



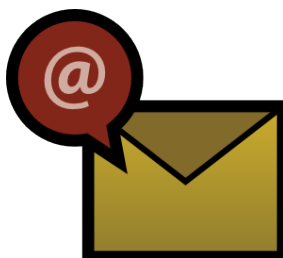
## Cars around the school

It was brought to our attention this week about a very small number of adults driving around the school premises at the beginning and the end of the school day in a way which was described as unsafe. It is in everyone's interest and for the safety of all our community that drivers are exceptionally careful pulling out and driving down the roads surrounding the school, especially during the beginning and end of the day when large numbers of families and children of all ages are moving around and crossing the roads. Please ensure that safety of others is your priority when driving around the school. Thank you.

**Ms Luzmore**

## Parent Meetings

Thank you to all who attended the 'Meet the Teacher' meetings this week. We've had positive feedback on these and will look to do this again next September. On **Tuesday 18 and Wednesday 19 October**, there will be parent meetings running between 3.50 and 6.20pm. These are an important time to speak to your child's teacher about how they have begun the year both academically and in terms of behaviours and attitudes. In order to fit everyone in, these are ten minute meetings, so if you wish to discuss something in more depth, please arrange to see teachers at alternative times before or after school so that meetings do not overrun. **Sign up sheets for appointment times** will be on the window in the playground from Monday 10 October



## Email Newsletters

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, we are looking to move over to electronic email for as many families as possible. Please return the form to your class teacher or to Donna by **Friday 14 October**. If you've lost the original letter, please let Donna in the office know.

## Individual photos

On Friday 14 October, children will be having their individual photos taken. Details for ordering these as prints will be sent home at a later date.

## Online and mobile safety

Our school is committed to promoting the safe and responsible use of mobile phones and the internet. Through age-appropriate lessons and assemblies, we do our best to provide pupils with the awareness and knowledge they need in order to avoid dangerous, destructive, or unlawful behaviour and to respond appropriately. As a parent or carer, you'll know how important the internet is to children - they use it to learn, play, socialise and express themselves. It's a highly creative place of amazing opportunities. But the technology children use every day can seem a bit daunting and you might worry about the risks your child can face online. It is worth remembering that a number of social media sites and apps, such as Facebook, Instagram and Oovoo require the user to be over 13 as the content included is not moderated for younger children. We believe that families engaging children in conversation about their internet use is a vital part of keeping children safe. While there are a number of excellent websites which give detailed advice and support to parents and carers (such as the NSPCC or [www.thinkuknow.com.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.com.uk)), we have also attached to this letter, advice for parents from Childnet a charity who work to make the internet a safe a great place for everyone.

### Year 6 Class Assembly

Last Friday, Year 6 entertained and informed us with their assembly based on conflict and resolution. They put on an excellent display of their learning and taught the school many things, including morse code! A big thank you to Mr Nutch for leading the assembly and accompanying their wonderful singing. Well done Year 6.

### Half term dates

The last day of this half term is **Thursday 20 October** and children will return on **Monday 31 October**.

### Santander money workshop for children.

On Thursday, an accountant from Santander Bank came to visit year 4. He talked all about the different roles that banks undertake and the services that they provide to people. He told the children about bank accounts, mortgages and how loans work. As well as going through key banking vocabulary such as balance, deposit, interest, savings and withdrawal. The children had lots of questions for him and were fascinated by where money comes from and how cash points work.

**Mr Berridge**

### Message from PTSA

A huge thank you and goodbye this week from St MM Primary Department to one of our parents, **Inge Diamond**, who has been an active member of our school community for the past 13 years. With her son now in secondary, Inge is moving on. She's fulfilled a huge number of roles at the school, from PTSA treasurer - making sure all the children get their annual Christmas theatre tickets - to running the school gardening club and being the lynchpin of almost every school community event we have. We'll miss her hugely. If you'd like to contribute to Inge's thank you gift and sign the card, please see Donna in the office by **Tuesday 11 October**.

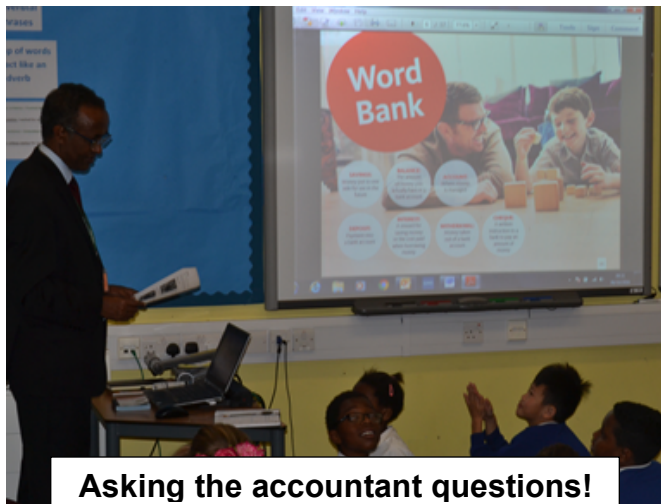
If you'd like to attend the **PTSA AGM**, it will be on the **13 October 7.30pm** over in secondary. The PTSA is a brilliant way to contribute to your children's experience at the school as they organise lots of great events and raise money for extra-curricular activities and resources. Please come along and find out more about how you could be involved.

### Assembly themes

This week, **Mr Hollingum** spoke to the children about how our actions can lead to habits which will positively impact on our environment. **Reverend April** spoke to the children about 'It's what's inside that counts' David was the youngest of his family and not considered as important or able as his older brothers. But God chose David because God sees what's inside of us.

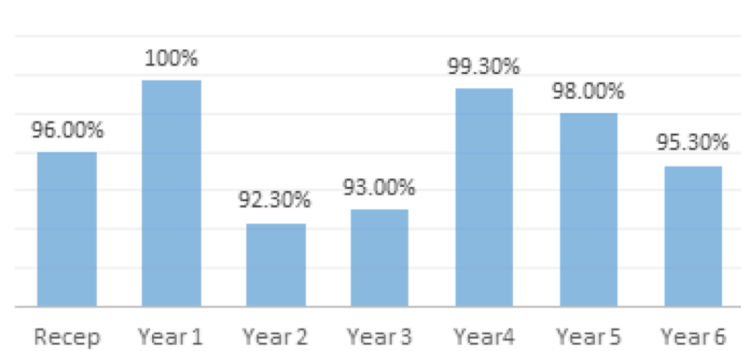
### Punctuality

We've seen an improvement already in the number of children in the playground before the bell goes at 8.55am in the morning. Thank you for your continued support in this – teachers and pupils have a much calmer start to the day!



Asking the accountant questions!

### Last week's attendance figures



Remember: every day counts!