

Wednesday 6th September

Dear Parents and Carers,

How lovely to see all the children coming in to school this morning with big smiles. They all seem very happy to be back with their old friends and new teachers.

Over the holidays, Paul has been extremely busy looking after our wonderful, but at times challenging, Victorian building. We've had lots of repairs done, including some extensive plumbing work. The food preparation room downstairs has been relocated to the servery, which gives us a free room downstairs. As you can imagine, we are always delighted to find another space in this small school that we can use for learning. At present the room is empty and requires a full makeover. Longer term, we plan to equip this as a 'sensory room', which we believe will be extremely beneficial for all children. It can be used as a base for working with children with sensory needs, and also a wonderfully calming space for whole class or group work. We look forward to your support in fundraising for this in the near future.

You may notice that the school looks a little more 'minimalist' than usual when you come in on Friday. We've worked hard to declutter our learning environment to promote the best atmosphere for learning. So a number of notice boards have been removed and we are using natural materials as much as possible to remove sensory overload and to provide positive sensory experiences.

You are warmly invited to attend a meeting at 9am on Thursday 14th September. This will be our first parent coffee morning of the term and an opportunity for Mayowa, Steven and I to share our plans for this year. We will be talking about the learning environment, play, assessment, the PSA and homework. We do hope you can join us.

Finally, I am very grateful to those parents who have signed up for clubs via Parentmail. Please do remember to make your **club selections for this term today**. Paying your first instalment or the whole amount will ensure your child a place in their chosen club. Laura, Sunai, Amy, Sue and Shirley look forward to making your child's after school experience fun, active and creative. Play club starts tonight, with all other clubs starting on Monday. Please note we will run **all clubs** until the end of term, except for the last day (December 20th) when we finish at 1.30pm.

Dinner money payments for the first half term or week, depending on how you choose to pay, are also now due.

Please make a note of the forthcoming dates for your diary:

Tuesday 12 th September 9.00-9.30	Year 5 meet the teacher
Wednesday 13 th September 9.00-9.30	Year 1 meet the teacher
Thursday 14 th September 9.00-9.30	Meeting for all parents BB Hall
Friday 15 th September 9.00-9.30	Year 6 meet the teacher
Tuesday 19 th September 9.00-9.30	Year 3 meet the teacher
Wednesday 20 th September 9.00-9.30	Year 4 meet the teacher
Wednesday 20 th September 9.00-9.30	First day for Reception
Thursday 21 st September 9.00-9.30	Year 2 meet the teacher
Thursday 12 th October 2.45-3.15	Year 5 assembly
Tuesday 17 th October 2.30	Harvest Festival at St James' Piccadilly
Friday 20 th October	Extended 'see your child's work' open morning 8.45-9.15am

Half term dates 21.10.17 - 29.10.17

Thursday 2 nd November	Learning Conferences (Parent Teacher Child Meetings)
Week beginning 6 th November	Art Week

Yours sincerely,

Louise Ritchie

Headteacher