

Friday 25th November 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been an exciting start to the second half of this term. The season of Advent is upon us already. The Gospel on Sunday reminds us that there is no time to lose. Advent, is the time to think about the way we live our lives and begin to make any necessary changes.

“Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. The Birth of Jesus brings us the good news that we are loved immensely by God.” Pope Francis

Sporting News

It has been a very busy sporting time at the school with pupils participating in two events.

On Friday 11th November six of our year 5 pupils participated in the finals of the Islington Swimming Gala, the school is very proud of their success and achievement. The results were as follows:-

Rocco Guistiniani - Gold medal in the year 5 boys freestyle

Dennis O'Brien - Bronze medal in the year 5 breaststroke

Victor Pannelay - Bronze medal in the year 5 backstroke

Beau Reardon

Victor Pannelay

Natania Zewdie

Benjamin Kosk

Dennis O'Brien

Rocco Giustiniani - Silver medal in the 6 x 1 mixed freestyle relay.

Also that week, Years 4 and 5 took part in the Sports Inspired Islington Games. This was a whole day event where the pupils were introduced to Sports they may not have tried before. These sports were: - Dodgeball, Badminton, Cricket, Boccia, Street Dancing and Fencing. All the pupils tried all the different sports and had a very enjoyable day. They were all presented with medals at the end of the day for their keen and enthusiastic participation.

Reminder of dates for diaries

- Year 1 - 2nd December Christmas Assembly 9.30am school hall.
- Years 1&2 – 5th December Christmas Play 2pm school hall.
- Nursery - 9th December Christmas Assembly 9.30am school hall.
- Reception – 12th December Christmas Assembly 2pm school hall.
- Advent Carol Service – 14th December 2pm St Peter and St Paul Catholic Church Amwell Street.

Our chosen charity is 'The Passage' support for those who are homeless especially around the festive season.

- Class Christmas parties and own clothes day take place on Friday 9th December from 2pm. Food lists to be sent out nearer the time.
- School breaks up for the Christmas holidays on Friday 16th December 1.30pm. Pupils may wear Christmas jumpers for a donation of a £1

Summer Reading Challenge

Well done to all those pupils who took part in The Big Friendly Read during the summer. Reading is important for learning, but also a fun activity to do. Keep up the good work!

Parentmail

There are parents/carers who are still not registered on the Parentmail system. New registration links have been sent out. Please ensure you sign up to Parentmail. A great way to communicate with you all and it is FREE to sign up.

Medical matters

If your child has been vomiting/or is suffering from [diarrhoea](#) at home, they can return to school 24 hours after the last time they were sick/been to the toilet. Also if a child is unwell at school they will only be sent home if they have a high temp or vomiting/diarrhoea. The medical room has a bed which the child can use for some rest. Absent letters need to be brought into school when the child returns. Any appointment letters also need to be given to the class teacher or the office.

Punctuality at School

Can I remind everyone that the bell rings at 8.55am for a 9am start. Arriving on time at school is very important as every minute counts.

5minutes late a day = 3 days lost

10 minutes late a day = 6.5 days lost

15 minutes late a day = 10 days lost

20 minutes late a day = 13 days lost

30 minutes late a day = 19 days lost

Homework

Please be reminded that **homework is handed on Tuesday and given out on Friday** to allow time for marking. If homework comes in late, unless there is a valid reason for the lateness of the work, it will not be marked.

Spelling books must come into school on Friday so new spellings can be given out. Please refer to the homework policy which was given to all families at the beginning of the new academic year

Governors Building Fund

Thank you to all parent/carers who have already made their voluntary contributions to the Governors building fund. If you have yet to make your voluntary contribution for the Autumn Term please do so at the office.

School Photographs

The deadline for school photographs is today the 25th November. If you were unable to meet the deadline, you can directly make your order online.

Thank you for your continuing support and cooperation

Have a good weekend

Yours Sincerely

Miss T Peters

Head Teacher