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Dear Parents and Carers, Newsletter No. 22 – Spring Term

Friday 9th March 2018

Today we will be delighted to celebrate Mothers' Day with our younger children and families. I am very sorry to have missed this event but am attending a family funeral in Kent. Unfortunately I will also have to miss the Royal Albert Hall performance on Monday, as a close family member is very ill and this is the only opportunity I have to visit. I know that the children will be amazing on both occasions and we are all very proud of their hard work and success. Thank you to all the staff, children and parents for their commitment and effort in preparing for and supporting both events.

Attendance and Punctuality (26th February to 2nd March 2018)

Well done to those of you who made it in to school during last week's wintry weather. As you can see the attendance figures were significantly affected. Absences due to the weather have not been authorised.

Year Group	Present R/C Marks
Nursery	80.3%
Reception	90.7%
Year 1	85.2%
Year 2	91.4%
Year 3	95.6%
Year 4	95.2%
Year 5	91.1%
Year 6	96.5%



Our school's target has been set by the DfE as 96% and some of you will have received letters informing you if your child's attendance has fallen below this target. In order to achieve this over a complete academic year (i.e. Sep to July), there should be a maximum of 7.5 days of absence over the year.

We do appreciate that illness is unavoidable and you will never be penalised if your child is unwell. However, there is support we can give and part of this is encouraging a positive mind-set and desire to be in school and learning. Attendance information is shared in the spirit of support and a wish to work in partnership with families.

Mothers' Day Assembly

Well done to all our fantastic children for what I know will have been a very special performance today in honour of all the mums and special people in our lives. We hope you all enjoy a relaxing weekend being looked after and spoilt by your families! A DVD of the performance will be available for a donation of £1. We will let you know when and how you can purchase one once the copies are ready.



Reading Week



As part of our reading week activities we enjoyed books and stories in our pyjamas yesterday; always a popular theme with the children. We hope their enthusiasm for books has been helped and encouraged by the day.

Bloomsbury Football Academy

We have received information from this organisation, who offer FREE sessions throughout the week at Swiss Cottage and Coram's Fields, after school and at the weekends. A flyer is attached (electronically) and available on our website with full details, but you can contact the Academy as follows: Email charlie@bloomsburyfa.com; Tel 07780 930000; Twitter @bloomsburyfa.



Camden Music Festival



The Choir children are very excited and looking forward to taking part in this bi-annual event at the Royal Albert Hall on Monday evening. I am sure it will be a wonderful performance and they will be excellent ambassadors for our school. If your child is taking part, please check all the details carefully and be sure to collect them promptly at the end of the evening. I look forward to hearing all about it.



Structured Conversations – Spring 2018

If you have not yet booked a meeting for the dates below, please do so in the next couple of days, as the first of the meeting dates is next Thursday for Year 6, so time is short. Thank you.

- Thursday 15th March & Friday 23rd March - **Year 6**
- Tuesday 20th March & Monday 26th March – **Year 2**

Online Safety Workshop - Years 5 & 6

We were happy to welcome some of our Year 5 and 6 parents to join the children this morning for workshops on Online Safety today, led by a guest from the City Learning Centre. The turnout from parents was a little disappointing but we do hope those of you who came along found the session useful and informative.



Red Book Awards – Well done to all the children who are commended or their excellent work, efforts or behaviour, as detailed below:

Year Group	Writer of the week	Pupil of the week	Perfectly Presented	Playground
Nursery	Franco for knowing the initial sounds in words and being confident in writing 'm' for mummy independently.	Chelsea for creating her own imaginative role play, pretending to be a teacher and 'teaching' her peers Maths!		
Reception	Anto for being really keen to join in with the writing for our class book, and for trying to write the word 'luckily'	Belle for putting in so much effort into her learning last week!	Eliza Wright	
Year 1	Jace for retelling the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears with clear, full sentences and lots of adjectives.	Zachary for always being in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing!	Nathalia	Everyone in Year 1 – for coping so fantastically with indoor play due to the snow and ice last week.
Year 2	Tony- Michael for attempting to write longer pieces in his work.	Beau for the continued effort she puts into making her work even better.	Sam	
Year 3	Edom – for a fabulously entertaining newspaper article explaining Iron Man's arrival on Earth.	Henry – for being positive and enthusiastic about coming to school.	Angeili	Scarlett – for always playing with different people and making everyone feel welcome.
Year 4	Liv for being inspired to write her own poem at home, and reading it to the rest of the class!	Sienna for <i>always</i> working hard and setting a fantastic example.	Miguel	
Year 5	Nellie For using fantastic descriptions and checking her writing to make sure it makes sense.	Eddie for always making a effort help others.	Angelo	
Year 6	Conor for his great use of exciting vocabulary in his unaided writing piece.	Noyoze for her consistently positive attitude	Blanca	

Building Fund / NEWS!

As reported last week, we now have the go-ahead for the scaffolding / hoist system to be installed at the rear entrance of the school so that building materials can be brought onto site without going through the school itself. The back doors will still be in use for exit from the school and as a fire exit, although the hoarding surrounding the scaffolding will cover the railings facing out, with access remaining via the gate.



There will also be a gantry along the gap between the top playground and the school building, where the infill / light-well will eventually be. This part of the structure will be erected during the Easter holiday and the new classroom is targeted for completion by the end of the Summer holiday.

Any contribution you can make to our Building Fund (via ParentPay) will help to make a difference to the project and will be used towards final improvements to the playground, furnishings etc. If you are a UK taxpayer, don't forget to complete a Gift Aid form at the office. Thank you!

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	
Friday 9 th March 2018	Taste / Sensory workshop in school – Year 4
Monday 12 th March 2018	Camden Music Festival
Thursday 15 th March 2018	Year 1 visit to the Bank of England
Thursday 15 th March 2018	Structured Conversations – Year 6
Friday 16 th March 2018	Year 4 visit to the City Learning Centre
Monday 19 th March 2018 at 9.30 am	School Mass for St Joseph (Years 1 to 6) at St Anselm & St Caecilia
Tuesday 20 th March 2018	Structured Conversations – Year 2
Thursday 22 nd March 2018 from 9 to 10 am	Coffee Morning with Miss Tyler
Friday 23 rd March 2018	Structured Conversations – Year 6
Monday 26 th March 2018	Structured Conversations – Year 2
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 lovely Mothers' Day weekend.

Kind regards,

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Miss Helen Tyler
Headteacher

