

Headteacher: Miss Helen Tyler

Dear Parents and Carers, Newsletter No. 29 – Summer Term

Friday 18th May 2018

Attendance and Punctuality (7th to 11th May 2018)

Once again Year 6 achieved the highest attendance with a brilliant 98% last week and the average for all classes just beat our DfE target at 96.4% so well done everyone. Please keep this up and especially ensure that you do not book holidays or trips away during term-time, as these will not be authorised.

Late marks remain steady at 18 of these being recorded in the same week. A calm and settled start to the school day is so important and can affect a child's concentration and mindset for the rest of the morning. Please aim to arrive for 8.45 am, allowing plenty of time for your journey. Thank you.

Year Group	Present R/C Marks
Nursery	97.6%
Reception	95.1%
Year 1	97.8%
Year 2	94.2%
Year 3	94.4%
Year 4	96.9%
Year 5	96.9%
Year 6	98.1%



KS2 SATs

Well done to our Year 6 pupils for their amazing positive attitude during this week. Thank you to all the staff who have supported them with breakfast and during the tests. Today Year 6 will have enjoyed an exciting afternoon of trampolining.

Parent Coffee Mornings / Class Rep

Today we will be sending out a printed copy of the questionnaire. Please take a moment to complete it and return it to the office **before half-term**. The winners of the poster competition will be announced in next Friday's newsletter.



Parent Governor Vacancy



We have received one enquiry about becoming a parent governor. There is some time to think about this and Miss Tyler will be happy to meet with anyone who is interested; please contact the school office to arrange an appointment. 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 – here until next Tuesday 22nd May 2018

Parents and carers are welcome to purchase books from the school hall before or after school. There is a '3 for 2' offer with this fair and books are available up until next Tuesday 22nd May. Don't forget that the school benefits with extra literacy resources based on the sales achieved. Thank you.



Four Walls Charity (for the Homeless)

Last week our KS2 children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 welcomed visitors representing this local charity for the homeless. The workshops were a great success and the children have been quoted as being 'AMAZING'. When asked what they had learned, some of the answers were: "Don't judge a book by its cover" and "Just because people don't live the same way as we do, it doesn't mean we shouldn't be kind to them."

After half-term we will be inviting Four Walls to speak to parents at a coffee morning about how our St Joseph's family could help to support this charity, which helps people in need on our very doorstep.

Meanwhile, during the half-term, Mrs Blanchfield and her husband will be walking from London (Greenwich) to Dover, via Canterbury, to raise money for Four Walls. Find out more about this challenge and **sponsor them if you can**, at: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/fourwalls>



First Holy Communion – Saturday 19th May

Our prayers are with those Year 3 pupils who will be making their First Holy Communion tomorrow at St Anselm & St Caecilia's. We hope the sun shines and you have a wonderful day with your families.



Families for Life Primary Programme

Parents of children in our Early Years and KS1 classes (Nursery, Reception and Years 1 & 2) are invited to take part in this free 4 week programme for parents and children, which offers 90 minutes of fun, free and easy ways to get families happy and healthy. The programme will run from 3.40 to 5.10 pm on the following dates:



Thursday 14th, 21st and 28th June and Thursday 5th July here at school.

To register your family, please as your class teacher for a form. Places are limited to 10 families on a first come first served basis. For more information contact the Health and Wellbeing Team on Tel: 020 7974 6736, Email: healthandwellbeingteam@camden.gov.uk or visit www.camden.gov.uk/cyphealthyeating.

Lego, Arts & Crafts and Reading Clubs – REPEAT REMINDERS

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. **CHILDREN MUST BE REGISTERED FOR THESE CLUBS**, for safeguarding purposes. We will not be able to accept children attending ad-hoc and the commitment must be made for the whole half-term. Miss Plivda will confirm the places by next Friday 25th May. Thank you.

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) available) 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. **A contribution of £5 for Reading Club** will be used for literacy resources, so please do make this payment. 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.

GDPR – New Data Regulations from 25th May 2018



As you may know, these regulations come into effect from next Friday 25th May 2018. We will be publishing our policy on the school website, together with our revised Privacy Notice and a Subject Access Request Form. For those of you whose children have specific medical or dietary needs, we will be sending out new forms for you to give your consent via 'opting in' to some information being displayed for the purposes of safeguarding your children.

We will also be emailing parents to obtain an 'opt in' consent for us to contact you via email, as per the regulations.

Red Book Awards – Due to SATs week and lots of classes being out this week, we have no Red Book awards again. I would, however, commend all our Year 6 pupils for their hard work and great attitude during the test week. Well done all of you!

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 (please note highlighted item where there has been a change of date):

Summer Term 2018	
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
Thursday 7 th June 2018	Year 5 visit to St Michael's Catholic College (pm)
Thursday 7 th June 2018	KS2 Lego Club visit to Lego Store
Tuesday 12 th June 2018	Science Challenge at Regent High School – Year 5
Tuesday 12 th June 2018	Fire Safety workshops – Year 2 & Year 5
Wednesday 13 th June 2018	Lord Mayor's Roundel Competition – Presentation Assembly
Thursday 14 th June 2018	Class Photographs
Tuesday 19 th June 2018	Year 2 visit to Covent Garden Piazza
Wednesday 20 th June 2018	Summer Learning Workshop - Nursery
Thursday 21 st June 2018	Safety Workshops for Years 2 & 3 & Reception
Wednesday 27 th June 2018	Google Online Safety Assembly – KS2 classes
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
Wednesday 18 th July 2018	Own Clothes Day & Class Parties
Wednesday 18 th July 2018	Year 6 BBQ
Friday 20 th July 2018	Year 6 Leavers' Mass at St Anselm & St Caecilia
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 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 my best wishes for a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

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