

*Learning Together*  
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Head of School: Lisa Bub

2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017

Dear Families,

Last week we held the Scholastic Book Fair – it was lovely to see so many families leafing through and choosing different books. Thank you to all who supported the school in this.

On Tuesday we held our annual 'Meet the Teacher' evening. This was an opportunity to meet your child's class teacher for the year and to get some information about the year ahead. Again, it was lovely to see so many parents and I hope you found these meetings helpful. We will shortly be emailing out the handout to all families.



During our celebration assembly on Friday, the children received a variety of awards including the weekly Star Awards and a Mathematics Certificate.

Congratulations to everyone who received an award this week. Here are our 'stars' for this week.

This week we have an exciting experience to look forward to! On Thursday we will have a falconry visit to the school. The children will be finding out about birds of prey and then completing some work following the experience. We are definitely looking forward to this and I am sure that there will be some photos to share next week!



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On Friday this week, we will be holding our Harvest Service in the church. This will be at 9.15am and parents are very welcome to join us. Please could any donations be brought into school on **Thursday morning**. All donations will be going to Homeless Action in Barnet. They are happy to receive any food items but here is a wish list of things they need the most:

- Coffee
- Cooking sauces
- Potatoes, carrots, tinned or fresh
- Any green veggies, tinned or fresh
- Men's NEW socks and underwear
- T-shirts
- Deodorants
- Washing powder
- Washing up liquid
- Cleaning and kitchen sprays

Thank you in advance for your generosity towards this important charity.

Regards

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Head of School



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### **Coffee Pot**

Please remember that the Coffee Pot is open every day (Monday to Friday) from 8.30am to 10am. This is a lovely way to start the day and everyone is welcome (please remember that children need to be accompanied).

### **Zig-zag lines**

Please could I remind all parents and carers not to drop off children on the zig zag lines by the traffic lights. This is a hazard for the child being dropped off and also for other pedestrians and road users. It has been noted that it is only a few particular children who are being dropped off in this manner. We will be following this through by contacting those who are seen to continue to do this. Please could I also remind you that the staff carpark should not be used to drop children at school or to collect them.

### **Morning Drop-off**

Some of our children are being very helpful and collecting balls that have gone over the fence before school. Please could you remind your children that they should come straight into the gate when they arrive in the morning. Whilst we appreciate their help, there is no supervision on the path alongside the school to ensure their safety. Many thanks for your support with this.

### **Childcare Costs**

The government is introducing new ways to help parents with childcare costs. Whether you have toddlers or teens, you could get support. Please check the following website to find more information.

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

### **Shoeboxes**

It is not that long until Christmas and, with that in mind, we are beginning to think about our annual shoebox appeal. More details will follow shortly. Many families will have bought new school shoes over the summer holidays – please keep hold of the empty boxes ready to fill up with treats for this wonderful appeal.

### **UNICEF Rights Respecting School - Thought for the Week**

All children should be protected from violence, abuse and neglect, and governments should protect them. (Article 19)



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## Online Safety Tip

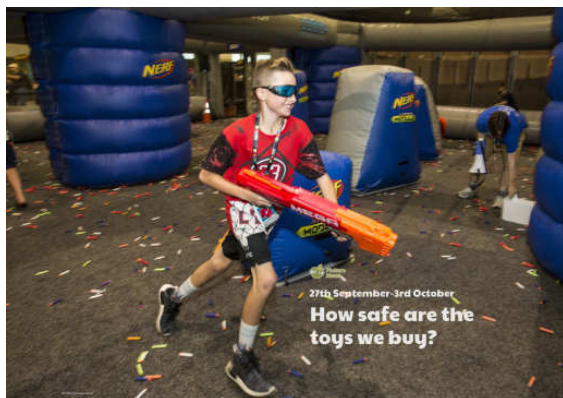
### Age-appropriate communication.

Most children have the opportunity to communicate online – social networking sites/apps (e.g. Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Moshi Monsters, Club Penguin), Skype, email, texting ...

Check out the age expectations/recommendations for any sites your child wants to use. Most social networking sites are at least 13+ although there are some that are aimed at younger children (Moshi Monsters/Club Penguin ...). This means that someone will have to lie in order to open an account for a child under the age limit. Try not to give in to pressure – just because your child’s best friend is allowed to use the site/app, it does not mean that you should automatically allow yours to! There are good reasons for the age restrictions. If you do allow your child to use a site – insist that you see all communications – be their ‘friend’ or ‘follow’ them.

## Time to Talk sessions

At lunchtimes we are running “Time to Talk” sessions. This is a drop in access to a qualified counsellor called Judy Bould. Should you wish to have further information regarding “Time to Talk” sessions or if parents/carers feel that they would not like this support to be available to their child please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Bub or Mrs Whittick.



## Picture News

This week, Picture News encourages us to think about Individual Liberty.

Every day, we make lots of choices. Some of those will affect the safety of ourselves and others. It’s important that we make sensible decisions with resources and toys that we may need to take extra care with.

## Dates

Below are key dates for this term.

### October

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mon - Fri	Bikeability Week
5 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Falconry visit
6 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Harvest Service 9.15am, parents welcome
10 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	Prospective Parent Tour
13 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	1 <sup>st</sup> School Class Council Meeting
18 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Year 2 assembly – parents welcome 3pm
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Monday	Half term
30 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	INSET – no school for children
31 <sup>st</sup>	Tuesday	Children return
31 <sup>st</sup>	Tuesday	Secondary School Application Deadline
31 <sup>st</sup>	Tuesday	Prospective Parent Tour

### November

10 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	MUFTI day: 'Wear Blue Day' for Anti-Bullying Campaign
14 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	Prospective Parent Tour
21 <sup>st</sup>	Tuesday	Flu vaccinations – Reception, Y1, Y2, Y 3 and Y4
21 <sup>st</sup>	Tuesday	Parent Consultations 5 – 8pm
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Thursday	Parent Consultations 3 – 6pm

### December

1 <sup>st</sup>	December	2 <sup>nd</sup> School Class Council Meeting
4 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Pantomime
13 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Nativity – 2.15pm
14 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Nativity – 2.15pm
15 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Class Christmas Parties
19 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	Christmas Carol Service
20 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Break up 2.30pm

### January

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tuesday	INSET
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wednesday	Children return



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# Term Dates 2017 -2018

## **Autumn Term 2017 (70 days)**

First Half Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October

*Half Term Holiday Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October*

Second Half Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

*School Holiday Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January*

## **Spring Term 2018 (57 days)**

First Half Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

*Half Term Holiday Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February*

Second Half Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March

*School Holiday Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April*

## **Summer Term 2018 (63 days)**

First Half Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May

*Half Term Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June*

Second Half Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July

***NB May bank holiday Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May***

*Spring bank holiday Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May*

***Inset Days are staff training days and children should not attend school, these have already been included in the dates above.***

***Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September***

***Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September***

***Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October***

***Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January***

***Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June***



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