

Headteacher: Miss Helen Tyler

Dear Parents and Carers,
Newsletter No. 28 – Summer Term

Friday 11th May 2018

Attendance and Punctuality (30th April to 4th May 2018)

The highest attendance last week was achieved by Year 6 children. Overall attendance is improving slowly but we are still a long way from achieving a consistently high figure. 96% is our target, set by the DfE, which we should be achieving every week and as an average throughout the year.

Year Group	Present R/C Marks
Nursery	96.6%
Reception	96.2%
Year 1	94.3%
Year 2	93.9%
Year 3	95.6%
Year 4	99.2%
Year 5	87.9%
Year 6	99.3%



Punctuality was the same as the previous week, with 17 late marks recorded. We will shortly be receiving a monitoring visit, after half-term, from the Education Welfare Officer, who supports the school and parents in doing everything possible to improve both punctuality and attendance. Look out for him first thing in the morning!

Holidays in term-time will NOT be authorised so please do not be disappointed if your request for leave is not agreed. Term dates are published on our website.

KS2 SATs

Our Good Luck wishes and prayers are with our Year 6 children as they sit their SATs tests next week. These will take place every morning from Monday through to Thursday and the children have been invited to arrive at school for an early morning breakfast and prayers at 8 am. Please do send them in nice and early so that they can have a calm and focused start to the day. We know they will do their very best. Thank you to Mrs Scott-Phillips, Miss Bear and Mrs Secher who have been working very hard to prepare the children over the past year.



We have some special treats planned as a reward for all the hard work, including trampolining next Friday afternoon and of course the residential school journey at the end of June. We do require a contribution for these events to take place. All payments can be made on ParentPay, either online or at a PayPoint store. If you need login details or a barcoded letter for cash payments, please ask at the office.

- SATs breakfast contribution £3.00
- Trampolining next Friday £3.50
- PGL All outstanding balances must be settled before half-term.

Outings are planned during the SATs week for Years 3, 4 and 5 during the mornings next week. We need lots of parent helpers so please see your child's class teacher if you can spare some time to accompany the classes. Thank you!

Parent Coffee Mornings

Next week we will be sending out a printed copy of the questionnaire about parental engagement, coffee mornings and events, together with information about becoming a Class Rep. The children have been tasked with creating a poster inviting parents to participate and contribute in this way. There will be a prize for the best poster!



The CAMHS presentation this Wednesday was very poorly attended and it is always disappointing when speakers are invited and the take-up is so small. We want to hear from parents if there are certain topics or issues that you would like us to address with these workshops so that we can tailor the sessions to your needs. Please do let us have your suggestions – thank you!

Road Closure and Safety - IMPORTANT

A couple of weeks ago we focused on safety outside the school and consideration for our neighbours, particularly at the beginning of the school day. Thank you for the great improvement that we have noted in the mornings. Please keep it up!

It has been brought to my attention, however, that some children have been dropped off at school by parents on a motorbike or by car, whilst the road closure is in place. Cars have been seen to drive the wrong way up the one-way system to avoid the closure and a motorbike has been seen to drive through the bollards to drop a child off at school. Both actions are **ILLEGAL** as well as unsafe. Please respect the traffic regulations and our school community by observing the rules.



Can we also once again urge parents to be aware that there may be vehicles moving through the the road during the closure, which may have been parked in Macklin Street earlier. Care is still needed to keep the children safe, even whilst the road is closed.

Parent Governor Vacancy



So far nobody has enquired about this. If you would like to know more about what would be involved, please contact Miss Tyler via the school office. There is also some general information at: <https://www.nga.org.uk/Be-a-Governor.aspx>. We will be sending out nomination forms and more details when we return from the half-term break.

Book Fair Next Week

Leaflets have gone home about the Book Fair which will be in the school hall from Wednesday 16th May to Tuesday 22nd May, both before and after school. Do come along and browse the shelves. Remember that the school benefits from literacy resources with every purchase made. Thank you to Miss Stewart for organising this for us.



Lego, Arts & Crafts and Reading Clubs

Time is passing swiftly and half-term is almost upon us. Please remember to re-register your child if you wish them to continue or start attending any of these after school activities. This allows new children to start if they are interested. We will need names **by 21st May at the latest**, to allow us to set up ParentPay and plan ahead.

The days will stay the same and clubs will all begin straight away during the first week commencing 4th June but there will be no clubs in the very last week of the Summer Term.

As a reminder, the days are:

Lego for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2	Mondays from 3.30 to 4.30 pm (16 places available)
Lego for KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)	Thursdays from 3.30 to 4.30 pm (20 places available)
Arts & Crafts (Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6)	Tuesdays from 3.30 to 4.30 pm (6 places for Years 1 & 2 and 10 places for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)
Reading For Fun (Years 1 and 2)	Thursdays from 3.30 to 4.30 pm (16 places available)

The cost will be £15 for the half-term (optional but appreciated for Reading Club if possible). If you are paying cash with a barcode letter, you will need a new code for the new half-term. Payment must be made via ParentPay.

Our thanks to Miss Plivda, Ms Defreitas, Mrs Heath, Mrs Bear-Nicastro, Mrs Sesay, Miss Smith and Mrs Davies for giving up their time to run these activities.



Air pollution is a very current and important topic in London for all of us but especially for children. Parents may, therefore, wish to consider practical ways in which their behaviour could contribute to improvements in pollution in the vicinity of School. King's College London, in conjunction with The Mayor of London's office, recommends actions such as:



- If possible, parents are advised not to drive their children to and from school as this exacerbates pollution in the school vicinity. Pollution levels are often higher inside cars even when the windows are shut
- For those who continue to drive, engines should not be left to idle in the school vicinity.

For those walking and cycling, try to plan a route to and from school that sticks to side roads or goes through parks or other green areas.

Further information on air pollution in London and what is being done to improve it is available at <https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/environment/pollution-and-air-quality>.

Please also note the item above regarding Macklin Street and our road closure. Mrs Shaw will be checking pollution levels for the area and will post any relevant information on the lobby display if levels are forecast to be especially high.

Red Book Awards – There were no 'Red Book' awards this week, due to the Bank Holiday.

Celebrating Success



We send our congratulations and good wishes to Queenie in Year 1, who has been selected to ride at the Windsor tomorrow, on the 75th anniversary of the Windsor Horse Show. She will be representing the Under 8s Show Pony Class, riding 'Priscilla, Queen of the Desert'. I'm sure the Queen, who will be in attendance, will love seeing the young children do so well. Have a great day, Queenie!



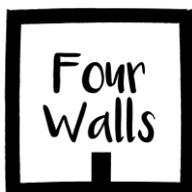
Do share with us any news of achievements outside of school and we will be happy to celebrate them in the newsletter.

Science Camps

We are attaching a flyer about some Science holiday camps that are available over the half-term break, which may be of interest to you. They are held at various school venues across the London area as follows:

- **May Half-Term Holiday Camp 2018 – *Weird Science!*** (Brand-new, 4-day camp) - [Find out More](#)
– *Early Bird Booking Expires in two weeks 15 May 2018*
- **July-August Summer Holiday Camp 2018** (7 available weeks, 5-day camp) - [Find Out More](#)
– *Early Bird Booking Expires 25 June 2018*

You can contact MNScience directly [Here](#)
Book Online [Here](#)
Or Call on **020 8863 8832**



Four Walls Charity (for the Homeless)

On Monday and Tuesday of next week our KS2 classes will be hearing about the work of this local charity and learning about the causes and difficulties of homelessness, an issue that is clearly visible immediately around our school. We will be looking at ways in which we may be able to help as a school community, so do 'watch this space' for more information.

Building Fund Update

Work continues on the Early Years classroom, where our new Nursery entrants will be based from September 2018. The scaffolding allows access for building materials via a hoist and gantry, so there is no need for access through the school.



We are also looking forward to a new kitchen, which will be located where the current Nursery classroom is. The playground infill will then follow, to make up for the lost playground space.



We are working hard to access further funding for the final phase of the project, for which we will have to submit a new capital bid to the Diocese in the Autumn, having been unsuccessful on the last occasion. We will be looking carefully at major fundraising efforts in the coming months, in order to achieve the final goal of a new secure entrance for the school.

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. As we start the new term, please consider a **contribution for the Summer Term**. If you are a UK taxpayer, don't forget to complete a **Gift Aid form** at the office.

If you have corporate contacts you think may be able to help, please get in touch with us.

Dates for the Diary

Below is a list of the diary dates we have planned in so far this term:

Summer Term 2018	
Friday 11 th May 2018	Scooter Training – Year 2
w/c Monday 14 th May 2018	KS2 SATs – Year 6
Monday 14 th May and Tuesday 15 th May 2018	Four Walls Charity for the Homeless to speak to KS2 classes (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)
Thursday 17 th May to Tuesday 22 nd May 2018	Bookfair
Thursday 17 th May 2018	Young Women's Sports Day – Years 3 & 4
Saturday 19 th May 2018	First Holy Communions at St Anselm & St Caecilia
Tuesday 22 nd May 2018	Nursery visit to Kentish Town City Farm (pm)
Monday 28 th May to Friday 1 st June 2018	HALF-TERM break
Friday 8 th June 2018	Google Online Safety Assembly – KS2 classes
Thursday 14 th June 2018	Class Photographs
Thursday 21 st June 2018	Workshop for Year 2 – Who to ask for help?
Friday 29 th June to Monday 2 nd July 2018	PGL School Journey – Year 6
w/c 2 nd July 2018	Sports Week (TBC)
Wednesday 4 th July 2018	Summer Concert (Choir & Hand bell Team)
Wednesday 11 th July 2108	Sports Day
w/c Monday 16 th July 2108	Visits to Phoenix Gardens Exhibition
Friday 20 th July 2018	Term ends at 1.15 pm
Monday 3 rd September 2018	INSET Day – School closed to pupils
Tuesday 4 th September 2018	Children return to school

**Structured Conversation dates
follow on the next page**

Structured Conversations – IMPORTANT

These meetings continue over the next couple of weeks. Please be sure to sign up for an appointment and make a note of the date and time as a reminder. Sign-up sheets are available by the classroom door for Nursery, Reception and Years 1 & 2. For KS2 classes the sheets are available on the ground floor just by the entrance to the school hall. Thank you.

Nursery	Monday 21 st May and Wednesday 23 rd May 2018
Reception	Friday 18 th May and Friday 25 th May 2018
Year 1	Thursday 10 th May and Tuesday 22 nd May 2018
Year 2	Took place last term due to upcoming SATs
Year 3	Friday 11 th May and Friday 25 th May 2018
Year 4	Thursday 10 th May and Friday 18 th May
Year 5	Friday 11 th May and Friday 21 st May 2018
Year 6	Took place last term due to upcoming SATs



With all best wishes for a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

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