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Weekly Newsletter

Friday 5 January 2018
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Attendance w/beg: 1 January 2018
 Whole School: 93.34%
 Class of the week: 6MT with 97.41%

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| 3F: 93.98% | 3L: 93.06% | 3RL: 96.55% |
| 4P: 92.67% | 4PD: 94.64% | 4S: 93.97% |
| 5H: 87.5% | 5LM: 95.69% | 5RF: 94.4% |
| 6B: 93.53% | 6K: 86.11% | 6MT: 97.41% |

Letters Home This Week

- Aspirations Week
- Change of menu for 18/19 January

Week Beginning: 8 January 2018

School Dinners
 Week 2

Upcoming Diary Dates

January:

- 2** Children return to school
- 15-19** Aspirations Week
- 19** Swimming Gala
- 30** Young Voices at 02

February:

- 8** HJSA School Disco
- 9** Non-Pupil Day
- 12-16** Half Term

Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year to you all and welcome back to another term. The Spring Term is a very busy time in school. Children know the routines and expectations, they have their targets and will, we are sure, continue to make great efforts in their learning. Thank you for the wonderful support shown last term; we are certain that your support for the children will be just as enthusiastic and effective during this term. We are all looking forward to another term of hard work, enjoyable learning and wonderful progress from the children.

School Health Drop In Clinic

The School Nursing Team are holding Drop In Clinics at the Wickford CLC (on the Bromfords site) every alternate Thursday from 3.30 pm to 4.30 pm. They can help with issues such as continence (night time wetting), weight and dietary issues, sleep/behaviour problems and any general health concerns. Hearing tests are also available and there is no need to book an appointment. The clinic will be held on the following dates:

11th & 25th January, 8th & 22nd February, 8th & 22nd March, 19th April, 3rd & 17th May.

Further information can be obtained by calling 01277 725907

Dance Club

Dance Club, which is held on a Monday, has spaces available if your child is interested. The club runs after school from 3.15 pm to 4.15 pm at a cost of £35.75 for 11 sessions (up to the Easter break).

For those who attend the main class there is also the option to stay until 4.30 pm and enjoy a 15 minute Ballroom/Latin class at an additional cost of £11 for the term. Payment for the classes are made direct to the tutor, Ms Ford-Smith, and should be paid on or before the first session.

Please see the office staff for an application if the above is of interest.

Free School Meals

Are you on a low income?

You may be entitled to free school meals for your children. If you think you may qualify we strongly urge you to apply for them, even if your child does not necessarily take the school lunch, as all qualifying applications substantially increases the school's overall funding.

Did you realise that:

- When children are entitled to a free dinner the ordering process from the child to the teacher is the same for all children.
- Other children would not know if a child's lunch is free.
- Your child does not have to have a school dinner each day.
- Your child could even just have lunch on the odd occasion.
- Your child would have a choice of a hot meat or vegetarian meal or jacket potato together with a dessert and drink (packed lunch can be supplied for school trips)

To qualify for free school meals you will need to receive one of the following benefits:

- Income support
- Jobseekers Allowance (income based)
- Income Related Employment & Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit with an annual taxable income of less than £16,190
- Pension Guarantee Credit
- Support under Part VI Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

If you think you may qualify, please speak to the school office as soon as possible. The application is renewable every 12 months. If you would like help completing the form we would be very happy to help. All information provided is dealt with in the strictest confidence.

Aspirations Week

(Monday 15th January to Friday 19th January)

Are you able to spare some time to talk with pupils about your job?

We are inviting parents to share some information about their job as a means of showing a link between what we teach in school and what we all need in the world of work. No job is too trivial and no amount of time you can spare is too short.

Please contact the school office or Mr Hillson if you are interested and able to help.

GDPR - 25th May 2018

You may have heard the new Data Protection regulations are coming into force from 25th May this year. The Regulations place a greater emphasis on organisations to only collect information that is necessary, to keep it safe, and to delete it immediately it is no longer needed. Naturally it is necessary for us to have information about your child and contact details for you to ensure we can fulfil our statutory requirements and our responsibility for safeguarding. We would like to assure parents and carers that we are reviewing our systems across the Trust to ensure we will be GDPR compliant before the regulations come into force. As more systems and protocols are introduced we will publish them on the GDPR page of the website.