful for anything you can give. Thank you to all who have begun to contribute to this fund. It helps to make many more things possible!

Don't forget that if you are a UK tax-payer and have made a donation, please call in to the school office for a **Gift Aid form**. Signing this declaration will give an extra 25p to the school for every £1 you give! This can be applied retrospectively and linked to your donations, so don't worry if you didn't complete it straight away.

Dates for the Diary

A list of the main known events for the term follows:

Spring Term 2018	
Thursday 1 st February 2018	Road Safety Workshop for Year 6
Thursday 1 st February 2018 from 2 pm	Taster Session re school lunches (Caterlink)
Friday 9 th February 2018	Dress in Red, Pink or with Hearts for Valentine's Day £1 requested as a charitable donation
Friday 9 th February 2018 (normal finish time)	School ends for the half-term break
Monday 12 th to Friday 16 th February 2018	HALF-TERM BREAK
Monday 19 th February 2018	Energy Kidz begin Breakfast & After School clubs
w/c Monday 19 th February 2018	Science Fortnight begins
Monday 26 th February 2018	'No Pens Day'
Thursday 1 st March 2018	World Book Character Day
Thursday 1 st March 2018	Science Workshops delivered by the Crick Institute
Friday 2 nd March 2018	Reception visit to the City Learning Centre
Friday 2 nd March 2018	Year 5 visit to the Crick Institute for Science workshops
Monday 5 th March 2018	Book Week begins
Monday 5 th March 2018	Year 4 visit to the London Metropolitan Archives re: Applied Maths (The Blitz)
Tuesday 6 th March 2018	Year 3 visit to the London Metropolitan Archives re: History of Cake Making & Tour
Friday 9 th March 2018	Years 5 & 6 Online Safety Workshop
Monday 12 th March 2018	Camden Music Festival
Thursday 15 th March 2018	Year 1 visit to the Bank of England
Friday 16 th March 2018	Year 4 visit to the City Learning Centre
Thursday 29 th March 2018	Term Ends at 1.15 pm (Energy Kidz will still run)
EASTER HOLIDAY	EASTER HOLIDAY
Monday 16 th April 2018	INSET Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 17 th April 2018	Children return to school

With best wishes for the weekend.

Kind regards,

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Miss Helen Tyler
Headteacher

