



Learning Together
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15th May 2017

Dear Families,

The year 6 SATs are over and we are now rapidly heading towards the end of another busy half term. To celebrate their hard work, Year 6 enjoyed a special treat on Friday, taking time out to celebrate with lollies. We are incredibly proud of their hard work and maturity.



To add to these celebrations, Year 6 were presented with their 'Leaver' tops at the end of the day on Friday. The Year 6 parents gathered together to watch as they unwrapped their gifts. They were received with great delight and I am sure they are all going to get a lot of wear!



Year 2 are continuing to work hard towards their End of Key Stage tests and, I am sure, are also looking forward to celebrating the end of their tests shortly.

This week is 'Walk to School Week'. As part of this, each class will be taking part in a walk across Totteridge Valley. We are also encouraging as many children and families as possible to try to walk, scooter or cycle to school. Those who have to travel by car may like to consider car sharing with another family and parking a little further away from school so that your child walks part of the way to school. Those who travel by public transport could



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also try to incorporate a walk by alighting at an earlier stop. A ten minute walk for those who park and stride is recommended. Throughout May, children who walk, scooter, cycle or park and stride at least once a week for the whole month will be rewarded with a WoW badge.

To help make us even healthier and encourage everyone to try new things, this week the children will be encouraged to try 'Green Finger Tasters' at lunch time. This has been designed by our catering providers to help teach children about the seed to plate journey. Each day there will a special 'taster' for the children to try and they will be asked to vote on whether they loved it, thought it was okay or disliked it. Each day a 'Golden Ticket' will be given out and the child who finds it will receive a packet of seeds and be entered into a prize draw by the catering company. ISS (our caterers) will also be sharing some short videos during the week, showing how to make the tasters at home. If you would like to try these recipes, please visit @ISS_Education on Twitter.

Recently, finger/fidget spinners have become an increasingly popular pass-time for children both in and out of school. For some children there are particular benefits for using them. Currently, we have many children choosing to bring them in and unfortunately this has resulted in a few problems, including children losing and breaking them. For this reason, the spinners will no longer be allowed in school. As mentioned, there are some circumstances in which the spinners may be used. In these situations, the spinner will be provided by the school. If your child chooses to bring in a finger spinner, they will be asked to either hand it to the teacher or to put it in their bag for safe keeping until they leave school at the end of the day. I thank you for your assistance with this.

Regards

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Head of School



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Prayer Meeting

There will be a meeting on Friday June 9 the 9:15 am in the Wilberforce Centre as usual.

Hope you are all well.

Hazel

Hot Dog Sale

It was lovely to see so many of you at last week's hot dog sale. Thank you to the parents who helped organise and run this successful event. I am pleased to let you know that a fantastic £133.60 was raised during the event.

Morning drop off

Please could I remind our families that the morning whistle is blown at 8:55am at which time the children go into class ready for a 9:00am start. The gate is closed promptly at 9:00am and children should then go into school through the main office and their parent/carer should sign the child's name, time of arrival and reason for being late into the pupil log on the table in the entrance hall. This is very important in case there is the need to evacuate the school. Please could I ask parents who bring their children into the playground to make their way to the gate once the whistle has been blown so that the gate can be closed promptly at 9:00am.

Morning Snacks / Healthy Eating

Please could I remind families that we are a 'Healthy Eating School'. As such, we encourage our children to eat healthily. Morning snacks should be fruit or a fruit snack/bar or cereal bar. Whilst the children might bring in treats as part of their packed lunch (for example, crisps or mini cheddars), these need to be eaten in the hall as part of their lunch and not taken outside as a snack. Please could I ask you to remind your child of this?

Any food brought in should not contain any nut or nut products (for example, chocolate spreads often contain nuts) as we have children with serious allergies. Whilst it is lovely that our children enjoy sharing, we do ask the children not to share their food or snacks in case of allergies. Thank you for your support in helping us to maintain a healthy eating ethos.

Online Safety Tip

Trusted adult.

Talk to your child about what they should do if they are worried or unsure about anything. Ask them who they can talk to if they have a problem. Sometimes children are nervous about talking to their family as they are worried about upsetting someone they love. Remind children that, if worried, they should talk to a 'trusted adult' such as a family member, teacher, family friend, police officer... Children are often able to tell you who they consider to be a 'trusted adult'.



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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 a right to clean water, nutritious food and a clean environment so they stay healthy. (Article 24)



Picture News

This week, Picture News encourages us to think about ‘Rule of Law’. We will take many tests over the course of our lives: personal and professional. Many of these tests are vital to ensure our progress, to challenge us and to protect our wellbeing and our safety including those around us.

Dates

Below are key dates for this term.

May

15 th	Mon – Fri	Walk to school week
15 th	Monday	Year 4 Barnet Music Festival Cluster rehearsal
16 th	Tuesday	Prospective Parent Tour
17 th	Wednesday	Year 1 trip to London Transport Museum
19 th	Friday	BBNI multisport festival – Allianz Park
19 th	Friday	School Association Quiz Night
24 th	Wednesday	Scooter training for Year 1 and Year 2
25 th	Thursday	Reception Class Audio and Visual tests 9:15am
26 th	Friday	School Association Biscuit and Cookie Sale
26 th	Friday	Prospective Parent Tour
29 th	Monday	Half term

June

5 th	Monday	INSET Day
6 th	Tuesday	Children return to school
6 th	Tuesday	Governor's meeting 6:00pm
6 th	Tuesday	Prospective Parent Tour
7 th	Wednesday	Year 6 PGL Parent Meeting – time to be confirmed
8 th	Thursday	Year 4 to Stanborough Lakes
9 th	Friday	Y6 Junior Citizen training (pm)
9 th	Friday	KS2 Pentecost Service
14 th	Wednesday	Year 4 Barnet Music Festival
15 th	Thursday	Class photos
16 th	Friday	Piano Assembly 3:00pm
21 st	Wednesday	Brass assembly 9:15am
22 nd	Thursday	Athletics – to be confirmed
23 rd	Friday	Prospective Parent Tour
24 th	Saturday	Summer Fair
27 th	Tuesday	Year 5 to Queenswood
28 th	Wednesday	Athletics – to be confirmed
30 th	Friday	School Association Ice Cream Sale - to be confirmed

July

3rd	Mon – Fri	Year 5 – Fellowship Afloat
4th	Tuesday	Reception trip to London Zoo
4th	Tuesday	Governor's meeting 6:00pm
6th	Thursday	Reception Class Audio and Visual re-sits/recalls
10th	Mon – Fri	Year 6 to PGL
10th	Monday	Reception Class – Silent Film Festival
16th	Sunday	Leavers' Service – 9:30am
19th	Wednesday	Year 5 & 6 show
20th	Thursday	Year 5 & 6 show
21st	Friday	End of term – school finishes at 2:30pm

Term Dates 2016 -2017

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	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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