Friday 7th September 2018

Welcome Back!
Welcome back to everyone after the holidays. We hope you had a relaxing break! It has been lovely to hear about all of the children’s adventures over the holidays. A very warm welcome to anyone joining our community; we hope you are very happy here.

Ms Bennett had a little boy, Kaspar, in the holidays and Ms Malik had a baby boy, Umar, last Thursday. Congratulations to both of them and we look forward to meeting the boys soon.

We have a number of new staff this year. We would like to welcome the following staff:
Miss Sekaninova - Nursery
Miss Spencer - Reception Dolphins
Miss Gibb - Reception Turtles
Miss Lans - 1 Diamond
Miss Archibald - 3 Willow
Miss Tatt - 3 Oak
Miss Matthew - 4 Pine

Governor Parent Forum
Due to a change in governor availability, the governor’s parent forum will now be on Thursday 27th September at 6pm in the Lower Hall. We hope to see you there.

Healthy Snacks
As part of helping our children adopt a healthy lifestyle, we ask that the only snack they have at breaktime is fruit. Please also note that we have several children and staff who have severe nut allergies. Please do not include nuts of any kind in your child’s packed lunches, including peanut butter. Thank you for your co-operation in helping us to keep everyone safe.

New playground equipment
The children (and some of the staff!) have been very excited to use the new equipment in the Key Stage 2 playground. It was an absolute pleasure to see the excitement on the children’s faces as they walked in to the playground to see the new climbing frame. Huge thanks to the DSA, and the whole school community, for raising the money to pay for it.

Reusable water bottles
As part of a bid to reduce our plastic use, we are asking children to bring in a reusable bottle for their water. Although plastic bottles can be recycled, many still end up polluting the oceans and rivers. The Eco Committee have therefore decided to implement this initiative.

Eco Committee
The Eco Committee took part in an experiment run by Friends of the Earth to measure how polluted our playground and local area was. They sent off the results to be analysed and, happily, we are well below the recommended maximum guidelines. These results will be added to a map to track levels of air pollution in the UK.

Year 5 Bikeability
Year 5 will be taking part in their annual Bikeability course in a couple of week’s time. The children will learn how to ride their bikes safely on the road.

Meet the Teacher
There will be an opportunity for you to meet your Assistant Head for each phase and to hear about what your child will be doing this year. Years 3 and 4 are on Tuesday, 1 and 2 on Wednesday and 5 and 6 on Thursday. All at 2.30pm.

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**Dates for your diary**

**September**
5th - Back to School Years 1-6  
7th - Whole School Picnic 3.30pm - 4.15pm  
7th - 1st Reception visit day and coffee morning  
10th - 2nd Reception visit day and coffee morning  
11th - Year 3 and 4 Meet the Teacher 2.30pm  
11th - 3rd Reception visit day and coffee morning  
12th - Year 1 and 2 Meet the Teacher 2.30pm  
13th - Year 5 and 6 Meet the Teacher 2.30pm  
20th - Somali Parent’s Coffee Morning  
21st - Jeans for Genes Day  
24th - Year 6 trip to Floating Classroom  
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26th - Year 6 trip to Floating Classroom  
27th - Arabic Parent’s Coffee Morning  
27th - Governor parent forum  
28th - Year 4 trip to Kentish Town City Farm  

**October**
1st - Year 1 open classroom and coffee morning 9.00am  
1st - Year 4 trip to Kentish Town City Farm  
2nd - Year 2 open classroom and coffee morning 9.00am  
3rd - Year 3 open classroom and coffee morning 9.00am  
4th - Year 4 open classroom and coffee morning 9.00am  
5th - Year 5 open classroom and coffee morning 9.00am  
5th - Year 4 trip to Kentish Town City Farm  
8th - Year 6 open classroom and coffee morning 9.00am  
17th - DSA Annual General Meeting  
19th - Black History Month Celebration  
22nd - 26th - Half term  
30th - Year 3 trip to Floating Classroom  

**November**
2nd - Year 3 trip to Floating Classroom  
6th - Parent’s Evening 3.40pm - 7.00pm  
7th - Parent’s Evening 3.40 pm - 5.30pm  
15th - Somali Parent’s Coffee Morning  
16th - Children in Need  
19th - Community Coffee Morning  
22nd - Arabic Speaking Parent’s Coffee Morning  

**December**
7th - DSA Christmas Fair  
10th - Nursery Christmas Show  
11th - Reception Show 2pm  
12th - Reception Show 2pm  
13th - Year 1 show 9.30am  
13th - Christmas Lunch  
14th - Year 2 show 9.30am  
14th - Christmas Jumper Day  
17th - Year 6 show 2.15pm  
18th - Year 3 show 9.30am  
18th - Year 5 show 2.15pm  
19th - Year 4 show 9.30am  
21st - End of term. Finish at 2pm