

Friday 7th September 2018

## Message from the head



Welcome back to a new school year. It was lovely to see the children's smiling faces on Wednesday – and of course their families too! Children have already settled in well to their new classes and have been busy finding out about the islands in their new class names, creating class charters and practicing their handwriting, this will be a big focus for us this year. There will be curriculum meetings next week for you to meet the new class teams and find out about what children will be learning this term as well as routines and expectations. The meetings for **Years 3 and 5 will happen on TUESDAY 11<sup>th</sup>** and the meetings for **Years 1, 2, 4 and 6 will take place on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>**. We have already sent you a letter about this and it is important that you attend.

This also seems like a good time to remind you about school uniform, it is really important that all children wear this as it creates a sense of pride in our school identity. We will be publishing pictures of children in perfect school uniform in next week's newsletter so make sure that your child is in the running to be a model!

## Dates for your calendar

Please check our website for term dates for the full year.

11th September	Curriculum Meetings—Years 3 and 5
12th September	Secondary School Meeting
13th September	Meet the Parents Event
13th September	Curriculum Meetings—Years 1,2,4 and 6
17th September	Cuba to the British Museum
17th September	Hawaii Swimming (Tuesdays 11.00-11.30)
20th September	Tahiti class at the CLC
21st September	Year 3 to the Museum of London
21st September	Year 4 to the British Museum
22nd September	Tahiti Swimming (Fridays 13:30-14:00)
27th September	Jamaica to the British Museum
28th September	Year 3,4,5 and 6 Cross country Parliament Hill Fields.
28th September	Significant Males' Breakfast
3rd October	Jersey to CLC
4th October	Guernsey to CLC
9th October	Year 3 to the British Museum
22th—26th October	HALF TERM
29th October	School opens—children back
2nd November	Year 6 to the Imperial War Museum
12th -16th November	Anti-Bullying Week
21st November	Year 6 to the National Theatre
3rd December	Tahiti to CLC
4th December	Hawaii to CLC
11th December	Year 5 to Unicorn Theatre
21st December	Last Day of Term—School closes 2pm
24th - 6th January	SCHOOLCLOSED,CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
7th January	INSET day, school closed
8th January	School opens for children

## Curriculum Meetings Next Week!

Next week we will be holding curriculum meetings for each year group so that you can hear from the teachers what will be covered this year as well as covering topics such as **PE, music, swimming, trips** etc. These meetings are your opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and ask any questions about the coming term/year that you might have. We hope you will be able to attend. Meetings will last around 30mins.

**We understand this is short notice, so teachers will provide a summary sheet for those who are unable to attend.**

**Year 3 and 5: Tuesday 11th at 3.40pm**

**Year 1,2,4 & 6 Thursday 13th at 3.40pm**

## Friday Teas

This is the schedule for the first three Friday teas. A massive thank you in advance to all the parents, carers and friends who contribute or lend a helping hand each week—we really appreciate it!

14th September—Y5 & Y6  
21st September—Y4  
28th September—Y3



## Secondary School Meetings

Next Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th we will be hosting our annual @Secondary School Meeting and our 'Meet the Parents' event. Families from the local state secondaries will be here to give you the most up-to-date information about their school experience. Parents from all year groups are welcome at this invaluable event, where you can ask any questions you want and also talk privately to panellists afterwards. We will have representation from Acland Burghley, Maria Fidelis, Holloway and Regent High Schools. To find out more, go to [www.meettheparents.info](http://www.meettheparents.info)

Families from Acland Burghley, Regent, Maria Fidelis & Holloway schools will be talking about their experience at secondary and can answer any questions you might have



ALL YEAR GROUPS WELCOME

You can find more information about this event on our website [www.meettheparents.info](http://www.meettheparents.info)

## FANTASTIC HANDWRITING!

Before the holidays I set the children a challenge to learn to write their first and last name, and their class, in perfect handwriting. I was delighted when Suraya was the first to show me her work – just starting Year 2 and perfect handwriting already. Bravo Suraya!



## Afterschool clubs

We still have spaces in the following of our great after-school clubs: **(PLEASE NOTE POTTERY CLUB STARTS THE WEEK OF THE 17TH SEPTEMBER)**

Arsenal Football—years 4-6—2 spaces (Mondays)  
Choir—years 3-6—14 spaces (Mondays)  
Cheerleading—years 3-6—11 spaces (Tuesdays)  
French—years 3-6—7 spaces (Tuesdays)  
Multi-sports—years 1-3—4 spaces (Wednesdays)  
KS2 Dance—years 3-6—9 spaces (Wednesdays)  
KS1 Dance—years 1-2—13 spaces Thursdays)



## THANK YOU GARDENERS!

Thank you so much to all the children, parents and staff who helped to look after school allotment and roof garden over the summer holidays. Both gardens are blooming, with the allotment being particularly verdant. Today the children enjoyed picking and eating the sweet ripe tomatoes from the roof garden.

Please remember additional children accompanied by parents are welcome to drop in at our gardening club every Friday after school. Come and enjoy the tasty produce and work with us to grow more!



## EXTRA MUSIC

Rod will be conducting extra music lessons before and after school. The school provides these lessons free of charge but regular attendance and a high level of commitment is expected from all children who take part. The sessions will start from Monday 10th September. Sign up forms can be found in the school office.



## Madagascar Class Charter

Madagascar have been busy these past few days creating their brand new class charter. Well done Madagascar, keep up to good work. Feel free to pop along to Madagascar class to check out the class book of rights.

## WELCOME BACK BRECKNOCK!

Here are a few welcome back photos from around school! It's great to see such happy faces.



## FIFA—online gaming #WakeUp

We're kicking off the term with our free parents guide to FIFA. With over 20 million players in FIFA's current season, we need you to #wake up to potential online issues for children when playing. Download here: [nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/fifa-guide-for-parents/](http://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/fifa-guide-for-parents/) ...#OnlineSafety

