



Newsletter

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Spring Term Week 17**

This week

Reminders

- Remember to sign up for parents' meetings: Rec – Year 5 10 – 12 February
- **If children attend a club before school they need to sign in at the office - unless it is one of Coach Justin's clubs where he collects the children at the gate. Thank you.**
- Our playground is a dog free zone.
- Remember to avoid parking on zig-zag or double yellow lines, in disabled bays or across neighbours' drives. Thank you for your support with this.
- Please make sure your child does not bring in toys or games from home. These can be a distraction in class. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Weekly Talk Topic

Last week's topic tied into our safeguarding assembly on Consent. They learnt about the importance of asking first, clarifying who their 'Five Trusted Adults' are and reinforcing the phrase – "Stop it I don't like it".

This week's topic is based on our Golden Rules READY, RESPECTFUL SAFE. The focus is on being READY –ready to learn. We'll be looking at building resilience – learning from mistakes, trying and trying again.

This week Q – How can we overcome obstacles when we are working towards a goal?

By participating our weekly talk activity, you're helping your child develop skills that will benefit them throughout their lives – not just in school, but in their future careers and relationships. Strong communication skills open doors and create opportunities.

Reading Books KS1

We are pleased to say that we have finished auditing our large selection of sharing books and these are ready to start going home again today.

Sharing Books:

- Help support a love of reading
- Are chosen by the children
- Include books chosen from our library
- The children will be given regular opportunities to change their sharing book throughout the week

Phonics Books:

- Children read their carefully selected phonics book three times with a trained member of staff.
- Phonics books are carefully selected and linked to the phonics that have been covered and that the children are secure with.
- Reading groups are made up of children on the same phase of phonics book.
- Every child reads at least three times a week but will only have 1 comment in their reading record.
- Please read with your child as often as possible. The more they re-read their phonics book the stronger their fluency becomes.

KS1 Cooking

We are hoping to restart cooking after ½ term for Y1 (Tuesday afternoon) and Y2 (Wednesday afternoon) and have only had 1 volunteer from each year group so far to help. If you can help with cooking, please let us know.

If you are able to help on a Tuesday afternoon, please contact Mia's mum in Blue Class

If you are able to help on a Wednesday afternoon, please contact Mrs Burton

Our School Rabbit and Guinea Pigs

Our rabbit (Pablo) and guinea pigs (Poppy, Midnight and Raindrop) need a lovely family to look after them over the school holidays. Please see the guidance for our furry friends-

- We will provide food for the animals and the cage for the holiday.
- Unfortunately, we are not able to pick up or drop the animals back to school.
- The animals should be picked up in the last week of term and returned on the first day back.
- We will provide an emergency contact number and our vet's number.

If any family would like to have either the rabbit or the guinea pigs them for the half term or Easter holidays, then please let the school office know. If there is more than one family who would like to look after either the rabbit or guinea pig, we will add you to a waiting list for the next holiday.

We currently have a family who will be looking after Pablo over the February half term but please contact us now if you would like to look after Poppy, Midnight and Raindrop. Please contact Debbie Staynes in the office if you are interested.

Safeguarding Audit Survey

Attached is a short survey that will be shared directly with our auditor, Emma Clarke. Your honest responses will help us identify what we're doing well and where we can improve our safeguarding practices.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfsOezvZv4RYZyOZoPkc5EzK_fdW3lBVT8q_tiu5cd18xPTRg/viewform?usp=publish-editor

The survey will close on Friday 6th February.

Your voice matters in helping us create the safest possible environment for all our children. We really value your input and thank you in advance for taking the time to complete the survey.

DATES

FORTHCOMING FEDERATION EVENTS			
Please note these dates may be subject to change			
DATE	YEAR GROUP	EVENT	
Fri 6 Feb	All	PTA Quiz and Curry Night	
Tues 10 – 12 Feb	Rec - Y5	Parents’ meetings (NB – separate SEND meetings will be arranged separately).	
16 – 22 Feb	All	Half term	
Thu 5 March	All	World Book Day – more details to follow	
Fri 6 March	All	Class Reps Meeting	
16-20 March	All	Golden Handwriting Week	
Fri 20 March	All	Comic Relief – add a little red to your school uniform	
30 March – 12 April	All	Easter Break	
Fri 24 April	All	Earth Day at Meadway (3-6pm)	
Fri 1 May	All	Class Reps meeting	
Wed 20 May	Choir	Rose Theatre Singing Festival	
Fri 22 May	All	Staff training day – school closed to children	
25 – 29 May	All	Half term	
Fri 12 June	All	Non-uniform day – jars for the summer fair	
Thurs 18 June	all	Whole school photos	
Fri 19 June	All	Class Reps meeting	
Fri 26 June	All	Non-uniform day – bottles for the summer fair	
Sun 28 June	All	Summer Fair	
EYFS and KS1 DATES			
Tues 24 Feb	Y2	Visit to Strawberry Hill House	
Mon 29 June	Rec	Reception classes assembly	
Wed 1 July	Y2 Scarlet	Class assembly TBC	
Thurs 2 July	Y1	Class assembly TBC	
Friday 3 rd July	Y2 Orange	Class assembly TBC	
KS2 DATES			
Wed 11 Feb	Y4	Visit to the Gudwara	
Thurs 12 Feb	Y4	Visit to the Gudwara	
Fri 27 Feb	Y6	Evacuee Day	
Wed 11 March	Y5	Instrumental Assembly 9.45 am	
Thurs 19 March	Y5 AJ	Class Assembly 9.05 am	
20 April -1 May	Y6	Cycle Training	
11 – 14 May -	Y6	SATs week	
Fri 15 May – Sun 17 May	Y5	Residential to Juniper Hall 18 May - Juniper Hall Rest day (Y5 Not at school)	

1 June – 12 June	Y4	Multiplication Check
Fri 19 June Mon 22	Y6	Residential to Kingswood trip Tuesday 23 Kingswood Rest Day (Y6 Not at school)
Tues 7, Wed 8 July	Y6	Y6 production
Wed 8 July	Y4	Wetlands TBC

COMMUNITY

Mega Skip

There will be a mega skip in your community on 7 February at Turner Avenue (near Fortescue Avenue Junction) from 9.00 am to 12.00 pm (or until the skips are full – whichever comes first).

Residents can bring along up to **six** items (including furniture or mattresses, electrical appliances, black bags, etc). Items are then recycled and any furniture that's brought and still in good condition is taken by local charity Richmond Furniture Scheme, who upcycle second-hand furniture and sell on for a discount.

Please find the e-flyer with relevant info attached. Residents can also [refer to our website](#) for further information about what can and can't be brought to the skip.

Barracudas

Barracudas Holiday camp has offered Trafalgar parents a deal where they can get £20 off when then they book 2 days or more. ALSO the PTA will get £5 for every booking made. Parents will need to us the code: 'TFSPTA26' when booking. See attached flyer.

The London Brick Festival

See attached flyer.

Half Term Sports Camp

See attached flyer.