



CHASE BRIDGE NEWSLETTER



12th January 2018

Resolutions ...

We already seem well into the new term and the New Year. It is a time when we all traditionally seem to have a race to see who will be the first one to break their New Year's resolution in the family – it's always hard to sustain all those good intentions! Nevertheless, the children have had some good ideas which we have talked about in assembly and are doing their best to stick to them ...

Ishika said "I want to get better at making slime!"; **Isla** is determined to "get better at walking on stilts and eating chocolate - you have to try, try and try your best!"; **Jack** is clearly a very helpful boy and says he will "get better at loading the dishwasher everyday"; **Adam** is going "to start being nice to my brother"; **Oliver** is going to "become better learning my timetables"; and **Kuba**, I think, speaks for many of us saying "I want to get better at actually doing things rather than just saying I will do them"! I hope they are all successful in sticking with their resolutions.

Have a very Happy New Year!

Updates, Notices and ...



Congratulations to Noah in Year 5 who won a bronze medal at the **Under 10 Hockey Indoor Championship** at the Copper Box Stadium, Olympic Park on New Years Eve.

Whitton Library will be closed from **Saturday 13th January—Monday 2nd April** to enable essential building

work to be carried out. During this period the nearest library is Twickenham Library in Garfield Road, Twickenham.

'Family First' Magazine—you can now download our recent magazine at http://www.familyfirst.co.uk/ff_mag/. You can 'like us' on our facebook link at <https://www.facebook.com/familyfirstuk>.

Plants for the pond—We are looking for **donations of plants** for the new school pond. If any of our Chase Bridge families have a pond and are able to donate, please contact Mrs Davies in Nursery.

String ensemble—The string ensemble and cello lessons with Amy Sims will resume next **Wednesday 17th January**.

Lost glasses—Welfare have a collection of glasses. If your child has lost their glasses, please check with Welfare. On another note, Ms Gray would be delighted to receive older girls and boys **socks** as her stocks are running low.

News in Brief

New Year—Old Parking Issues—

Unfortunately we are already getting a small number of parents parking dangerously, illegally and in an inconsiderate way. We don't know the owner of this car, who blocked the main gate and access for emergency vehicles, but we are increasingly taking the view that we should be taking photos



of offenders and passing them on to the police. This will be discussed by the school's governing body soon so that a robust strategy can be decided upon.

Year 6 1:1 Academic Review meetings—These meetings are scheduled for **Monday 5th February (6N), Thursday 8th (6B) and Friday 9th February (6F)**. We are using the online booking system again this year—go to www.schoolinterviews.co.uk and enter the event code **mn9fq**. **Bookings will open on Friday 19th January.**

Reception admissions 2018—If your child was born between **1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014** they will start their Reception year in September 2018. Parents and carers must apply for a place before the deadline of **Monday 15th January**. You can apply on line at www.eadmissions.org.uk or www.richmond.gov.uk.

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School Surveys—thank you!

I'm sure you will remember that we asked you to complete the annual parent survey before Christmas.

Governors also conduct staff and children's surveys at the same time. This contributes to the annual review and is in the process of being completed and shared with governors at the beginning of February. The full results of the survey will be shared then, but in the meantime we wanted to share some of the key outcomes: **feedback was very positive**, similar to previous years and significantly better than survey feedback to other schools nationally; the strongest change was the question linked to parental engagement which was much improved which we are pleased about as this has been a priority; a very high proportion say their child is happy and feels safe. A greater proportion feel they get valuable information about their child, but this remains one of the weaker areas in the survey and similar to responses in other schools nationally. And last, but not least, 97% of parents would recommend Chase Bridge to other parents which is far higher than for other schools nationally and also the feedback received by independent schools.

To see **last year's annual review** click [here](#).

To read about **last year's survey** click [here](#).

New Year, new curriculum focus

The start of a new term is always exciting for the children as they begin a new topic theme. All the summary booklets have been sent to you and are now up on the school website.

- **Reception and Nursery** are learning about Heroes and Fairy tales: Discussing what makes a hero, both real and fictional, alongside meeting heroes from our local community. Enjoying familiar traditional tales.
- **Year 1** will be studying toys – new and old, thinking about the materials they are made from, learning lots of science along the way.
- **Year 2** will be Time Detectives! They will find out lots of information about the Great Fire of London and even try to re-create the city from 1666.
- **Year 3** will be studying forces and magnets in their Pole to Pole topic.
- Extreme Earth is the focus for **year 4** and they will study natural disasters and extreme weather.
- **Year 5** are going back in time to the turn of the century and learn about society during the Victorian and Edwardian eras.
- And, in between revising for the end of year tests, **year 6** will learn about Greek life and achievements and their influence on the western world. For more information about the curriculum in the different year groups please click on the link [here](#).

Times, dates and places

Monday 15th January

Nursery AM & PM to Forest School

Year 3 Family Reading 2.30pm

Tuesday 16th January

Year 6 SATs meeting 8am and 6pm

Reception Hearing tests

Swimming Gala team practice 1pm

After school Dance resumes

Wednesday 17th January

Nursery AM to Little Street

Boys & Girls football vs Heathfield 3pm

Thursday 18th January

Catch up Reception Hearing tests

Little Chasers

Nursery PM to Little Street

Friday 19th January

EYFS Bedtime Story session 4.30pm

Year 3 FoCB cake sale after school

Monday 22nd January

Nursery AM & PM to Forest School

Emma Carroll (Author visit) - PM

Tuesday 23rd January

4M swimming 1.00pm

Wednesday 24th January

Year 5/6 Boys football at NPL

Storytelling Festival 6pm

Thursday 25th January

Little Chasers

Nursery AM & PM to Fire Station in Twickenham

Hi-5 Netball match away at Heathfield

Friday 26th January

Year 2 to Richmond Synagogue

Monday 29th January

Nursery AM & PM to Whitton High Street

3J & 3H to Gurdwara 10.00am

Nursery Family Reading 11.30am & 2.45pm

Tuesday 30th January

3D to Gurdwara 10.00am

4M swimming 1.00pm

Wednesday 31st January

RESERVE DATE—Y5&6 Boys Football

Year 5 Family Reading 2.30pm

6.00pm FoCB Class Reps meeting

Thursday 1st February

Little Chasers

Friday 2nd February

Reception Family Reading 2.30pm

Monday 5th February

6N 1:1 Academic Review meetings

Nursery Forest School AM & PM

Tuesday 6th February

Nursery dress up day 'People who help us'

NO SWIMMING

6pm E-Safety talk—parents invited

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