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Dear Parents and Carers, Newsletter No. 19 – Spring Term

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Attendance and Punctuality (29th January to 2nd February 2018)

Last week it was our Reception children who achieved the highest attendance. Only three other classes were above the minimum expected target of 95%. We look forward to everyone being higher than this minimum when we return after the half-term break.

Year Group	Attendance
Nursery	85.5%
Reception	99.3%
Year 1	97.8%
Year 2	93.9%
Year 3	86.7%
Year 4	96.4%
Year 5	96.3%
Year 6	92.7%

Punctuality has improved, with only 14 late marks recorded for last week. However, there are still many of you arriving just in time and often after 8.55 am, when the **main doors now close**. Once more we remind parents to set out aiming to **arrive at 8.45 am**. This will make a huge difference to your children's learning and mindset as they start their school day. Thank you.

Extended Schools Provision - IMPORTANT

P3 have now discontinued their service, with their last day on site today. Energy Kidz staff will be making preparations during half-term and they look forward to welcoming you from 19th February. Don't forget to register your child and make a booking in advance at: <https://www.energy-kidz.co.uk/breakfast-and-after-school-clubs/>, if you require this service. Breakfast Club will be available from 7.30 am. There is a link from our own website under 'About Us', Extended Schools Provision.



If your child has not been registered in advance with Energy Kidz, they will not be able to attend, so it is really important that parents complete the registration and begin to make some bookings during the half-term. If you have any problems or queries, please call them on 0333 5771533.

Coffee Morning

Thank you to those few who attended the coffee morning with some of our Teaching Assistants this morning. There are some very positive things happening and we look forward to meeting more of you with Miss Tyler on Thursday 22nd March and Thursday 19th April 2018, for more constructive discussions.



SATs Context Explained – 2017-16 A document explaining the context of the KS2 SATs results from last year is available on our school website under Key Information, Performance Data.

Valentine's Day – Dress up Fundraiser



Thank you for your generous contributions to today's fundraiser for Children with Cancer. The children looked great in their Valentine's Day clothes and we raised an amazing **£136.20** for the charity.



Healthy Schools & Birthdays!

As you know, we recently achieved the Gold Healthy Schools award. We must keep up the hard work and encourage a healthy and active lifestyle. Therefore, if your child has a birthday during term-time, we cannot distribute cake in class. Teachers will be applying this rule consistently from now on, so please do not be offended if cake is turned away either in class or at the office. Please explain this to your children. We are happy to accept fruit, non-sugary drinks or small treats of another kind, if you wish to share something with the class. Thank you for your understanding.



Year 6 Meeting re SATs – CHANGE OF DATE



Due to a family bereavement, Mrs Scott-Phillips has had to change the date of the SATs meeting which is now rescheduled to **Monday 26th February at 3.30 pm**, as she will be attending a funeral some distance away on the original date.

If you are unable to attend for any reason, please let Mrs Scott-Phillips know **by Monday 19th February** at the latest, but we do encourage everyone to come along. Parents AND children should attend together. Thank you.

reviewed in the light of these new initiatives and will be available on the school website in due course.

Poet Visit and Book Signing – 28th February 2018

The poet Joshua Seigal will be visiting St Joseph's on 28th February and he will be leading workshops during the school day. He will then be available for book signing and sales at 3.30 pm in the school hall. Further information is attached and we invite you to place pre-orders by returning a completed reply slip together with the relevant payment in advance.



Lego Club – Spring 2



We still have a few spaces left for this popular club. A reminder of the dates, which are:

- Mondays from 3.30 to 4.30 pm for Reception and Years 1 & 2
- Thursdays from 3.30 to 4.30 pm for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

Payment will need to be made via ParentPay and the cost will be £15 for the half-term.

Early Years News

- **Soundabout Workshop** – Parents of Nursery children will have received a letter inviting them to a Soundabout Workshop on Wednesday 21st February from 9.10 to 10.10 am in the school hall. This is an important opportunity to find out how you can support your children with Early Literacy skills, in a fun way. Parents will be given a 'Soundabout Sack' with musical instruments to enjoy with their child, whilst helping them learn their sounds and phonics at the same time.
- **Maths Workshops and Stay & Play** – This week Reception parents have been able to attend workshops in school and have joined in a 'Stay & Play' session with the children. Maths packs have been made available to help you 'Play at Home' with the children. This will make a really positive contribution to your child's learning and we hope you will have fun whilst learning with them.



PGL 2018 (Year 6)



An early reminder that the next scheduled payments for the PGL school journey will be due on 25th March and 23rd May. If you are not up to date with the suggested payment schedule, please ask at the office for details. Payments can be made at any time that is convenient, via the ParentPay online system.

Baby Congratulations

Congratulations to Joseph, Eddie and Eliza Wright on the arrival of their new baby sister, Iris, who came into the world on Sunday 4th February 2018. We hope you will enjoy getting to know her better and be very helpful to Mummy and Daddy with her during the half-term break!



FREE Cycle Training at half-term – FINAL REMINDER

We are very fortunate that Camden is offering FREE cycle training for children, adults and families during the half-term break. Details are as follows:

Our next two-day holiday courses for children are on Mon-Tue, 12-13, and Wed-Thu, 14-15 February. The morning sessions are for complete beginners. The afternoon sessions are for children who can already ride.

Courses for adults are held every second weekend. There are sessions for people who have never cycled and for those who want refresher training.



The training is delivered at Haverstock School, NW3. There are bikes and helmets free to borrow.

Camden also offers 1:2:1 training for adults and young adults who would like to cycle on-road. You will need your own bike for this training.

All the training is free.

For further information and to register, visit www.camden.gov.uk/cycleskills . Alternatively, call 020 7974 1451 or email richard.riddle@camden.gov.uk

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	Sophie for making more defined marks in her writing and being able to describe them.	Neo for showing good coordination and balancing skills during physical race activities.		
Reception	Adonay for trying really hard during handwriting time in the morning	Natalka for always being kind to her friends and looking after children who are sad	Danny	
Year 1	Sean for writing some wonderful game instructions in clear sentences.	Nathalia for looking after her friends when they are sad.	Jeaniren	Elsna for walking down to playtime silently and sensibly.
Year 2	Nancy for her complex sentences and use of adjectives and verbs.	Jasmin for being such a kind and caring classmate to everyone.	Khairantu n	Sam for including other people in his games.
Year 3	Natneal for really getting into role as Rose from the Tunnel.	Hope for amazing perseverance when learning the column method.	Rukaya	Luca for being a great model in the playground.
Year 4	Cameron for being one of our first Pobble champions with his gripping journey back to ancient Egypt!	Zoe for always showing kindness and persevering with her work.	James	
Year 5	Francesca for showing fantastic stamina, completing 4 pages of high quality writing. Archie For showing motivation to finish his story during the Pobble day.	Sameera for always showing the right attitude to learning	Laeo	
Year 6	Clemence for writing a well thought-out and unique story based on an image from Pobble365.	Conor for his amazing focus and hard work during maths booster.	Christian V	Zara for always looking out for the welfare of others.

Building Fund / News – GIFT AID

The amount raised since September 2017 from parental contributions has now reached **£2,128**. We are very grateful for these donations, which will be a great help towards the playground improvements, once the building project is complete.

Gift Aid forms: 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 – please note the highlighted dates which indicate a change has been made or an event has been added:

Spring Term 2018	
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 19 th February 2018	'No Pens Day'
Wednesday 21 st February 2018 from 9.10 to 10.10 am in the school hall	Soundabout Workshop for Nursery parents
Monday 26th February 2018 from 3.30 – 4.30 pm	SATs Meeting in Year 6 for parents and children
Thursday 1 st March 2018	World Book Character Day
Thursday 1 st March 2018	Science Workshops delivered by the Crick Institute in school
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 / Reading Week begins
Monday 5 th March 2018	Year 4 visit to the London Metropolitan Archives re: Applied Maths (The Blitz)
Wednesday 7 th March 2018 from 9 to 10 am	Parent Workshop: Emotional Well-being & Resilience
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 Parents welcome.
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 22nd March 2018 from 9 to 10 am	Coffee Morning with Miss Tyler
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
Thursday 19 th April 2018 from 9 to 10 am	Coffee Morning with Miss Tyler

Wishing you all a great half-term week.

Kind regards,

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Miss Helen Tyler
Headteacher

