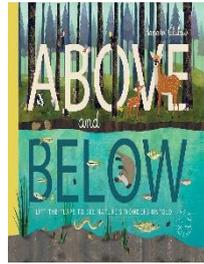




Dear All,

We've had a super first full week back and all children (Nursery – Year 6) have been immersed in their learning around the natural world with a lovely picture book – 'Above & Below' by Patricia Hegarty & Hanako Clulow. It was lovely to see so many parents and carers at our welcome evenings with class teachers this week – hopefully some of the information proved useful. Our Collective Worship theme for this week has been on 'New Starts' to mark the new academic year where we've explored the Calling of Levi and Zacchaeus as two people from the Bible who made really positive fresh starts. We've been thinking about all the wonderful things we can look forward to this year. Children's behaviour has been super and they are producing some lovely work – everyone will be more than ready to explore new topics and class books which will start next week. Our first Legoland Attendance trip today has been enjoyed by all – letters will be sent home regarding the next Legoland trip next Friday – 20th September – for the remaining children.



Flu Jab Immunisation Letters

We've been asked to send home letters to all children from Reception to Year 6 regarding Flu jabs. It is entirely your choice as parents and carers as to whether children receive immunisations in school from a visiting nurse or not, however we've been asked to request that you please return these letters either opting in or out as soon as possible once the letters make their way home with the children.



Party Bags/Cake for children's birthdays

Another reminder that due to our being a Healthy School, and also aiming to cut down on waste with packaging and plastic, we have decided to ban any party bags, sweets or cake being handed out to our children on birthdays. We do know parents' intentions are really kind, however we have lots of things to consider – eg. Allergens and other parents feeling pressure to accept unwanted sugary food. Please do not bring any food, sweets, cake or drinks in for birthdays in the future and please don't be offended when we politely decline your requests to do so.



School Uniform

The children have arrived back to school really smartly; thank you for your efforts and continued support in making sure children are appropriately dressed for school. This not only promotes a positive image of our school, but also has a positive effect on children's behaviour and conduct. Thank you for your support with this and thanks in advance for ensuring children have full school uniform throughout the academic year. Grey skirts, trousers, shirts, black shoes and plimsolls are all available from high street stores. A few children are still wearing black trainers with coloured or white soles or details. Please do ensure our policy is to wear **plain black footwear**. Plimsolls are fine, as long as these are also plain black.



Legoland Attendance Trips

Our 1st attendance trip to Legoland went really well today as an incentive for great attendance for last academic year! Our 2nd trip will be next Friday – 20th September. Letters should arrive home very soon should children qualify for this.



Violin Tuition

If you are interested in your child receiving Violin tuition, please contact Emily on emjmoore1994@gmail.com for details of her half hour lessons for as little as £12.00. Our Year 3 children will carry on with their hugely successful Violin lessons next week to continue with the great work they did in Year 2.



Clubs

All club letters should by now have been received – the deadline for these to be in was on Wednesday. Mr. Griffin and Miss Jess will allocate clubs and we always endeavour to provide each child who applies with at least one of their choices. Please note all clubs will start week commencing Monday 23rd September and will run for the whole term, until Thursday 5th December. Some exciting opportunities are being offered by our staff as well as Skateboard and Violin lessons from external teachers. Fit for Sport continues to run Breakfast and After School Clubs at Alexis St as well as Pat O'Connor's Breakfast and After School clubs at Old Jamaica Road.



Year 6 Secondary School Open Days and Advice

We will have a meeting at Alexis St on Wednesday 2nd October at 14:30 for Year 6 parents and carers to come and meet Mrs Brenta regarding secondary school transfers so do come to this, or alternatively contact Mrs Brenta for any questions regarding this process. Remember the deadline for applications for Southwark is the end of October so not too far away!



Workshop for Wider Public - Children and Young People's Wellbeing

A message from Southwark Council – ‘We are committed to improving outcomes for children and young people through our Child and Adolescent Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing Services. We want to invite young people, their parents and their carers to a workshop to help us consider what kind of offer would be most beneficial in supporting the wellbeing of our young residents. Details of the event: Date - Thursday 26th September. Time - 17:30 – 19:30. Venue - ORTUS Conferencing and Events Venue, 82-96 Grove Lane, Camberwell, London, SE5 8SN.’



Class attendance for this week: Please see the website for a full breakdown our policy and criteria for attendance trips. **Please be advised of our start times—08:55 at KS2 and 09:15 at KS1. Children are arriving to school increasingly later – please do be prompt and ready for school!**

Class:	Attendance:	Class:	Attendance:
6 Canada	100 %	4 Kenya	97 %
6 Mexico	98 %	3 Norway	93 %
6 Peru	98 %	3 Sweden	97 %
5 China	97 %	Belgium class	96 %
5 India	94 %	2 France	96 %
5 Japan	92 %	2 Spain	97 %
5 Russia	98 %	1 Germany	98 %
4 Egypt	96 %	1 Italy	93 %
4 Ghana	96 %		
Weekly Winners: 6 CANADA - Very well done! ☺			



Some Dates in advance this Half Term:

Friday 20th September: 2nd Legoland Attendance Trip.

Monday 23rd September: ALL clubs start for the Autumn term.

Monday 23rd – Wednesday 25th September: Year 6 children on their residential trip to PGL.

Thursday 26th September: ‘Mini’ Marsden March – children from Year 1 – 6 take part in Sponsored Walk in aid of the Royal Marsden Cancer Charity in Southwark Park.

Wednesday 2nd October: Year 6 Parent/Carer meeting re. Secondary School Transfer – 14:30 at Alexis Street.

Friday 4th October: Poetry Day – poetry activities all day across both sites.

Monday 7th October: Harvest Service in St. James’ Church – 09:30 – all welcome.

Tuesday 8th October: Nursery and Reception Initial Parents’ Evening.

Friday 11th October: Abel & Cole Cookery School workshops at both sites.

Monday 14th – Friday 18th October: Black History Month activities and RE for the whole school.

Wednesday 16th October: King’s College Teddy Bear Hospital workshops with Reception children.

Thursday 17th October: World Food Day – celebrations after school at Old Jamaica Road. Parents and carers invited to bring in cuisines from their own cultures and share foods from all over the world to celebrate our school community.

Friday 18th October: Break up for Half Term – 3:15pm OJR/3:30PM Alexis St.



Dates and Trips: Any parents who could come on trips to help would be greatly appreciated; please let your child’s teacher know if you can help. Any last minute trips that may occur, we will try our best to let you know as well in advance as we can.

Monday 16th September – no trips.

Tuesday 17th September – Year 4 to London Zoo; Year 5&6 Cross Country event in Southwark Park; Skateboarding Club to start; Year 1 Germany to the Library.



Wednesday 18th September – no trips.

Thursday 19th September – Year 3 Norway to the Library.

Friday 20th September - 2nd Legoland Attendance trip – details overleaf and on separate letter.



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