

"Believe in yourself...Learn together...Persevere...Succeed"

Executive Headteacher: Mrs D P Webb

Associate Headteacher: Mrs V E Ballantyne Associate Headteacher: Mrs A C Knight

Newsletter Week Ending 29 March 2018

MESSAGE FROM ASSOCIATE HEADTEACHERS

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a very eventful term with lots of trips and events that the children have thoroughly enjoyed. We hope to see the children back after the holidays with the same enthusiasm and spirit for our final term this year.

We are saying goodbye to Mrs Crosby today as she starts her retirement after 9 years service to the school. We know that the staff and children will really miss her and would like to thank her for her hard work and dedication to the school. Also retiring today is Mrs Sandhu, who is one of our cleaners and has been at the school for 18 years. We wish them both all the best.

We wish you all a very Happy Easter and hope you all have a restful break.

We will see you back at school on Tuesday 17th April.

Mrs Ballantyne and Mrs Knight.



PARENT/TEACHER COMMUNICATION

If you have a concern about your child in school please talk to your child's teacher or come to the office to arrange to see either Mrs Knight or Mrs Ballantyne rather than discussing your concerns with other parents. It is important for us to address your individual issues rather than they be discussed with other parents verbally or through 'group chats'.

Year group leaders are also available and are as follows:

Miss Taylor - Nursery Mrs Bansal - Year 2 Mr Logan - Year 5
Miss Din - Reception Miss Rafiq - Year 3 Mrs Rogers - Year 6

Mrs Rohim - Year 1 Mrs Bamrah - Year 4

SHOW & TELL - RECEPTION CHILDREN

Please bring in a show and tell based on a specific theme. This could be through photographs or pictures that your child has drawn. Please make a note of the dates and themes below as your child will be asked to show and talk about this every week. This will only be once a week, per child.

W/B: 16th April – Bring in a 3D shaped object from around your house

W/B: 23rd April – Photographs of a timeline of your life (1 per stage – newborn, baby, toddler, now)

W/B: 30th April – Summer changes

W/B: 7th May – Draw a picture of a plant or an animal from your garden/park

W/B: 14th May – Draw a picture of who you want to be when you grow up

W/B: 21st May - Picture/list of items to prepare for a holiday

Half Term (28th May-1st June)

Thank you for your co-operation

Miss Din Ms Bursuc Mrs Bal Mrs Bezant Ms Davies



TERM DATES—2018/19

The term dates for the academic year 2018/19 are now available and will be emailed to every parent that we have a contact address for. They will also be published on the school website.

LITTER AROUND SCHOOL

Please can you make sure that you and your child pick up any litter that is dropped in the playground. There are litter bins located around the playground area. Children are dropping litter particularly at the end of the day and staff are spending a lot of time clearing up the playground. Please make your children aware of the importance keeping our environment tidy and treating our living spaces with respect. Thank you.



INSURANCE SCAM ALERT

We have been notified by the London Borough of Redbridge of a possible insurance scam involving parent's on the school run. The alert is as follows:

A primary school in the Ilford area has reported the following incident on 26/3/18:

One of the parents has reported that a lone man had pulled his car – a Volkswagen Polo - into the school's car park and as soon as the parent dropped her children off, he pulled up close to her car, not allowing her to reverse without touching his vehicle and he then insisted on taking her details. After this parent left he did the same thing with another parent and they believe this could be a possible insurance scam targeting school run parents.

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Parent/Carer's are reminded of the importance of reporting their child's absence from school. If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, it must be reported before 9.30am on the main school number choosing option 1. This facility will allow you to speak with Mrs Kennedy, Attendance & Admissions Officer. If Mrs Kennedy is not available, the facility will allow you to leave a message. Please state clearly your child's name, class and reason for absence. Any absences that are not reported will be recorded as unauthorised.

Children should attend school every day and should not be absent because it is their birthday or a child is feeling too tired to attend.

All other absence requests must be made in writing to the Headteacher prior to any leave being taken.

If your child is absent due to illness either before or after a school holiday medical evidence must be provided upon their return to school. You will also be required to provide evidence of flight changes or delays that prevent your child returning to school on time. Without this evidence any absences will not be authorised and you may be liable to a Penalty Notice being issued. £120 fine per parent, per child (reducing to £60 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days).

Children's Appointments

Please avoid making any appointments for your child during the school day. If this is unavoidable then you are required to notify the class teacher in advance and provide a copy of the appointment letter/card. **Children will be expected to attend school either prior to their appointment or return after their appointment has taken place**. If it is necessary to attend an emergency appointment the school office must be notified and details of the appointment shown on arrival. This is less disruptive for school staff and your child and allows your child to be ready for collection preventing any delays. Parents should not be arriving into the school office without providing any advance notice.

READING CAFÉ - NURSERY & RECEPTION CHILDREN

In order to raise attainment in reading and make reading enjoyable for your child, we have decided to run a 'Reading Cafe' in Foundation Stage. This will give you an opportunity to read with small groups of children, using well known stories and props. Our Reading Cafe will be on Tuesdays for Nursery (9.00-9.30/3.00-3.30) and Tuesdays for Reception (3.00-3.30). We would like to invite five parents per session and will be putting up a timetable after the holidays for you to sign up on a date where you are available. Please note for afternoon reading sessions please enter through the school office.



Thank you for your support.

Miss Taylor and Miss Din

ATTENDANCE

The whole school attendance for last week was:

98.67%

Class Attendance

The classes with the best attendance were:

KS1: 2N 98.67% KS2: 3A 99.32%

