Dear Children, Staff, Parents and Carers, Governors and Friends

Welcome back to another wonderful year!

It is lovely to see you all again and I hope your summer was restful. I would like to extend a very special welcome to children and their families who are joining the school this year, including our new Nursery and Reception intake.

We are all so impressed with the way that the children are settling immediately to a calm and studious approach to the new term. Don’t forget that you are very welcome to come into class with your child on Wednesdays, at the start of the morning, between 8.50 and 9.05.

May I remind you about our e-payment method, ParentPay, which we use to pay for all clubs, school journey, music tuition, Kids’ Club, etc. If you are new to the school please see Tina, in the school office, who will provide you with your username and password to login to pay online. Cash and cheques are no longer accepted.

Please could all parents fill in a new school meals form, regardless of income and whether or not your child eats a school meal or a packed lunch? Please return it to Tina, in the school office. A form will come home to you today in your child’s book bag, a copy of which is attached on this newsletter; they are also available from the school office. New Nursery and Reception children will receive the forms when they start.

Finally, you may be interested to know what your child will be learning about this term – please find the details on our website [http://www.williamtyndale-islington.co.uk](http://www.williamtyndale-islington.co.uk) and click on classes.

Enjoy your weekend!
Tanya Watson - Head Teacher

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**Events**

**Class assemblies** @ 10.20 in the Ground Floor Hall (GFH):

- **October**
  - 13th Turquoise Class
  - 15th Moonstone Class
  - 20th Jade Class
  - 22nd Sapphire Class

- **November**
  - 11th Ocean Jasper and Opal Classes
  - 17th Tanzanite Class
  - 19th Ruby Class

- **September**
  - 10th Year 2 to the Fire Station
  - 14th School clubs start
  - 15th Year 2 SATs meeting 3.45pm
  - 18th Secondary transfer meeting hosted by Islington Council 3.35pm Ground Floor Hall

- **October**
  - 23rd INSET DAY - no school for children
  - 26th – 30th Half term break

- **November**
  - 3rd Individual Children’s Photographs
  - 25th 4 – 7 pm Parent Conferences
  - 26th 4 – 6 pm Parent Conferences

- **December**
  - 4th Last day of swimming
  - 11th Last day of After School clubs
  - 18th Last day of Autumn Term

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**Newsletter Dates**

The newsletter will be published on:

- **Friday 2nd October**
- **Friday 6th November**
- **Friday 4th December**

Occasionally there may be a reason to publish an extra letter and we will inform you via a text message.
**Provisional School Results 2015**
(National results, if available, are in brackets)

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**CHILDREN GOING HOME ALONE**

It is very important for us to know if your child walks home by themselves at the end of their day at school i.e. from 3.30, after a club or after Kids’ Club.

Please let us know in writing if this is so, detailing the days and times that your child will leave the premises, and hand this letter into the school office.

We cannot prevent children from going home by themselves but we do discourage this from happening until your child is at least in years 5 and 6.

Thank you

**Jewellery, Nail Varnish and Hair Dye!**

We know how tempting it is for children to experiment with adornments but ask you please not to let your child do this in school.

It can cause upset and jealousy as well as, in the case of jewellery, present serious health and safety problems.

Children are welcome to wear watches and stud earrings – no hooped earrings of any kind are allowed.
Collecting your child

Please remember to let us know if someone other than yourself or the usual person is collecting your child. You must let the class teacher know by writing them a note. **We will not let any child leave the school premises with any other adult, even if we or they know them, unless we have had notice from you.** Should your arrangements change after the start of the school day, please phone the school office. **After 3.15, please call Kids’ Club, where the same procedures apply, on 020 7359 0588 to let Tina, or another member of staff, know about your arrangements.**

Many thanks for your understanding.

Secondary Transfer 2016

If your child is in Year 6 now is the time to think about applying for Secondary schools. The Secondary Transfer brochure is available on the Islington website – go to www.islington.gov.uk. The closing date for applications is **31st October 2015.**

Please see Penny in the office if you have any questions.

BOOKS AMNESTY

Every year we lose up to 300 PACT books: £500!!

It would lovely if you could kindly return any books you come across at home to help us replenish our stores. If you find any please return them to the ’Feed Me With Books!’ basket in the foyer.

Thank you so much.

INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS

Instrumental lessons, including Year 3 recorder, will start in the week beginning **21st September for all children.**

- Violin – Thursdays
- Cello – Thursdays
- Flute & Years 4 – 6 Recorder – Wednesdays
- Brass – Wednesdays
- Clarinet – Thursdays
- Year 3 Recorders – Tuesdays

If you have any questions please drop a note via the school office to Michael.

Music fees are payable in advance for the year, online, through ParentPay

Breakfast Club and Kids’ Club

**Charges**

**Breakfast Club:**
- £3.50 flat rate

**Kids’ Club:**
- £8/child additional siblings £7
- Concessions:
  - £7/child additional siblings £6

Parking in Sable Street

We understand that some of you may need to collect your children by car; if you do please help us maintain good neighbourly relations by making use of public parking spaces and not blocking exits. The Sable Street gate will close at 9.05 a.m. and 3.45 p.m. every day so please be mindful of this. Thank you.
PUNCTUALITY and ATTENDANCE

Punctuality
We have been delighted with the continuing decrease in the number of late arrivals at school. Children are happier when they arrive punctually at school and their learning gets off to a fine start. We have many incentives to encourage children to arrive punctually, including class cups, certificates and medals. Please remember:

- The school gates open at 8.45 a.m. and the doors to the building open at 8.50 a.m.
- School starts at 8.55 a.m. but we give you a 5 minute grace period to account for unforeseen circumstances; therefore any child arriving after 9 am will be marked late.
- Sable Street Gate will close at 9.05 a.m. and 3.45 p.m. to ensure safety for the children at school.

Attendance
We are also delighted with the continued improvement in our attendance figures. We award children medals and badges for 100% attendance and punctuality over a term and for over the whole year. Well done and thank you to everyone who has helped reduce our absences and cooperated with procedures required by the DfE. A reminder about these is outlined below:

- If your child is sick please inform the school office on the first day of absence.
- On your child’s return to school please bring a note to the school office explaining why your child was absent. If your child is absent directly before or after a holiday you will need to bring in medical proof to support the absence.
- Please avoid making dental/medical appointments for your child during the school day; if an appointment is absolutely necessary please show your appointment card (preferably in advance) to the school office as evidence for this absence.
- Any leave of absence has to be applied for, four weeks in advance, using the appropriate forms from the school office; each case is reviewed individually but please be aware that absence will be authorised in only the most exceptional of circumstances. Holidays during term time will never be authorised.
- Any unauthorised absence may result in an immediate penalty notice of £60 per parent per child from Islington’s Educational Welfare Department.

The school and Educational Welfare monitor attendance on a regular basis. We expect children to have at least 95% attendance. Many children achieve this which is wonderful. If your child’s absence falls below 90% then Educational Welfare will be in contact. A child is considered a persistent absentee once their attendance falls to 85%.

If you would like any more details about punctuality and attendance please see Penny in the school office.
ESPRESSO HOME ACCESS

We are delighted to announce that we have purchased Espresso Home Access! It is filled with wonderful resources across all subject areas for children to access from home. Please follow the instructions on how to get into all the great material.

Open a webpage and type in [www.espresso.co.uk](http://www.espresso.co.uk)

Choose from the list ‘Espresso Home Access System’ and click on ‘Login’.

On the next page, type in your username and password (which your class teacher has already given to you).

Tick ‘Accept the terms and conditions’

You are now ready to use the wonderful resources available on Espresso Home Access! Enjoy!

Don’t forget our wonderful links to [www.readingeggs.co.uk](http://www.readingeggs.co.uk) and [www.MyMaths.co.uk](http://www.MyMaths.co.uk). If you have forgotten your passwords please ask your class teacher.
TERM DATES 2015 – 2016

AUTUMN TERM 2015

INSET DAY  Tuesday 1st September 2015

CHILDREN RETURN  Wednesday 2nd September 2015

INSET DAY  Friday 23rd October

HALF TERM  26th to 30th October 2015

LAST DAY OF TERM  Friday 18th December 2015

SPRING TERM 2016

CHILDREN RETURN  Monday 4th January 2016

HALF TERM  15th to 19th February 2016

TERM ENDS  Thursday 24th March 2016

Good Friday  Friday 25th March 2016

Easter Monday  Monday 28th March 2016

INSET DAY  Friday 8th April 2016

SUMMER TERM 2016

CHILDREN RETURN  Monday 11th April 2016

May Bank Holiday  Monday 2nd May 2016

HALF TERM  30th May – 3rd June 2016

TERM ENDS  Friday 15th July 2016

INSET DAYS  Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th July 2016
Please contact Tina Gabriel in the school office should you have any queries about completing this form. Proof of entitlement is required.

CHILD/REN’S DETAILS

Child’s Surname.............................................

Child’s First Name...........................................

Date of Birth...................................................

PARENT/CARER DETAILS

Parent/Carer’s surname/family name...............................Parent/guardian’s first name.................

Parent/Carer’s date of birth...............................Parent/Carer’s National Insurance No............

Daytime telephone number...............................Parent/Carer’s current address..........................

SPOUSE/PARTNER DETAILS (if applicable)

Spouse/partner’s surname...............................Spouse/partner’s first name..........................

Spouse/partner’s date of birth.............................Spouse/partner’s National Insurance No...........

Please state your Joint Family Income

£..........................................................

Please (X) if you are in receipt of working tax credit □

Please (X) The type of benefit you receive, if any:

□ Income Support □ Income-based Jobseeker’s Allowance □ Income-based Employment Support Allowance

□ Support from NASS (National Asylum Support Service)

□ Support from a local authority SSAT (Social Services Asylum Team) □ Guarantee element of State Pension Credit

□ Child Tax Credit and joint income of no more than £16,190

If your circumstances change, please inform the school immediately!

DECLARATION

The information I have given on this form is complete and accurate. Any personal information you give us is held securely and will be used only for school purposes.

Signature of parent/carer:..........................................

Date:....................................................
WORRIES OR CONCERNS?
If you have any concerns, no matter how small, about your child, please see their class teacher in the first instance. After school is the best time to do this and you can also arrange an appointment via the school office.

Please do not feel you have to wait until parent conferences to discuss matters about your child.

If you are not satisfied with the way in which your concern has been addressed then do please make an appointment to see Tanya (Head Teacher) or Claire (Deputy Head Teacher).

Collection from Kids’ Club
Thank you to all who enable Tina, Yvonne and Elvira to finish their work on time by 6 pm in Kids’ Club. If you are late three times in any one term you will not be able to send your child/ren to Kids’ Club until further notice. There is a fine to pay if you do not collect your child by 6 pm, which increases every 15 minutes, so please make sure you are at the door before then. Thank you.

BICYCLE MANNERS
Thank you to those parents and carers who always dismount and leave their bicycles in our pods away from all the children during the morning and afternoon rush. There is a real danger of them falling on small children in particular. We are also grateful to those parents who remind their children not to ride their scooters and bicycles at any time through the school grounds.

Playground Equipment
Thank you to those parents and carers who remember to keep their children off the playground structures in the morning and at the end of the day.