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Dear Parents and Carers, Newsletter No. 24 – Spring Term

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Attendance and Punctuality (12th to 16th March 2018)



Last week our Reception children very nearly achieved 100% attendance, so well done to you! All classes except for one exceeded our school target of 96%. This is great news.

Punctuality is steady, with 15 late marks being recorded last week.

We hope that, in the Summer Term, we will continue this upward trend. The average attendance for everyone was up to 97.6% for the week and this is very encouraging.

Attendance Prizes

On Monday we will be awarding our new termly prize of a Cineworld Family e-voucher, equivalent to entry for two adults and two children.

Year Group	Present R/C Marks
Nursery	98.1%
Reception	99.0%
Year 1	94.8%
Year 2	96.8%
Year 3	98.9%
Year 4	97.6%
Year 5	97.4%
Year 6	98.5%

Parent Coffee Mornings

Coffee Morning

Everyone Welcome



Thank you to those of you who joined us yesterday morning. Lots of good ideas were shared and it was agreed that, after Easter, we would give parents the opportunity to get together over a cup of tea or coffee every Thursday morning from 9 – 10 am. We hope that many of you will use this as a chance to pool ideas and plan for some exciting fund raising and community events in the coming months.

Miss Tyler will be hosting the first of these on Thursday 19th April 2018.

Roundel Competition Success!

Congratulations are due to Clemence in Year 6, who is the inaugural winner of the 2018 Reflections of the Lord Mayor Schools Roundel Competition. The judges commented that her design ...



“brought a playful humour to the competition and indeed to the Lord Mayors interest’s. Her design and description were well thought out and engaging. The judges particularly liked the personal elements; the sailor’s hat resting on London Bridge and the boat going through it, named the Jeffery after him.”

The designs by 1st runner-up, Christian Velasco Siqueira and 2nd runner-up, Alexander Magalhaes-Heath are to be commended.

The presentation of the Roundel and the prize will be made at a date to be confirmed. Clemence, Christian and Alexander will also each be presented with a Certificate of Achievement respectively on that date.

Well done to everyone who took part. If you want to find out more about the competition and roundels (made from stained glass), visit: <http://www.lordmayorreflects.london/school-roundel-competition/>

Clemence



Christian



Alexander





Reading for Fun

We are grateful to Miss Smith and Mrs Davies who have offered to run 'Reading for Fun' sessions for children in KS1 (Years 1 & 2). This will take place on Thursdays from 3.30 to 4.30 pm and there will be lots of fun activities linked to reading, as well as the chance to enjoy books together.

Usually we would charge £15 for the six weeks from **19th April to 24th May**. However, as this is a Reading Club, we will not enforce this charge but, if you would like to make a contribution towards literacy resources, we will make this option available on ParentPay for those of you who would like to make a payment. Please give your names to the office as there will be limited spaces available. Thank you.

Lego & Arts/Crafts Club – Summer Term (1) - REMINDERS

- **LEGO:** Children whose names have already been given to the office will all have had a place allocated as of today. There are two spaces remaining for KS1 (Monday) and several for KS2 (Thursday).
- **ARTS & CRAFTS:** Similarly there is one KS1 place available (Years 1 & 2) and a further 6 for KS2 children. This will run on a Tuesday as before, from 3.30 to 4.30 pm.

Payment can only be made through ParentPay, as we aim to be completely cashless by September 2018. If you have to pay in cash, this can be done at local newsagents displaying the PayPoint sign, with a bar coded letter that the office can provide for you.



There will be no clubs next week and Lego & Art Clubs will begin from the SECOND WEEK OF TERM.



PGL – Year 6

The next scheduled payment is due for this school journey so please check your outstanding balance on ParentPay and make a payment during the coming week. Thank you.



Energy Kidz: The after school club **WILL RUN** next Thursday from when we finish school at 1.15 pm

- A reminder to parents who use the club only occasionally that their child **MUST BE REGISTERED** or they will not be able to attend. If your child has not attended since before the February half-term, you will need to register with Energy Kidz and book a session online if you wish to use this service.

Caterlink Summer Menu

Attached you will find the menu for the coming Summer Term. This will be displayed in school as usual and includes our 'Meat Free Monday'.

Mothers' Day Assembly

The deadline for ordering a DVD of our Mothers' Day assembly was today. If there are any more required, we are happy to extend this to Monday 26th March but no later, as we will be making the copies next week in time to send them home by Thursday. In our bid to become completely cashless from September we would appreciate your use of the online system to order the DVD. We can provide a letter with usernames and codes for those of you who may not have used the system yet.

Office Hours – REMINDER

We would be grateful if parents could respect our office hours of **8.15 am to 4.15 pm**. Thank you.



Don't forget to return the green CAFOD envelopes with your Lenten offering. We will be looking to send off our donations to the charity soon after we return from the Easter break.

Holy Week and Easter Services

For details of mass times and services during the Holy Week and the Triduum, please visit the parish websites at:

- <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/lincolnsinfields/>
- <https://corpuschristimaidenlane.org.uk/easter/>



Eggmobile Challenge and Easter Hat Parade – Friday 20th April 2018

You are all invited to take part in our annual day of Easter fun when we return from the holiday.

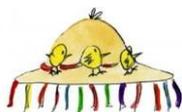
Our annual **Eggmobile** race is on Friday 20th April. Entries can be as simple or as complicated as you like, provided they hold a hard-boiled egg and are self-propelled ie no power or motor. *Parents are welcome to attend the Eggmobile races in the morning but NOT the afternoon hat parade, due to the limited space in the hall.*

Timings will be as follows:

- **9.15am** - Early Years (Nursery & Reception) & Key Stage One (Years 1 & 2) races
- **10.15am** - Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)



Rules are set out at the end of this newsletter. Good luck everyone!



Get started on your **Easter Hats** over the Easter Break! The Easter Hat parade will be in the afternoon. Prizes will be awarded for hats that portray the true meaning of Easter from a faith perspective, as well as for the most creative, imaginative and outstanding entries from each class.

All the children will be asked to work on the Egg-mobile and Easter Hat project over the Easter holiday

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	Kian for a massive improvement in forming letters to write his name. Keep it up!	Aadi for demonstrating amazing cutting skills when making and assembling a little pig puppet for the story 'The three little pigs'.		
Reception	Xavier for continuously putting in lots of effort to write the new sound we have learnt!	Hugo for trying hard to complete the handwriting challenge when he comes into school in the morning	Harry	
Year 1	Amalia for using her phonics to write in clear sentences.	Ariyana for fantastic behaviour on the trip to the Bank of England museum.	Elsna	Aaron
Year 2	Luca for making an extra effort to check through his writing without an adult.	Laura for her great choice of words when describing a setting.	Tony-Michael	
Year 3	Emma for writing a lovely next chapter for the Iron man on Friday.	Emily for going above and beyond with her homework last week.	Skye	Ryan
Year 4	Zoe for carefully reading back over each sentence.	Liv for always showing kindness to others.	Victoria D	Miley
Year 5	Redeat for working hard to improve her writing, even doing extra practice at home.	Frankie for always showing his best in class.	Joseph	
Year 6	Adriel for always trying his best	Joseph for his focus on his personal maths targets.	Aaron	

Building Fund / NEWS!

Do take a look at the board displayed on the ground floor which gives detail and a plan of the building project overall. We are eagerly awaiting the result of our funding bid which, if successful, will allow us to complete the final phase of the project, i.e. the secure entrance and ground floor office configuration.



Over Easter the builders will be working on the access arrangements so that the building of the classroom can begin in earnest shortly afterwards.

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:

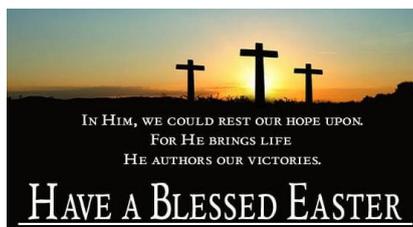
Spring Term 2018	
Monday 26 th March 2018	Structured Conversations – Year 2
Thursday 29 th March 2018	Term Ends at 1.15 pm (Energy Kidz will still run)
EASTER HOLIDAY	
Monday 16 th April 2018	INSET Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 17 th April 2018	Children return to school
Thursday 19 th April 2018 from 9 to 10 am	Coffee Morning with Miss Tyler
Friday 20 th April 2018	Egg Mobile Challenge and Easter Hat Parade

Wishing you all a blessed and joyful Holy Week and Easter.

Kind regards,

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Miss Helen Tyler
Headteacher



REMINDERS:

School finishes at 1.15 pm next Thursday 29th March 2018

ENERGY KIDZ: After School Club will run on 29th March but your child **MUST BE REGISTERED** and booked in online to be able to attend.

THERE WILL BE NO NEWSLETTER NEXT WEEK

The Great Egg Mobile Race

Objective

To make an egg mobile to transport an egg from a starting line at one end of the hall.

Prizes

Three prizes will be awarded to each class for;



Furthest distance travelled
Most ingenious design
Most beautifully presented



Rules

The egg must be a hard boiled hen's egg

The egg mobile must be self-propelled

It may be released either from the top of the ramp provided, or from the starting line on the floor

It may not be flicked, pushed, thrown or otherwise aided by human force

To win the distance prize the egg must arrive intact

Distance is measured perpendicular to the start line from the point where the egg stops

Your egg mobile should be made at home and brought in only on the day of the competition

Test runs will not be permitted

The Judges' decision will be final