



THE SOHO SCOOP

News and views From Soho Parish

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to a bonus unscheduled 'Scoop'! We had a few things to tell you about and I thought it easier for parents to receive them all in one letter rather than a series of Parent mail communications.

Parent-teacher-child Conferences

In a change to the published date last week, we have rescheduled our **PTC Conferences** for Thursday 9th November. I know this is an important date for parents to book in their diary, so we always try not to change it. However, we are introducing new standardised tests for Years 2-6 in reading and maths and we would like the opportunity to deliver and mark these in advance of the meetings so that information can be shared with parents. Please see below for more information about the tests.



Termly tests

At Soho we believe the best type of assessment is ongoing 'formative' assessment, which involves giving children feedback and engaging in dialogue with them about their learning and how to move on. Sometimes we use tests as part of this process. For example, a test can tell a teacher quickly which areas of a certain subject the child needs to focus on if analysed appropriately. We are using the Rising Stars PIRA and PUMA tests this year in reading and maths, which give each child a 'reading age' or 'maths age' and are in line with a number of internationally recognised measures for attainment. The first tests will be done for Years 2-6 the first week after half term. They are short, simple tests (30-40 minutes long) and will be completed individually, but not in strict 'test conditions', so children should accept them as simply a task taking part of their maths or english lesson. Most of our children find tests fun, but if parents have any questions or concerns about their own child, please do let their class teacher know.



Knife Crime Awareness Session for Year 6

Next week we have planned a session with the local safer neighbourhood police team. Ward officer Simon Cham came to our coffee mornings this week and last and spoke with parents about this topic. Parents commented that they thought this would a positive experience for children who are about to go to secondary school. Simon uses water balloons to get across the message that 'the more water balloons are out there, the more likely someone is to get wet'. He then makes comparisons with this and

6th October 2017



Term Dates 2017-18

Term 1
Wed 6th Sep – Fri 20th Oct
Term 2
Mon 30th Oct - Wed 20th Dec
Term 3
Wed 3rd Jan - Fri 9th Feb
Term 4
Mon 19th Feb - Thu 29th Mar
Term 5
Mon 16th Apr - Fri 25th May
Term 6
Tue 5th Jun - Thu 19th Jun

Dates for your diary

Thursday 12th October
2.45-3.15
Year 5 assembly

Tuesday 17th October
2.30
Harvest Festival at
St James' Piccadilly

Friday 20th October
Extended 'see your child's
work' open morning 8.45-
9.15am

*****Thursday 9th Nov*****
Change to date
Parent-teacher-child
conferences

W/B 13th Nov
Anti-Bullying Week

W/B 20TH Nov
Art Week

knives, without giving gratuitous or scary details. Another local school has highly recommended this talk. It will take place next Thursday morning at 9am. Do speak to Louise if you would like any further information.



Free Holiday Cycle Training

Westminster Council are providing free cycle training courses to all children who live or go to school in the borough during Half Term. Training takes place in either the mornings or in the afternoons and courses start on Monday 25th OCTOBER at Academy Sport. This is suitable for children from 7 years and cycles are available to borrow. Places are limited and can be booked online on a first-come-first-served basis. To secure a place, parents and carers need to book on the Cycle Confident website <http://www.cycleconfident.com/courses/child-group/>



St James' Fun Palaces



Don't forget on Sunday 8th October there is a family friendly event taking place at St James's Piccadilly which will celebrates nature, culture and planet Earth. 'Fun Palaces' is a community event which promises to appeal to everybody and with such an array of activities on offer it would be a shame to miss.

Our very own ROCK BAND will be playing a slot at 1.15p.m.

What's happening? Kitchen biology; gospel singing; particle physics; ukelele orchestra; the universe story; community artwork; home-brewed pint of science; make-your-own musical instrument; chemical elements trail; dance; labyrinth-making and walking; nature-knitting and crochet; fireside chats; messy science; spoken word; garden censensing and meditation; pavement geology; and more as the programme develops.

For more information please see Twitter: @SJPEcoFunPalace

Website: www.sjp.org.uk

School Photos

School photo order forms will be coming home today. Please make sure you order online or via the payment envelope which should be sent directly to Tempest Photography (Freepost). The school office will not be taking any payments directly for this.



Class Attendance 2017/18

The results are in and so far Year 5 and 6 are trailing ahead with the best weekly attendance. Please remember the school gates open at 8.45 a.m. and the register takes place shortly after leaving the playground.

Week commencing	Year	%
11 th Sept 2017	6	99
18 th Sept	5	98.8
25 th Sept	5	99.6



And Finally.....School Council 2017-18

We are proud to announce our school councillors for this academic year. Candidates were chosen after giving speeches to their cohorts (some very passionate and well thought out) we are sure they will help to support our school and community.

Year 1 – Nicholas and Maria

Year 2- Coco and Andreas

Year 3- Yashar and Carmenella

Year 4- Sam and Elijah

Year 5- Micah and Pip

Year 6- Misty and Rudy