



Message from the Headteacher

What a busy week we have had!

Next week we have a visit from 'The Passage' a homeless shelter in Westminster. They will be leading our Collective Worship on Monday.

On Tuesday we have our parent workshops; phonics and reading for Reception and Year One parents and mathematics (Abacus) for Year 2 to Year 6 parents. We hope many of you will be able to join us for these.

Also on Tuesday, there is a meeting for parents at 8:30 am about air pollution and the impact of bad air pollution on our children and what can be done about it. This will be led by CHILL from Queen Mary's University. This is such an important area, especially in London and there are many actions which can be undertaken.

Year 2 have a trip on Thursday to the Hyde Park Lookout. They are really looking forward to learning more about their topic this half term.

On Friday, reception parents are invited to a picnic tea party at 2:30 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to see your children in action and speak to their teachers.

Please take a look at our website. This has been updated again, and the class pages are showing more information about what has happened in school so far this term.

Clubs- an update

From Monday we will have a club leader, called Coach Steven. He is a member of the YMCA staff team. Steven will be in school every day leading on our clubs, both YMCA clubs and other ones. He is your port of call if you need to find out any information about clubs.

Steven will also be leading clubs every night (a mixture between sports clubs and play club). Miss Dore will be leading play club on the other nights.

Each evening children who are in clubs are taken to the theatre and then sent to their club with the relevant staff member. They are then dismissed at the end of the club by their club leader. Play club can be dismissed at any point during the evening (by 5:30pm), please ring the phone number you will receive if you would like to pick your child up early.

What we were learning in mathematics this week

- Place value
- Addition
- Subtraction
- Money
- Mental strategies
- Formal written calculation methods

School Dinners

Do you want to taste what your child is eating at lunch? Caterlink (our caterers) are holding a free taster session for parents on 11th October between 2:30pm and 3:30pm where you can have a taste of the new menu.

Attendance

This shows attendance from the beginning of term up until today.

| Year | Attendance |
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| R | 97.4 |
| 1 | 97.4 |
| 2 | 95.1 |
| 3 | 98.1 |
| 4 | 94.1 |
| 5 | 93.8 |
| 6 | 94.8 |

Well done to the classes who have achieved above 95%!

Star of the Week and Values Champions

Our star of the week was **Emma**. Congratulations!

Congratulations to our Values Champions for this week. They are: **Jonathan, Soledad, Amelle, Telmo, Anthony, Boulevard and Devesh**.

What fantastic role models these children have been this week! Certificates are on display in school for a week before going home.

Collective Worship, RE and Prayer of the Week

Thank you to those parents who gave money at our communion service for The Children's society. We raised £58.31 which will be added to the Chapel's collection and sent off to the charity.

This week in Collective Worship we have been thinking about respecting each other by valuing differences. We have talked about how important it is that we celebrate our differences and uniqueness and that everyone is special in God's eyes.

Parent reminders

We really appreciate the support you give the school. Please can we just remind you of a couple of things.

- No food or drink should be eaten/drank in the playground after school.
- Only Reception parents may enter the playground in the morning. The school office opens at 8:45am- if you need to visit them, please use the main entrance.

Wiring

Thank you to everyone who helped us raise money for the restructure of wiring, etc in the school. This work was carried out over the summer and we are now future-proofed for another 30 years!
Thank you!!!

Parent Poetry open afternoon

Please join us on
Thursday 4th October
2:30pm

House Captains

Our house captains this year are:

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| <u>St David</u> Hassan Noha | <u>St Francis</u> Altan Aine |
| <u>St Patrick</u> Devesh Bella | <u>St Andrew</u> Meko Spartacus |

Update on 'the wall'

As you can see the wall is still as it is. We have had confirmation from the Diocese that they will be paying 90% of the costs to get this work completed- which is amazing news!

Plans have been sent to the council for the work to be completed. However, as we are a listed building, this may take some time. We will continue to update you as and when we know more.

Secondary Transfer

Reminder: all secondary transfer applications need to be submitted by **October 31st**. Please make an appointment to see Mrs Standing if you require any support with this.

Mount Street Garden

We are very privileged to be able to use Mount street Gardens each evening. Please can you remind your children that the trees are not for climbing on and that they need to respect the space we have been given to use. Thank you.

Chapel

There will be a coffee Morning after Collective Worship in Chapel on Friday 28th September in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support.

All parents are welcome to join us.

Parent reading volunteers

We love having parent volunteers in school and we really appreciate the time that you give up to support us with different aspects of your child's learning.

We are currently looking for parent reading volunteers who would be able to spare approx. 30 mins to 1 hour a week to hear individual children read. We will ask you to read with children who are not in your child's class. We also ask that you attend some very simple training about how best to support the children you hear read. If you are interested in helping us with this aspect, please email the school office with your availability so we can collate a list and then let you know when the training will take place.

Fundraising for St George's

We had an excellent fundraising meeting on Friday afternoon talking about the funding priorities for the school and how money could be raised for those. If you weren't able to join us but are interested in being part of a fundraising team, please let the school office know.

We are looking for a couple of types of people:

1. Anyone who is good at completing funding/ grant forms and could apply for funding on our behalf
2. Anyone who is interested in supporting and/or leading on the Christmas fair.

More information about this will appear in next week's newsletter.

Dates for your diary

| Autumn Term 1 (Michaelmas) | |
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| <i>Every Friday at 9:15am</i> | <i>Chapel</i> |
| Tuesday 25 th September 3pm | Reception and Year 1 Phonics parent workshop |
| Tuesday 25 th September 3pm | Year 2 – Year 6 Maths parent workshop (Abacas) |
| Thursday 27 th September Time TBC | Air Pollution Assembly and parent information meeting |
| Friday 28 th September 2:00pm | Reception Class Picnic with parents |
| Tuesday 2 nd October Morning | Year 5 and Year 6 Just Enough UK workshops |
| Tuesday 2 nd October 3pm | Reception – Year 6 Curriculum and assessment parent workshop |
| Wednesday 3 rd October 3pm | Faith group meeting All parents invited |
| Thursday 4 th October 9:05am | Year 3 Class assembly and parent workshop (wellbeing) |
| Thursday 4 th October 2:30pm | Reception to Year 6 Parent open afternoon |
| Monday 8 th October | Year 2, 3 and 4 |

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| All day | Air Pollution testing |
| Thursday 11 th October 9:05am | Year 5 Class assembly and parent workshop (wellbeing) |
| Friday 12 th October 2:30pm | Debating house event |
| Friday 12 th October 3:30pm-4:30pm | Year 1 and Year 4 MEND parent workshop |
| Monday 15 th – Friday 19 th October | Reception – Year 6 International Week |
| Tuesday 16 th October Morning | Year 5 and Year 6 Equaliteach Think workshops |
| Tuesday 16 th October 3pm | Year 6 Sayers Croft parent meeting |
| Thursday 18 th October 9:05am | Year 1 Class assembly and parent workshop (wellbeing) |
| Friday 19 th October 8am onwards | Reception – Year 6 Thanksgiving and Values day |
| Friday 19 th October 3:30pm | Reception – Year 6 End of half term |

Please note these dates are subject to change and will be updated throughout the academic year.