

6th September 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome to a new school year. It is always an exciting and sometimes nervous time for the children as they say goodbye to the Summer holidays. That said we have had a lovely start to the year and the children have returned in great spirits.

The staff attended training on Monday and Tuesday aimed at helping us to make learning fun, relevant and motivational. A part of this was called *'Mantle of the Expert'* which involves the children and staff using drama to imagine they are actually solving real problems and making them really invested in the learning taking place. This is part of our on-going ambition to keep improving our curriculum offer.

This week has also seen a lot of the children who left us in July come back to talk to us about their first days in secondary school. It is wonderful for us to see how the change has made them look more grown up and smarter looking without losing their beautiful personalities.

During the summer many staff were in school getting ready for the new school year but special thanks goes to Mr. Bonner our site supervisor who was in every day of the holidays overseeing improvements to our heating system as well as a host of repairs – we are very grateful for all his efforts.

John our Lollipop man is having an operation at the end of next week and could be off until November – there are no replacements available so the school staff will have to do their best to keep everyone safe but please, can you all show extra vigilance during this period – and of course, our best wishes go to John.

Please check out important upcoming diary dates below for this Autumn term - but watch this newsletter for changes and updates. Also check out the offer for free tickets for West Ham's Women's football team game at last page.

Have a peaceful weekend

Matt Hipperson

Head Teacher

Autumn Term Dates 2019

September:

9th Mock SATs week for Y6

W/O 9th Elections for pupil voice groups – e.g. eco-committee

10th Y5 trip to Science Museum

12th Meeting for Y6 parents re secondary transfer 3.30 in hall parents welcome

16th After School clubs begin

18th KS1 Meet the Teacher morning parents welcome

19th KS2 Meet the Teacher morning parents welcome

25th Y2 visit Florence Nightingale Museum

25th Y6 African Mask Workshop PM

26th SEND Sportsday - St. Luke's hosting event

27th Macmillan Coffee morning 8.45-9.30am: parents welcome

28th Music School starts again every Sat. until Sat 7th Dec. except half-term

October:

1st Y6 booster sessions begin in mornings

2nd Y6 class assembly parents welcome

4th School photos – individuals and siblings

7th & 8th Bikeability Y4

9th Y5 class assembly parents welcome

9th Mary Seacole workshop in hall PM

16th Y2 class assembly parents welcome

16th Big Soup community event

19th NSPCC 'Pants Day' fundraiser - non-uniform day

19th School closes normal time for Half-Term

28th Mon school closed for training

29th Tues school re-opens for children as normal

29th Young Shakespeare Co. working in school with Y5&6

31st Closing date for secondary applications from Y6 children

November:

4th Y6 visit to the Foreign Office AM

6th Y4 class assembly parents welcome

7th Y5 Rivers & Lakes day Hertfordshire

11th Y5 trip to Houses of Parliament

11th SEND coffee morning 8.45 am parents welcome

12th Moving to Reception 2020 meeting for YN parents 9am

19th & 20th Parent meetings 3.30 -6pm

20th Y3 class assembly 29th KS2 debate PM in hall parents welcome

27th Y1 class assembly 29th KS2 debate PM in hall parents welcome

28th YR theatre to visit - The Gruffalo Stratford Circus

29th Y1 theatre to visit – The Gruffalo Stratford Circus

29th KS2 debate PM in hall - parents welcome

December

W/O 2nd Y6 Mock SATs

6th Nursery Christmas craft stay and play 29th KS2 debate PM in hall parents welcome

9th Carol Singing off-site

11th EYFS Christmas production 2.30pm 29th KS2 debate PM in hall parents welcome

12th Christmas Jumper day and Christmas dinner for children

13th Jack in the Beanstalk Panto for whole school

16th Carol Singing off-site

18th KS1 Christmas production

19th Christingle service 9am parents welcome

19th PM Children's Christmas parties

20th St. Luke's closing date for applications to start YR Sept. 2020

20th School closes @ 1pm for Christmas holidays- Dinner for the Homeless @ 2pm

school re-opens for children Tues 7th January

If you are interested in tickets for the West Ham v Tottenham Hotspurs game on 29th September, please contact Mr Scott as soon as possible.

