



*Learning Together*  
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2nd July 2018

Dear Families,

I am not sure that we could have squeezed in many more activities and experiences last week!



We started the week with a visit to the National Gallery by Year 2. They had a wonderful time and were super representatives of the school.

Year 2 were also busy learning about how to keep themselves safe when walking along the pavement and crossing roads. The Road Safety sessions over the past few weeks are an essential part of the children's learning outside of the classroom. Well done to Year 2 on their sensible approach to these important lessons.



We also held our annual Open Evening last week. It was lovely to see families walking around the school, not only visiting their current classroom and next year's classroom but also taking the time to enjoy the displays in the other classrooms.



Last week was also an incredibly sporty week. On Tuesday, Year 5 visited Queenswood School to take part in a number of athletic activities.



A group of children from the KS2 classes also took part in an athletics event at Allianz Park. They enjoyed competing against a number of other schools and should be proud of their achievements.



Of course, we also held our annual Sports Day. The weather was perfect – sunny and warm (very warm!) - and it was a pleasure to welcome parents, carers and friends to help cheer on the children. As always, the day ended with the parent races – well done to our two winners – but also the toddler race. Well done to all those who took part! I have enclosed a separate sheet of photos to give a taste of the afternoon.

We finished last week with our fabulous Summer Fete on Saturday. This was an enormous success and I must thank the School Association and the army of parents who helped to put this together. An enormous amount of planning, time and effort went into making this a success and it is very much appreciated by all the children, staff and families. It was wonderful to see such a super turnout and the beautiful weather certainly helped to add to the atmosphere. There are so many lovely pictures from Saturday that it has been hard to choose which ones to include in this newsletter. Please do enjoy looking at the attached sheet.

This week, Year 5 are on their residential trip to Fellowship Afloat. The weather promises to be beautiful for them and I am sure that they will come back with plenty of stories to share with their families and friends. Also this week, Years 3 and 4 will be doing their ESB assessments. We wish them good luck in these. On Saturday, the Year 6 Leavers' Party will take place. It always takes us by surprise how quickly this event comes around each year. I know they are looking forward to this and I am sure they will have a great deal of fun before they leave for their residential trip in Dorset on Monday morning.

As mentioned last week, we are currently experiencing very warm weather and it is forecast to remain very hot, with high pollen levels, for a while to come. I would ask again that your child dresses appropriately (sun hat, sun glasses and sun cream) and brings in a filled water bottle each day.

Regards

Lisa Bub  
Head of School

## Choir opportunity

### St Michael's Mill Hill Children's Choir

Aged 6+. Do you like to sing? Thought about learning to sing? Miles D'Cruz is bringing an exciting experience to St Michael's in the form of a youth choir. In the choir you'll learn how to sing, work together as musicians, read music, and make lifelong friends in a fun, interactive and social way. Specialising in teaching a wide range of songs and pieces to young voices and nurturing individual and collective talent, Miles offers a dynamic way of making music and worship together as one. The choir meets in St Michael's church every Friday between 6-7pm in term time.

To find out more please call the parish office on 020 8959 1449.

## UNICEF Rights Respecting School - Thought for the Week

All adults should do what is best for a child. When adults make decisions, they should think about how their decisions will affect children. (Article 3)



### Picture News

#### The Rule of Law

The government and other adults, who are responsible for us, care about what we eat as it can affect how we live and grow. Sometimes, there may be certain foods or drinks that we aren't able to have – this is to keep us fit and well!

## Online Safety Tip

### Parental controls.

Almost every device offers the option to apply parental controls. This can help you to block certain websites and some even allow you to limit the amount of time spent online. Parental controls need to be set individually on every piece of equipment. Instructions normally come with a device and are normally quite easy to find online.

There are also some software packages that allow you to track internet use by members of your family. These may be useful in helping you to avoid potential problems, alerting you to key words and allowing you the opportunity to broach difficult topics if they arise.

Full-featured parental-control programs, such as **NetNanny** and **Qustodio** let you block websites, impose screen-time limits, and monitor online activity (for example, which sites your child visits) on your computer or laptop. Many of these programs also offer added security against malware and viruses and will send you a summary of what your child does online. Programs such as these usually require a monthly subscription fee.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>

### **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 Whittick.

## Coffee Pot

Please remember that the Coffee Pot is open every day (Monday to Friday) from 8.30am to 10am. The Coffee Pot is run on a voluntary basis and we would ask you to support this by making donations for coffee and biscuits. This is a lovely way to start the day and everyone is welcome (please remember that children need to be accompanied).

### **Use of equipment before and after school**

Please could I remind all parents and carers that the school equipment should not be used for health and safety reasons before the start of the school day or during the collection period at the end of the day. This includes the ship, climbing frame and also the equipment in the Early Years area outside the Reception Classroom. The equipment is not monitored by staff during these periods and may be slippery in the cold and wet weather. Please ensure that children, including toddlers, do not use the equipment and that they remain with you at all times.

### **Nut Free School**

May I remind all families that we are a nut-free school. Within the school, we have children who have severe allergies. Please could you check that packed lunches do not contain items with nuts (as an example, many chocolate spreads do). Also, if you are kindly sending in birthday treats, please could you double check the ingredients to ensure that the treats are nut-free. Many thanks for helping to support the school in this matter.

## Dates

Below are key dates for this term. Check dates

### Summer Term

#### July

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Y5 Fellowship Afloat residential week
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Governing Body meeting  
Y3 ESB
- 4<sup>th</sup> Y3 ESB
- 5<sup>th</sup> Y3 class visit to Moat Mount
- 5<sup>th</sup> Y4 ESB
- 6<sup>th</sup> Y4 ESB  
Reports to parents
- 7<sup>th</sup> Y6 leavers party
- 9<sup>th</sup> Y6 PGL
- 10<sup>th</sup> Samba performance
- 13<sup>th</sup> Year 3 Class Assembly
- 13<sup>th</sup> Reception Class Silent Film Festival at Millbrook Park School
- 15<sup>th</sup> Leavers' Service
- 16<sup>th</sup> Reception Class Ice Cream Sale (to be confirmed)
- 17<sup>th</sup> Reception Class Visit to Golders Hill Park
- 18<sup>th</sup> Year 5 / 6 Production (evening performance)
- 19<sup>th</sup> Year 5 / 6 Production (evening performance)  
Year 5 Steel Pan performance 9.15am
- 20<sup>th</sup> Whole School Church Service  
2pm Leavers' Assembly  
Last day of summer term – 2.30pm finish

### **Term Dates 2017 -2018**

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

First Half Monday 16th April – Friday 25th May

*Half Term Monday 28th May – Monday 4th June*

Second Half Tuesday 5th June – Friday 20th July

***NB May bank holiday Monday 7th May***

*Spring bank holiday Monday 28th May*

***Inset Days are staff training days and children should not attend school, these***

***Tuesday 2nd January***

***Monday 4th June***

## **Term Dates 2018 -2019**

### **Autumn Term 2018 (75 days)**

First Half Tuesday 4th September – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October

*Half Term Holiday Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October*

Second Half Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December

*School Holiday Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January*

### **Spring Term 2019 (60 days)**

First Half Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February

*Half Term Holiday Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February*

Second Half Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April

*School Holiday Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April*

*Easter weekend 19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> April*

### **Summer Term 2019 (60 days)**

First Half Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

*Half Term Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May*

Second Half Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July

*May bank holiday Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May*

*Spring bank holiday Monday 27<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 3<sup>rd</sup> September***

***Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October***

***Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January***

***Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July***

***Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July***