



“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 13th October 2017

MESSAGE FROM THE INTERIM CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

Dear Parents & Carers,

Last week the Governing Body elected me as an Interim Chair of Governors following the resignations of Rachel Fabian (Chair) and Lorraine Hooper (Vice Chair), who have both moved away from Redbridge.

It is an interim appointment with a mandate to strengthen the Governing Body and lead it through the process of appointing a new Headteacher, something we hope to achieve by next September. Much as I am sure we would all like to see a permanent appointment made sooner, the reality of the process of selecting and appointing senior staff is that it will take some time. I will keep you informed of progress.

The Governors are indebted to Mrs Webb, Executive Headteacher, for agreeing to continue in the role until July and also to Mrs Ballantyne and Mrs Knight, Associate Headteachers, for stepping up to take on extra responsibility and continue the school's journey of improvement.

I am very much looking forward to the task and working with the Governors to ensure the pupils not only get the best possible education but also enjoy their time at the school.

David Backhouse

Interim Chair of Governors

National Leader of Governance



INFORMATION FOR THE START OF THE DAY

If you need to speak to your child's class teacher, please make an appointment to see them at the end of the school day. Please do not come into the school building in the morning, as the teachers will be unable to speak to parents at that time. Thank you.

EARLY BIRDS

Please be reminded that Early Birds starts at **8.15am**. Some children are coming to school very early; we are unable to supervise them before this time. Thank you.



HAPPY PUZZLE COMPANY



A reminder that the Happy Puzzle Company will be coming to school on the 17th and 18th October. If you have not done so already, could you please contribute £2 towards the cost of the session. Please pay online using ParentPay. The payment item will be called Happy Puzzle. If you do not have access to the internet, please come to the school office and speak to Ms Kaur.

After school there will be an opportunity for parents and carers to purchase games and puzzles in Room 17. **Payment is by cash only.**

SIKH TRIP - CHILDREN IN YEAR 2

We have organised a trip for the Year 2 classes to visit the local Gurdwara in Goodmayes on Wednesday 1st November 2017. This visit will form part of our religious education curriculum. The focus of our visit is to learn about how Sikhs celebrate Diwali.

2W & 2N will be leaving school after the morning registration. 2B & 2D will be leaving school after afternoon registration. We will walk to the venue. Children will be provided with a vegetarian snack while they are at the Gurdwara. However, children will eat their lunch at school

Please ensure your child wears a warm waterproof coat and comfortable shoes. If possible, please provide your child with something to cover their head such as a scarf or bandana (not a hat or cap). If you are able to accompany year 2 on this trip, please speak to the class teacher by **Wednesday 18 October 2017**.

WALK TO SCHOOL POSTER COMPETITION

Children walking to school has a big impact. It is not only a healthy way of travelling to school but also reduces congestion around school.

Design a poster to encourage pupils to walk to school.

Prizes include water bottles, bicycle lights and bells.

Use a blank sheet of A4 paper to do your poster design. Your design needs to contain a key message E.g. Walking and scooting is good exercise - it keeps us healthy and is good for our hearts.

Include your name and class on the back of your poster

COMPETITION DEADLINE: Hand your poster to the school office **BEFORE Thursday 2nd November 2017**



MR LEES RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IOS APPS

Duolingo – Learn Spanish, French and more

This is a fantastic way for children to become multilingual learners. Studies have shown that learning multiple languages at a young age has a significant impact in improving grammar and recognition of words. Children will be able to have fun and play with a wide variety of activities whilst learning a new language. This app was iPhone App of the Year 2016!

Pure Maths

This is a great way to challenge children of all age in their maths ability. There is a difficulty progression that enables children to work quickly with addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. The addition mode is free, but to unlock the subtraction, multiplication and division modes, you will need to upgrade to the full version for £1.49.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Thank you to all our families that contributed to our Harvest Festival. We received a good amount of items which will be taken to the Redbridge Foodbank in the next few days. Thanks also to the parents and carers that helped to make a fantastic display ready for the Harvest Festival Assembly.

Photos will be on the school website shortly.



CHANGES TO SCHOOL DINNER PAYMENTS



A reminder that there is no longer a minimum payment requirement of £11.00 for school dinners. You are now able to pay for dinners on a daily basis of £2.20 per meal, however, please ensure that payments are made in advance. It is your responsibility to ensure the account remains in credit at all times. We offer this flexibility to help those families whose children only have dinners a few days in the week. Thank you for your continued co-operation

PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL



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Please may we remind families that dropping off and collecting children is the busiest part of the day. Please ensure that you park appropriately and not in the middle of the road, across residents driveways/dropped kerbs, in disabled parking bays and especially not on the zig zag lines. Please also be respectful to other road users and pedestrians.

ATTENDANCE

The whole school attendance for last week was: 96.02%

Best Class Attendance

Foundation & KS1: 1Q 99.64% KS2: 3A 100%

