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Dear Parents and Carers, Newsletter No. 30 – Summer Term

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Attendance and Punctuality (14th to 18th May 2018)

Well done to Year 6 children, who achieved 100% attendance during their SATs week. The average attendance for the week was 96.8%, which meets our DfE target of 96%, although Years 3 and 4 did not reach that mark.

Late marks remain slightly up with a total of 20 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.

Poster Competition – Class Rep

CONGRATULATIONS to Zoe for winning the first prize in our poster competition to encourage parents to volunteer as a class representative. Well done also to Frankie and Martim for being chosen as the two runners up.

Year Group	Present R/C Marks
Nursery	96.2%
Reception	97.9%
Year 1	97.5%
Year 2	97.1%
Year 3	93.3%
Year 4	95.0%
Year 5	97.5%
Year 6	100.0%

We really do need more parents to participate in the organisation and planning of school events. Last week we sent out a paper copy of our questionnaire in an effort to find out from you all exactly what kind of events you would be interested in and how much help, if any, you could give. The response has been so disappointing, with very few questionnaires being returned.

We hope that some of you will come forward to represent your child's class – please speak to Michelle Zini or Charlotte Gubb for more information. Thank you!



Parent Governor Vacancy



Similarly, if any of you would like to find out more about what is involved in being a Parent Governor, do contact the office about meeting with Miss Tyler after the half-term. An informal chat will not oblige you to put yourself forward for the election, but may just give you some clarification and allay any fears you may have about what the role entails.

Book Fair – £259.54

Thank you to everyone who supported our recent Bookfair. Sales totalled £259.54 and we will be able to order additional literacy resources for the school with the reward points gained.

Families for Life Primary Programme

This invitation is now being extended to the whole school. Families 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 ask 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.

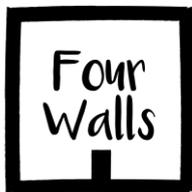
Response to this has been very low. Please note that, should there not be enough interest, the programme will not take place.





CHICKS & DUCKS Fundraising

Yesterday children in our Early Years classes (Reception and Nursery) had lots of fun dressing up as ducks and enjoyed different activities in the hall, to raise funds cover the cost of 'chicks and ducks' that will form part of the Early Years learning topic after half-term. The children will be able to observe how chicks and ducks hatch from their eggs in incubators that will be brought into school. They will then watch how they grow in the first days of life. Thank you to everyone who supported this effort. Reception class raised £342.00 and Nursery class raised £107.00, making a total of £449.20 which will go towards the cost of this great learning opportunity.



Four Walls Charity (for the Homeless)

This coming Sunday Mrs Blanchfield will be setting off with her husband to walk around 70 miles from London (Greenwich) to Dover, via Canterbury, in aid of this charity which reaches out to the homeless and those sleeping rough in the local area.



We walk past people like this every day often on our way to school and/or work. Any donation you can make will make a difference to people less fortunate than yourselves. You can contribute online at: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/fourwalls> or donate in cash via the School Office. Thanks for your support and do pray for dry weather!

Structured Conversations – IMPORTANT

By the end of today all of you should have met with your child's teacher for a 'structured conversation.' If you have missed an appointment for any reason, please see the teacher to rearrange as soon as possible after half-term. Thank you.



GDPR – New Data Regulations from TODAY

Our website has details of our updated Data Protection Statement, together with our revised Privacy Notice. A copy of the Privacy Notice is also attached to this newsletter and reminds you of the data we hold, why we hold it etc. There is also an explanatory letter attached, for your information.

Royal Wedding Celebrations

Our thanks to the Caterlink staff and our own lunch-time staff for helping the children to mark the occasion of Harry and Meghan's wedding last week. The front lobby display shows photos of the lovely decorations in the hall and the crowns worn by the younger children last Friday.

Red Book Awards – Congratulations to all the children who were commended at our Worship assembly this week:

Year Group	Writer of the week	Pupil of the week	Perfectly Presented	Playground
Nursery	Michael for always writing his name with great confidence on his work. Well done!	Kamilla for good listening during carpet sessions and following instructions in the class.		
Reception	Sofia for writing an amazing story all by herself using fantastic descriptive language!	Betsy for always being enthusiastic about learning and coming to school!	Tiana	
Year 1	Jace for writing a fantastic story with adjectives and full stops.	Queenie for a fantastic performance at the Windsor Horse Show	Blanca	Thahani for playing calm games in the playground
Year 2	All of year 2 for their fabulous retelling of Zeraffa Giraffa.	Adonai for the amazing amount of progress he has made in such a short time.	Absera	Romain for being a good friend during playtimes.
Year 3	Hope – for her amazing prediction about what could have happened to Mr and Mrs Crisp!	Ryan – for brilliant perseverance and sportsmanship in P.E.	Angieli	

Year 4	James for his fantastic extended writing in the Quest.	Victoria D for really improving her listening skills and participating much more. Keep it up!	Abel	
Year 5	Archie for writing a fantastic plan for his writing about the dogs trust.	Christina for participating our outdoor trips last week, even with her sore leg.	Jaedon	
Year 6	The whole of Year 6 for their mature, positive and calm attitude towards their SATs tests last week.			

Building Fund Update



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	
Monday 28 th May to Friday 1 st June 2018	HALF-TERM break
Wednesday 6 th June 2018	PGL meeting for Year 6 children and their parents/carers at 3:45pm
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 27th 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

Wishing you all a restful and sunny half-term break.

Kind regards,

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Miss Helen Tyler, Headteacher