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Dear Parents and Carers,

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Attendance and Punctuality (11th to 15th June 2018)



With illness in some classes, attendance was very varied across the school last week. However, the overall average fell well below our target at 93.1%. Your child's overall attendance for the year will be given on their final Structured Conversation report, which is equivalent to the Annual Report to parents.

As a whole school we have not reached the expected minimum target of 96% over the year. We will continue to do everything possible to continue to monitor attendance and punctuality so please lend us your support and give your child the very best learning opportunities that you can.

Year Group	Present R/C Marks
Nursery	92.5%
Reception	94.3%
Year 1	93.9%
Year 2	90.0%
Year 3	88.6%
Year 4	91.3%
Year 5	96.1%
Year 6	98.5%

Lateness did improve last week, with just 10 marks being recorded, so we hope to continue this trend. Remember to aim to arrive at school by **8.45 am** so there is no rush and plenty of time to be "ready to learn" at 9 am. Thank you.

Class Reps

So far we have received just three applications for these posts and we were hoping to appoint two reps for each class, starting in September 2018. Do have a think about this. If you want events to happen, both social and fund-raising, we do need more parents to be actively involved. As we have said before: "Many hands make light work."



Parent Governor Vacancy

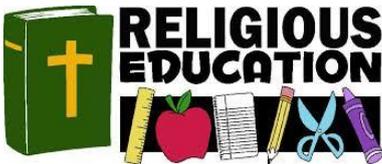
Just the one nomination has been received so far. I have chatted to several parents about the role and hope to receive some more interest during the coming week, ahead of next week's deadline on Friday 29th June 2018.

World Cup Colours

The next opportunity for the children to wear their country's football kit or country colours is next **Thursday 28th June**, when England are due to play Belgium. Please send in a **donation of £1.00** for our School Funds. NB: No team kits, **only COUNTRY KITS & COLOURS** to be worn.



Coffee Morning - Tuesday 10th July at 9 am



Parents are invited to a coffee morning on this date, **hosted by Miss Tyler and Mrs Scott-Phillips**, who will share information about **RE & Worship** and the Catholic Life of the School in general. Do save this date and come along to find out about how RE is taught across the year groups and how you may support your child in their learning and their spiritual journey.

Early Years Graduation

Children in our Nursery and Early Years classes will 'graduate' on Tuesday 17th July 2018. Parents are invited to save this date in the diary. There will be a brief assembly / performance followed by a picnic in the school hall. The event will begin at 9.30 am and will finish promptly at 11 am, when midday staff will need to set up the hall. This is always a very special morning for our families and we look forward to enjoying this milestone with you all. A letter will follow with full details shortly.



School Disco / 'Prom'

On Friday 6th July 2018 we will be hosting a School Disco both during school (for children in EYFS and Foundation Stage) and in the evening (for KS2 children). Tickets will be on sale with parents at the front entrance next Thursday 28th June first thing in the morning and entry will be strictly by **TICKET ONLY**.



- The younger children, in classes from Nursery through to Year 2, will be allowed to wear their own clothes on this day, as their disco will take place at 2 pm during the school day.
- The older children, in classes from Year 3 through to Year 6, are invited to come along after school, from 5 to 7.30 pm.

ALL CHILDREN WILL NEED A TICKET and the money will go towards School Funds.

Summer Concert

Miss Cotter is working very hard with our amazing Choir and Hand Bell ringers to prepare for what we are sure will be a fantastic Summer Concert on Wednesday 4th July 2018. Siblings of choir children are welcome to come but they must be in Year 3 or above. All children must be accompanied by a family member and must behave appropriately.

The Concert will take place between 6.00 and 7.00 pm. We would like to remind you that no photographs or filming is permitted during the performance. *Full and correct* school uniform (including a long-sleeved white shirt and school tie) and school shoes must be worn by the choir.



Parents of children involved will already have received a letter from Miss Cotter giving the exact details.

Wake Up Wednesday



**National
Online
Safety**

Following the World Cup kicking off in spectacular fashion and as part of their **#WakeUpWednesday** online safety campaign, the National Online Safety Team have created a FREE online safety football special guide for parents. Amid the excitement, it is important to stay vigilant online and make sure children are aware of the potential dangers that they may be exposed to during large

sporting events. From cyber-attacks, malware, fake merchandise and fake ticket offers, this guide is designed to inform parents and carers about online risks relating to the football and how they can help keep their children safe on the internet this summer.

You can access the guide online at: <https://twitter.com/natonlinesafety/status/1006924770657611776>

Secondary School Admission for September 2019

Parents of children in Year 5 should already be thinking about their secondary school application, as this process opens in September, with a deadline of 31st October 2018.

A letter has gone out today inviting Year 5 parents to a meeting next Tuesday 26th June at 9 am. Mr Andrew Nuttney has kindly offered to give an overview of the process, which will help you to begin to plan for this important stage in your child's journey through school.



In addition, we have included some information below which will help you with your initial research:

[Camden's secondary schools](#) aim to help your child reach their potential whatever they want to do in adult life.

Camden Council co-ordinates the transfer from primary to secondary school for admission to all Camden state secondary schools. Find out more about Camden secondary schools in [their annual guide](#).

- The next deadline to apply for Year 7 places will be **31 October 2018**.
- You can visit Camden secondary schools on their own open days and evenings.
- [Meet the Parents](#) also holds informal forums for primary parents at local schools across the borough.

You may also wish to access the 'Good Schools Guide' at: <https://www.goodschoolsguide.co.uk/> where you will find details of the various options available to you.

Open days vary from school to school and from one London Borough to another, as do Admissions Policies. Please research this carefully. Faith schools will require you to complete their own Supplementary Application Form AS WELL AS the E-Admissions online form. To find out the open day dates, search online by Borough and they will be listed, e.g.

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/secondary-admissions/secondary-schools-open-days-and-evenings>

NED Assembly – Monday 18th June

Following the recent assembly we extended the deadline for yo-yo sales but **TODAY WAS THE LAST DAY**. These have been very popular. If you were not able to buy a yo-yo from school, they are available online at:



http://www.shopned.co.uk/category_s/46.htm but they ship from the USA so it will take some time for them to arrive.



Eid Mubarak – Last week our Muslim families celebrated Eid, following the period of fasting known as Ramadam. Here are Nadine, Yasmine and Sabrine, dressed up and ready to celebrate. To help us understand the meaning of this festival, Nadine wrote this explanation for us to share with you all:

After one month of fasting muslims celebrate Eid-fitr which some people call it (Sugar festival). This came from the practice of the gracious muslim hosts serving sweets, candies and food during the festival.

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	Franco for his enthusiasm in writing labels for items that Mr Shark had for his dinner! Keep it up, Franco!	Talia for demonstrating great behaviour in the class and reminding others of the class rules.		Amanda always smiling and asking others if they are ok.
Reception	Natan for his amazing independent work – writing rules for looking after the ducklings!	Conor for putting lots of effort into his work	Megan	
Year 1	Jace for writing a fabulous description and remembering to use his apostrophes to show possession.	All of Tiger Class for fantastic effort in their class Phonics Challenge.	Dea	
Year 2	Elnathan for his detailed description of what happens during Shabbat.	Laura for her positive attitude to all lessons and willingness to challenge herself.	Harry	Harry – always letting people join in his games and always being fair.
Year 3	Henry , for a wonderful piece of writing about the Jewish place of worship.	Sofia , for having a wonderful growth mind-set and working on her resilience and can do attitude in maths. You absolute super star!	Natnael	
Year 4	Julia for using high level verbs in her character description of Roger.	Zak for his consistently polite manners.	Liv	
Year 5	Angelo for an original setting description of Elsinore Castle.	Kiki for working hard in all subjects.	Jaedon	
Year 6	Alex for his amazing Alma story	Adriel for always putting in 100% (including taking home a science poster to finish at home over the weekend)	Joseph	

Building Fund Update

Donations so far have reached a total of **£2,538** since September 2017.

Thank you to all those who have made a Summer Term donation.

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 18 th June 2018	NED Show – KS1 and KS2 Assembly
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)
Friday 6 th July 2018	School Disco
Wednesday 11 th July 2018	Sports Day
w/c Monday 16 th July 2018	Visits to Phoenix Gardens Exhibition
Tuesday 17 th July 2018 at 9.30 am	EYFS Graduation – AM (Nursery & Reception)
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

With every good wish for the weekend.

Kind regards,

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Miss Helen Tyler
Headteacher