



# Primary School Newsletter

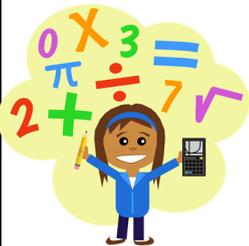
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## Pupil Progress Meetings

This week (almost) all teachers had pupil progress meetings with Ms Luzmore and Mr Standing. In these we discuss each child: their attitude towards their learning, how they are making progress in lessons since the beginning of the academic year against the different curriculum objectives and any barriers that may be stopping them achieving their best, including their attendance. This Spring term is particularly short due to the early Easter break and there is lots of learning to do! Class letters have already gone out including the key instant recall facts that we ask you to keep practicing at home along with regular reading—these activities really do make a difference in keeping children on track with their end of year expectations.



We hope that you will all be able to attend parents evening later this term (Tuesday 20 and Wednesday 21 February) to be able to look through books and discuss your child with their teacher. If you have any concerns in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher.



Congratulations to Marie-Mathilde Suberbere, Maryam's mother, for her re-election as **parent governor** for the Academy. We thank her for her continued time and commitment to the school.

## Welcome back!

Happy new year to all and I hope you had a relaxing break over Christmas and the new year. A big thank you on behalf of the staff for all the kind gifts, cards and words given at the end of last term.

Staff began the year a day earlier than the children on our INSET day. Teaching assistants had a full day of First Aid training. In the morning, teachers worked alongside Islington advisors to plan in more opportunities for cookery skills into the curriculum. In the afternoon, we spent time with Professor Chris Brown, from the University of Portsmouth who has been leading us in a year long research project about metacognition. This is leading to some deep thinking about our teaching practice and pedagogy in this area which we will share later in the year.

Ms Luzmore

## Payments

Reminder to please make any outstanding **payments** for clubs from last term as soon as possible and to continue payments for Hothorpe Hall (Year 6) and Sayer's Croft (Year 5).

## Missing scooter

After the Christmas break, a scooter had gone missing from the scooter shed. It is a Maxi Micro Scooter in purple like the one pictures. Hopefully someone took it hope by mistake. The owner would be delighted if it was returned to the school office! Thank you.



In last week's assemblies, Rev April spoke about the gifts the magi brought for Jesus. Ms Luzmore spoke about self control. We thought about ways in which developing self-control can help us in the long run by thinking about Aesop's fable with the grasshopper and the ant. This week, Rev April spoke about Mary and Joseph in their flight to Egypt to escape Herod's soldiers to help us empathize with refugees today. We can use our gifts to help others who suffer such. Ms Luzmore told a story of travellers who didn't realise what was on their doorstep.

## SMMA Secondary Good Schools Guide report

The Good Schools Guide visited the Secondary School just before the Christmas holiday. The report is out now and I know you will be interested to read their findings. The summary says:

*A shining example of an excellent school. Parents and pupils are aware that they have picked the golden ticket if they can get an education here - the results are evidence of top quality teaching, and the children's involvement and happiness are enhanced by the wide enrichment programme, whilst the pastoral care provides a tight safety net. If you want a top notch inclusive comprehensive education, this is the place to go.*

To read the whole report, just click the GSG icon on the Secondary School Homepage of the Academy website.

## Dates for your diary

### January

Sat 13—Year 5/6 seven a side football cup  
Thur 18—Year 6 SATs information evening—4.30pm  
Thur 25—Year 5 cake sale  
Thur 25—Year 2 SATS information evening—4.30pm  
Fri 26—Year 4 trip to London Transport Museum  
Wed 31—Year 5 Parent lunch

### February

Fri 2 - Y2 Church  
Mon 12—Fri 19 HALF TERM  
Mon 19—INSET day  
Tuesday 20—Children return from half term  
Tues/Wed - 20/21 Parents evening  
Wed 21—Year 6 Parent lunch

### March

Thur 1—Year 4 cake sale  
Thur 1—Year 1 on trip to Fire Brigade Museum  
Fri 2 World Book Day  
**Fri 2 - Y4 Class assembly - 3pm**  
Fri 9—KS1 OAE concert  
**Fri 9 - Y3 Class assembly—3pm**  
Fri 9 - Y5 Church  
Fri 16 - Rec & Y6 Church  
**Fri 16 - Y1 Class assembly— 3pm**  
Tues 20—Year 5/6 Football finals  
**Thurs 22 - Hamlet performance**  
Thur 29—Last day of Spring term. Term ends at 2pm

## Clubs

Clubs start next week. This term we continue to provide and subsidise a range of after school clubs run by staff, coaches from different organisations and our specialist teachers in music and physical education. We try to provide a range of activities for different ages and interests—as well as suiting the skill set of our staff. We are always happy to hear from volunteer parents etc who may be interested in committing to run an after school club for the summer term. Some clubs, have been designed to give Mr Allinson (music) and Coach Zac Roswell (PE) the chance to work with children they have identified as having a specific talent, or potential that may sometimes not be recognised fully in the children's weekly PE and music sessions. Although these clubs are by invitation, Mr Allinson and Coach are continually looking to add members, based on the ability, attitude and commitment they demonstrated during their class sessions.

### Mr Standing

## Hamlet

This term is 'Shakespeare term', and the children have already immersed themselves in their first drama and dance sessions for the Shakespeare performances of Hamlet, at the end of March.



Reception to Year 4 will be performing their classes dances at 9:30am on Thursday 22 March and the Year 5 & 6 drama production will be performed as an evening event at 6:00pm, also on 22nd March. Tickets will be on sale nearer the time.

## Last week's attendance figures

