

# PRINCE OF WALES

PRIMARY SCHOOL



### NEWSLETTER 8 September 2017

Listening Excellence Attitude Respect Negotiate Enjoy Responsible Support

Dear Parents, Governors and Friends

The new school year has gone off to a flying start. It was wonderful to greet our families and children back from what we hope was an enjoyable summer break, onto our marvellous brand new playground. A special thank you to our local authority for making this happen.

The children looked very smart as they came into the square hall for their first assembly of the term. They sat and participated beautifully as we looked back at some events of the summer, such as the World Athletics Competition in London. It's motto 'SEE THE BEST, BE THE NEXT' resonates with our Gold Medal Learners Values. The children remembered that learning means working hard, having a good attitude and that mistakes will be made. They appreciated that despite their hard work and dedication, Mo Farah and Usain Bolt didn't always walk away with the top prize. The attitude at our school is: WE DO OUR BEST AND ENJOY LEARNING TOGETHER.

Families, you know how dedicated we are to your children's learning and last year we saw again many successes. Besides good SATs data, we also improved our overall attendance to 95.44%. To be successful though you need to help us in reducing persistent absence by making sure your child comes to school every day and on time; REGULAR lateness undermines your child's well-being and affects achievement. Also, make sure your child meets our school uniform and dress code (including haircuts and hair pieces). If you are not sure, you can always talk to a member of staff about these, before making a shoe purchase (black upper on black soles please) or when planning a visit to the hair dresser.

We will continue to communicate with you through texts and emails; please make sure our office has your up to date contact details.

There is an excellent opportunity to find out what is in store for your child and in getting to know the adults in your child's class and year group through the 'Meet the Teacher' sessions in the next few weeks. You will receive vital information about the class schedule and how we work together to support your child's learning. Each year it is different, so make sure you can attend.

Parents, you are part of a wider community. Please remember that If you need to take a car to drop off or collect your child, be considerate of the residents in Salisbury Road. Treat others how you wish to be treated.

Jan Bless, Headteacher

## Meet your child's new class teacher 9:00am in the Community Room

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September Year 1
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September Year 4
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September Year 3
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September Year 5
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September Year 6
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September Year 2

#### **Attendance this week**

1K 88.02% 2A 100.00% 3F 99.11% 4F 92.31% 5G 87.50% 6B 97.50% 1T 87.50% 2T 92.24% 4M 91.96% 5T 94.64% 3Fe 88.33% 6H 90.83% 3S 94.83% 1Ti 92.05% 2Th 96.64 % 4R 95.09% 5W 92.86% 6T 97.08%

Well done to 2A & 6B for best attendance this week.

Remember to come to school every day and on time.

95% is the minimum expectation. 90% and below is not acceptable (unless there is an identified medial issue). 90% means missing half a day per week = 20 days of missed learning!

#### Exciting news!

This year there will be an opportunity for children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 to win an extra trip to the cinema in November

All the children who have **100% attendance** and **punctuality**, with **impeccable behaviour**, including **homework** and **reading** journals and the **correct school uniform**, will be entered into a draw.

#### **Headteacher Awards**

This year, pupils will receive a Headteacher Award at the end of each half term. Ticks for the awards will be given to pupils who come to school, on time and wearing the correct uniform. Crucial is their behaviour and attitude by following our expected and agreed school rules.



This shouldn't be hard, as OFSTED observed: "Pupils conduct themselves well and are clear about the school's expectations of them through clear [..] rules and routines for good conduct."

The number of ticks required will be at least the number of school days in that term.

Being absent will of course not gain a tick, nor will poor behaviour that leads to detentions or other sanctions. In addition, issues around homework, home reading or absent PE kit may affect ticks and awards being given.

Additional ticks can be earned through extra effort and achievements.

#### **Summer homework tasks**

Well done to all our pupils who managed to complete the summer reading scheme as well as the maths and writing homework. A total of 5 extra points will be awarded for all these tasks that will go towards the first Headteacher award.

#### **Schools Film Festival**

The first Headteacher Award will be for pupils to attend the Schools Film Festival in November. We are pleased to inform our children that the seats have been booked and we assume that each and every one of them will work hard and do their best to earn the required ticks. There should also be none or very minor detentions or sanctions by that time.

Mr Bless looks forward to taking you all to the cinema in November.





It won't come as a surprise that our school again won the gold award in the category of Best School Grounds with Educational Aspect. Congratulations to Craig, our Head Gardener, and his team for achieving this award.

We will continue to develop our grounds with learning opportunities in mind. This year we are finishing a pond, developing mini wetlands and creating an allotment to our extensive outdoor repertoire. Our aim is to have more parents involved in supporting learning through our wonderful outdoor areas.

Parents Workshop on using Mathletics and Reading Eggs

Find out how to ensure your children get the most out of Mathletics and Reading Eggs

Friday 15th September 9:00am Community Room

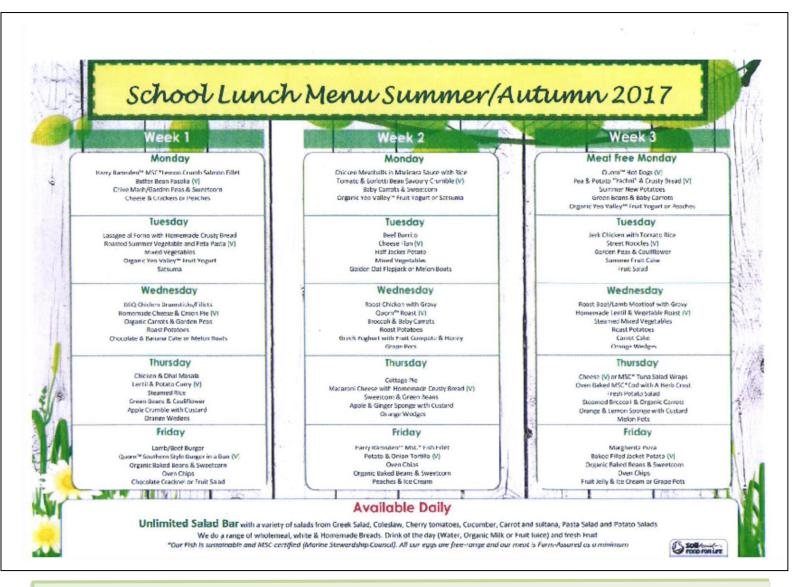




Our Value for this month is Attitude & Co-operation. These pupils modelled the value this week:

Tanya 1T, Layla 1K, Emmanela 1Ti, Romiyah 2A, Nihal 2Th, Elyana 2T, Aiyana 3S, Ismail 3Fe, Zipporah 3F, Letisia 4F, Leila 4M, Anshika 4R, Mei-Lien 5T, Kamar 5G, Adam s 5W, Alissia 6T, Mehmet 6H, Sharon 6B





### Dates for your diary

Tuesday 12th September
Wednesday 13th September
Thursday 14th September
Friday 15th September
Monday 18th September
Monday 18th September
Tuesday 19th September
Wednesday 20th September
Thursday 21st September
Thursday 5TH October
Friday 20th October

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Year 1 Meet The Teacher 9am Community Room Year 4 Meet The Teacher 9am Community Room Year 3 Meet The Teacher 9am Community Room

Parents workshop on using Mathletics and Reading Eggs

Year 4 Cuffley Camp

Year selected year 5 and 6 Royal Opera House Year 5 Meet The Teacher 9am Community Room Year 6 Meet The Teacher 9am Community Room Year 2 Meet The Teacher 9am Community Room

Show around day for Nursery & Reception 10am and 2pm

Inset day – school closed Year 3 Millfield Theatre Year TBC Barbican Year 5 Barbican

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Keep a look out for our After School Clubs list, spaces are limited.