

PRINCE OF WALES PRIMARY SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER 9 September 2016

Listening Excellence Attitude Respect Negotiate Enjoy Responsible Support

Dear Parents, Governors and Friends

Welcome back to a new school year. After what we hope was an enjoyable summer break for our families, we look forward to building together on our recent successes. We are proud to share our wonderful OFSTED report that recognises the transformation of the past 4 years and that clearly outlines our strengths and some areas for development. Please take time to read through the report that sets out what a great deal our pupils receive, thanks to the work of our dedicated staff and the good use of our resources, especially our learning environment.

The key area for development is ensuring that we reduce persistent absence among our pupils. The government has raised this to below 90% attendance. We cannot be an outstanding school with so many pupils not attending school regularly. Please work with us to get your children to school every day and on time.

We continue to develop the school learning environment and you will have seen how our 'Island' is in the process of a makeover to become a dedicated calm area for pupils to chat with friends, read a book or play less physically active games. We had hoped to surprise you with a new shelter to protect against rain and sun, but this has been delayed. Hopefully it can be arranged soon before the autumn rains begin.

As we have mentioned last term, newsletters will only be available through email and on our website in order to make necessary cost savings that will benefit school improvement. Please ensure you keep the school office informed of email changes. Similarly, texts will be sent to communicate with you; let us know when you have a new mobile number.

Jan Bless, Headteacher

Meet the Teacher sessions

All parents are invited to attend the information sessions where the class teachers and staff introduce themselves and explain the expectations and routines for this academic year. Monday 12th September is for Years 1, 2 and 3 at 9:00am. Tuesday 13th September is for Years 4 and 5 at 9:00am. The Year 6 meeting is on Tuesday 13th September at 3:15pm and will also include secondary transfer and school journey. Parents will be able to visit their child's class and questions will be welcomed.

After each morning session parents are invited to the Community Room for a drink and a biscuit. There will be a brief session on supporting your child at home in reading and maths as well as an outline of our school vision to move from being Good to Outstanding.

Attendance this week

4F 94.83% 5G 93.10% 6B 94.00% 1K 88.89% 2A 89.66% 3F 93.00% 1T 94.29% 2B 93.45% 3H 86.79% 4G 94.64% 5L 97.59% 6H 93.68% 1Tr 87.86% 2F 95.00 % 4K 89.33% 5W 96.21% 6T 84.50% 3N 92.14%

Well done to **2F** & **5L** for best attendance this week.

OFSTED 2016:

"Overall, attendance at the school has improved since the previous inspection and is now in line with the national average."

"A small number of pupils are persistently absent and, although this figure is reducing, it remains a priority for the school."



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.

The Dream Jars that have been brought to school are a marvel of creativity and invention. A total of 6 extra points will be awarded for all these tasks.

ROALD DAHL DAY – Tuesday 13th Sept DRESS UP – NON Uniform day

All pupils are allowed to come dressed up as any character from one of Roald Dahl's much loved books next Tuesday.





Alexandra, Aiyana, Amelia and Ismail in 2F share their Dream Jar work. Alexandra managed to visit every single one displayed in London!



Our Value for this week was **Friendship**; it links with the Roald Dahl story The BFG.

These pupils modelled the value of friendship this week; Tatiana 1T, Esther 1K, Elizabeth 1Tr, Naomi 2B,
Dilem 2A, Aleksandr 2F, Adam 3F, Angelina 3N, Sienna 3H, Ela-Naz 4G, Kamara 4K, Meliz 4F, Amber 5L,
Gavin 5W, Royem 5G, Safwa 6H, Jemima 6B, Ellie 6T

Parent Pay is an online way of paying for your school lunches, breakfast club and school trips now that we are a cashless school. We encourage every parent to keep their account in credit and make as few transactions as possible. The school is charged for every transaction processed but we do not wish to pass this charge to parents, so keeping your account in credit at all times and reducing the number of transactions help keep it this way.

Year 3 now need to pay for their school lunch, unless you are in receipt of benefits then you will need to apply for free school meals at the Civic Centre, Silver Street, Enfield, EN1 3XQ or go online www.myschoollunch.co.uk/enfield for more information.

Parent Pay is very easy to use, take a look at www.parentpay.com. Use your username (email) and password, transfer money from your debit card into your parent account, click on your child's pay items, click the correct pay item and put in the amount you wish to pay - this will be taken from your parent account in parent pay. There is a minimum payment for school lunches of £10.25; this is for the whole week and will carry over to the following week if not used. We have reduced the minimum payment for breakfast club for those that do not use it every day to £6.00 this will cover three days service, again carrying over to the next week if not used.

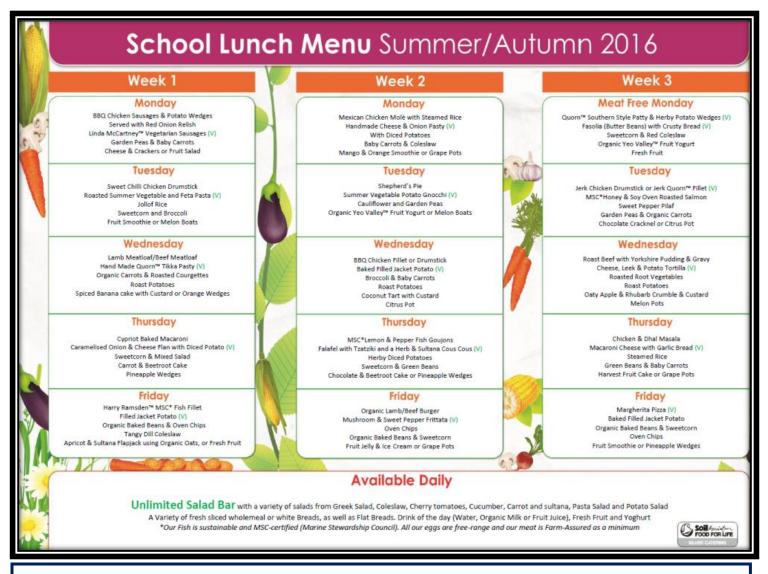
If you are having difficulties with payments, as we all sometimes find ourselves in situations we cannot control, please contact Mrs Cleland in the school office who may be able to help.

Childhood immunisation programme

The annual flu immunisation programme will continue to extend this autumn term, with vaccination being offered again to all children of appropriate age for school year one and two and also for the first time to year three, starting in October 2016.

Children are more susceptible to infectious diseases for a number of reasons including immature immunity, lack of prior exposure to infections and incomplete vaccinations. Social and environmental factors also play a part in children's vulnerability and the spread of infections. Schools can be an ideal setting for transmission of infections as they provide an opportunity for a high degree of close contact and sharing of communal facilities such as toilets.

Good levels of cleanliness and hand hygiene can go a long way towards protecting children, parents and staff. There is an excellent online tool developed specifically to teach children about hand hygiene and the spread of infections. **e-Bug** is an exciting, fun and free health education resource for teachers and school aged children. The resources make learning about microbes, antibiotic resistance, and the spread, treatment and prevention of infection fun and accessible for all and can be found at: http://www.e-bug.eu/



Schools Film Festival

The first Headteacher Award will be for pupils to attend the Schools Film Festival in November. I am pleased to inform our children that the seats have been booked and I assume that each and every one of them will work hard and do their best to earn the required 20 ticks. There should also be none or very minor detentions or sanctions by that time.

Ticks for the Headteacher 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.

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."

I look forward to taking you all to the cinema in November.

Mr Bless. Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Monday 12th September 9:00am Meet the Teacher Years 1,2 & 3 - Also, Helping at Home and School Vision

Tuesday 13th September Dress Up for Roald Dahl Day

9:00am Meet the Teacher Years 4 & 5 - Also, Helping at Home and School Vision

3:15pm Meet the Teacher Year 6 - Also, Secondary Admissions and School Vision

CINEMA TICKET

Wednesday 14th September 9:00 am Admissions meeting for new and prospective parents

Thursday 22nd September 11:00am Open Morning for Salisbury Road residents and Local Community

Thursday 29th September Class Photos

Thursday 13th October 11 am Harvest festival 24th-28th October Half Term Break

Monday 31st October Staff Inset – school closed Tuesday 1st November Start Autumn 2 term

Our Value for September will be... 'Thoughtfulness'

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Being kind and considerate to others.



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How could you demonstrate the Value of 'Thoughtfulness' at school this month?

"If you see someone is sad, you can help them." Asher, 6B

"I will share the computer." Amaya, ITr

"I will share books with my friends to read." Fabiano, 5G

"Listen to what other people say, and do not ignore them." Cheyenne, 6T

"If your friend is hurt, you can take them to medical." Austin, 3N

"I will help the little children at lunchtime." Jemima, 6B

"I will keep working in class, even if other children talk." Jerimiah 2F

Can you think of other ways to demonstrate the Value of 'Thoughtfulness' at school?

Will you receive the weekly 'Achievement Certificate' and baton, for being a role model for this Value?