

Headteacher: Miss Helen Tyler

Dear Parents and Carers, Newsletter No. 36 – Summer Term

Friday 20th July 2018

Year 6

We were blessed to share in a very special celebratory Mass for our Year 6 leavers. Each child was presented with a bible, a St Joseph's pen and a scroll with the poem 'Footprints' for them to take away as a reminder of their years at the school.

The 'Kind Heart' awards (a wooden Archbishop Romero cross) were presented to Alexander and Clemence.

The McKinnis award for music went to Isabella and the McKinnis award for progress went to Noah.

As we said at church this morning, once you are part of a family, you remain a part of it. Therefore, we send our lovely Year 6 children forth with our love and prayers and we look forward to seeing you again as you continue with your life's journey.



Sports Day

The weather cooled down a little for our annual Sports Day on 11th July; another blessing!

Congratulations to the green team, St Patrick's House, for being the overall winners. Well done to everyone for participating.

Congratulations to the Mums and Dads also for being great sports and participating in the parent races.

Thank you to everyone who helped to organise and run the day.

Fiver Challenge (Years 5 and 6)

Our Year 6 children took part in the Young Enterprise 'Fiver Challenge' and sold their wares at the recent school disco. They raised a total of £119.07, which was not a profit. However, they all learned a great deal and enjoyed the process immensely.

Phoenix Gardens (Year 5)

A Child of the Workhouse



An exhibition on the Victorian workhouse

by Year 5 and 6 -
St. Josephs RC Primary School, Macklin Street

at the
Phoenix Garden
21 Stacey Street London WC2H 8DG

Open daily 12pm - 3pm
from Tuesday 17th July 2018



Supported by the William Shelton Education Charity

Children in Years 5 and 6 have been working on this project and you can see the results at the Phoenix Community Garden, as detailed here.

The other children have had the opportunity to visit the Garden over the last week or so.

Our thanks to Miss Croxon and to the ladies who have helped facilitate this; the children have had fun and learned lots about the Victorian workhouse.

Parent Governor Vacancy

Our thanks to both Rosa Muccio and Nick Awde, who put themselves forward for this vacancy. Congratulations to Rosa, who was the winning candidate. We look forward to working with you from September 2018.



Due to another term of office coming to an end, we anticipate there will be a further vacancy in the Autumn Term. Therefore once again we would encourage nominations at that time. Please note that a parent governor must have a child in the school at the time of taking up office, but can serve to the end of the four year term, even if their child leaves the school before the four years is up.

Attendance and Punctuality – A Summary! (2017-18)

This week's table shows school attendance for the whole academic year. Year 6 are the only class which achieved an attendance percentage higher than our expected DfE target of 96%. Overall the average was 95.4% which is unfortunately just short of the target.

Year Group	Present R/C Marks
Nursery	93.6%
Reception	95.6%
Year 1	95.5%
Year 2	95.2%
Year 3	95.4%
Year 4	95.4%
Year 5	95.1%
Year 6	97.1%

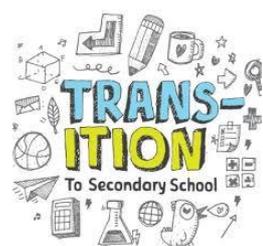
Whilst illness is unavoidable, we are receiving an ever increasing number of requests for exceptional leave during term-time. The learning time lost can be critical and the negative impact of absence from school is statistically proven to be significant. Please, therefore, do everything you can to avoid the need for these requests and do not be surprised if they are not authorised, as the circumstances do have to be truly exceptional for permission to be granted.

We congratulate Adriel, however, for achieving an amazing 100% attendance all year! We were delighted to present him with a special prize for his efforts; a Kindle Fire which the school was lucky enough to win at a recent Attendance Conference.

Every week there is a draw that includes any child who has been present for the whole week. Each half-term a winner is drawn from these names and this half-term the lucky winners were Mazie in Year 2 and Francesca in Year 5. Family cinema ticket vouchers were awarded to each of them.

When we look at lateness overall for the year, the picture is one that needs significant improvement. As with attendance, we cannot stress strongly enough the importance of arriving at school early and ready to learn by 9 am. This means you must aim to arrive by 8.45 am so always plan plenty of time for your journey. Thank you.

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.

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.

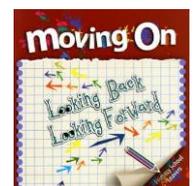
Camden Council co-ordinates the transfer from primary to secondary school for admission to all Camden state secondary schools. Find out more about Camden secondary schools in [their annual guide](#).

- 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>

Red Book Awards – Well done to all the children who were commended at our Worship Assembly this week. Many of them received our red or platinum letters also, but they are too numerous to mention!

Year Group	Writer of the week	Pupil of the week	Perfectly Presented	Playground
Nursery	Alessi for being brilliant in using her sounds in writing labels for the animals in her 'Pirates love underpants' book.	Sabrina for her great confidence in performing and singing during our Graduation!		
Reception	Megan for writing a sentence on her own in her literacy book using sounds and tricky words	Hugo for trying his best to stay calm with all the changes happening at the end of the year	Henry	
Year 1	Zachary for designing and labelling a very interesting costume for the character of Puck.	All of Tiger Class for their hard work in rehearsing their performance of A Midsummer Night's Dream	Jeaniren	
Year 2	Ruby for planning her ideas before writing when retelling the ending of A Midsummer Night's Dream.	Elnathan for showing kindness around the classroom.	Sam	
Year 3	All of Year 3 for amazing effort with your Macbeth writing!! Well done you super stars!	Hope – for being a ray of sunshine every day and making everyone smile!	Santino	Josh for always playing sensibly when in the playground
Year 4	Dean for his thorough research of Padre Pio.	Ryan for trying hard to ignore distractions and listen carefully.	James	
Year 5	Archie For taking care with his handwriting and showing a big improvement.	Jayden for always showing responsibility with classroom supplies.	Christina	
Year 6	Ella for giving detailed contributions to our class poem.	Angie for displaying maturity ahead of going to secondary school	Joseph	

Building Fund Update Donations so far have reached a total of **£2,648** since September 2017.

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

We look forward to a transformed playground, kitchen and Early Years classroom in September. Pray that the dry weather will continue to allow speedy progress over the six week break!

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.



Children return to school on **Tuesday 4th September**, except for Reception and Nursery, who will have been given their later start dates individually. We look forward to seeing you all again then.

In the meantime we wish you all a brilliant summer holiday and send our love and prayers to Year 6 and any other families who will be leaving us today.

The term dates for next year are attached.

Kind regards,

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Miss Helen Tyler
Headteacher

Autumn Term 2018 (34 + 39 = 73 days)

Monday 3 September	Staff INSET Day
Tuesday 4 September	Children start school
Monday 22 October – Friday 26 October	Half Term
Monday 29 October	Staff INSET Day
Tuesday 30 October	Children start school
Friday 21 December	Last day of term

Spring Term 2019 (29 + 29 = 58 days)

Monday 7 January	Staff INSET Day
Tuesday 8 January	Children start school
Monday 18 February – Friday 22 February	Half Term
Monday 25 February	Staff INSET Day
Tuesday 26 February	Children start school
Friday 5 April	Last day of term

Summer Term 2019 (23 + 36 = 59 days)

Tuesday 23 April	Staff INSET Day
Wednesday 24 April	Children start school
Monday 6 May	May Day Bank Holiday (school closed)
Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May	Half Term
Monday 3 June	Children start school
Tuesday 23 July	Last day of term

STAFF INSET DAYS (5)

Monday 3 September 2018
Monday 29 October 2018
Monday 7 January 2019
Monday 25 February 2019
Tuesday 23 April 2019

Public Holidays Spring and Summer 2019

Good Friday	Friday 19 April
Easter Monday	Monday 22 April
May Day	Monday 6 May
Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 27 May
August Bank Holiday	Monday 26 August

