



Learning Together
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Dear Families,

As always, there was a lot to celebrate last week at St Paul's.

On Tuesday, Year 5 went to the Royal Albert Hall to take part in Prom Praise. Schools from all across London gathered to take part in a celebration based on the parable of the Prodigal Son. It was full of music and drama. Our children joined in with the songs they had practised and were fantastic representatives of our school. If this wasn't enough, Year 5 also completed their ESB assessments this week. A very busy week – well done Year 5!



On Wednesday Year 4 delighted us with a brass assembly. It was a pleasure to see how far they have come since their last assembly. They have increased their ability to read music as well as now being able to include dynamics in their playing. It is not easy to learn a new instrument and Year 4 are doing an amazing job. It was also wonderful to see

children from other year groups performing individual pieces. It takes courage to perform a solo to over 200 people. Well done to everyone who performed!

Finally, on Friday, the whole school celebrated Red Nose Day by wearing red and donating £1 each. The School Association helped us to round off the day by running a delicious cake sale from which they will be donating 50% of the proceeds to the Red Nose Day appeal. I don't have a final figure yet, but as soon as I know how much we raised all together I will let you know.



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This week is the final week of Spring Term. Time has gone quickly and the children have worked hard, having fun in their learning and taking part in a large variety of activities. However, they will be keeping busy right to the end of the term! On Tuesday and Wednesday the Year 3 and 4 classes will be performing their Spring Term Production of 'Mystery at Magpie Manor'. Having heard some of the rehearsals, I can't wait to see the final production - I am sure it is going to be a show to remember. On Wednesday the entire school will be focussing on the Easter Story. During the day, each class will spend time looking more deeply into the events and considering the true meaning of Easter. On Friday, we will be holding an Easter Service in the Church. This will take place at 9.15am and you are warmly invited to join us.

Finally, I would like to remind all parents and carers that school finishes at 2.30pm this Friday. I wish you all a restful and happy Easter period.

Regards

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Morning Drop Off & Parking Issues

Once again, please could I remind all parents 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. Thank you to those parents and carers who have shared their concerns. We will be following this through by contacting those who are seen to continue to do this.

When dropping off or collecting your child from school by car, please do not park or wait, even briefly, in the space between the church hall and neighbouring cottages. Doing so blocks the entrance drive which leads to residential properties to the rear of the church hall and on many occasions the residents have been unable to exit or access their homes.

This issue is important, not just out of consideration to our neighbours, but also for the safety of your children and all the other pedestrians on The Ridgeway. Furthermore, parking across dropped kerbs and driveways is a restriction that can be enforced by Barnet Civil Enforcement Officers (formerly known as parking attendants).

Online Safety Tip

Social Media – WhatsApp

Many children and adults join social networking groups, for example WhatsApp. Parents in the same year group often set up a group chat to help keep on top of homework or social events/parties. Children in older year groups often set up groups to help each other with homework.

As part of its Terms of Service, WhatsApp's minimum age of use is 13 years old.

WhatsApp contains a group chat function. The feature lets users chat with up to 100 people in one conversation stream. Group conversations usually take place between friends. However sometimes, users can be added to a group where they don't know everyone else. Even if fellow users in the group aren't contacts, they will still be able to see messages your child posts in the group, and your child will be able to see theirs. Likewise, if they're added to a group with someone they've blocked, the blocked person will be able to contact them there. It is important that your child knows what to do if they find themselves in this position. Talk to your child regularly and ask them to show you their chats.

Whether an adult or child taking part in a group chat, it is important that you are careful about what you say about other people whilst using social media. If you would feel uncomfortable if the person you are talking about could see your post, then perhaps you should not be saying it even in a 'closed' chat. It is reasonable to assume that at some point someone you are discussing may be told about the chat

or shown it - be careful that any comments you make cannot be considered malicious in any way.

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.

UNICEF Rights Respecting School - Thought for the Week

All children have the right to think and believe what they want, and to practise their religion. (Article 14)



Picture News

This week, Picture News looks at tolerance. Wherever people come from and whatever journeys they have made, we will always be sure to respect everyone equally.

Dates

Below are key dates for this term.

March

28 th	Tuesday	Year 3 and Year 4 production 7pm – children to arrive at 6pm
29 th	Wednesday	Year 3 and Year 4 production 7pm – children to arrive at 6pm
30 th	Thursday	Year 5 and Year 6 visit to Science Museum
31 st	Friday	Last day of term – Finish at 2.30pm
31 st	Friday	Easter Service in St Paul's Church 9.15am

Summer Term

April

18 th	Tuesday	INSET day
19 th	Wednesday	School reopens



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Term Dates 2016 -2017

Spring Term 2017 (57 days)

First Half	Thursday 5 th January – Friday 10 th February	27 days
<i>Half Term</i>	<i>Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February</i>	
Second Half	Tuesday 21 st February – Friday 31 st March	29 days
<i>Inset Day</i>	<i>Monday 20th February</i>	1 days

Summer Term 2017 (63 days)

First Half	Wednesday 19 th April – Friday 26 th May	27 days
<i>Half Term</i>	<i>Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June</i>	
Second Half	Tuesday 6 th June – Friday 21 st July	34 days
<i>Inset Days</i>	<i>Tuesday 18th April & Monday 5th June</i>	2 days

NB

Good Friday 14th April
Easter Monday 17th April
May bank holiday Monday 1st May
Spring bank holiday Monday 29th May

Term Dates 2017 -2018

Autumn Term 2017 (70 days)

First Half	Wednesday 6 th September – Friday 20 th October
<i>Half Term Holiday</i>	<i>Monday 23rd October – Monday 30th October</i>
Second Half	Tuesday 31 st October – Wednesday 20 th December
<i>School Holiday</i>	<i>Thursday 21st December – Tuesday 2nd January</i>

Spring Term 2018 (57 days)

First Half	Wednesday 3 rd January – Friday 9 th February
<i>Half Term Holiday</i>	<i>Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February</i>
Second Half	Monday 19 th February – Thursday 29 th March
<i>School Holiday</i>	<i>Friday 30th March – Friday 13th April</i>

Summer Term 2018 (63 days)

First Half	Monday 16 th April – Friday 25 th May
<i>Half Term</i>	<i>Monday 28th May – Monday 4th June</i>
Second Half	Tuesday 5 th June – Friday 20 th July
NB	May bank holiday Monday 7th May <i>Spring bank holiday Monday 28th May</i>

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

Monday 4th September
Tuesday 5th September
Monday 30th October
Tuesday 2nd January
Monday 4th June



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