

WHATS COMING UP

September

27th KS1 Phonics workshop
30th - Non uniform day in aid of GOSH

October

4th - KS2 Parent Reading Workshop
11th - Parent Maths Mastery Workshop
20th - Celebration Assembly(thu)
21st - Open Door
24th - Half Term (1 Week)

November

14th - Non Pupil Day
22nd- Parents evening 3:30-7:00
24th- Parents evening 3:30-5:00

December

15th- EYFS & Year 1 Nativity (AM)
16th - EYFS & Year 1 Nativity (PM)
19th - Christmas Carols Assembly
20th - Open Door

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

- Monday Out and About
- Tuesday Y3/Y4 Science
- Tuesday Y5/Y6 Coding
- Wednesday Y1/Y2 Art
- Wednesday SCS
- Thursday SCS
- Thursday KS2 Choir
- Thursday Y1/Y2 Disney
- Friday KS2 Drama

Stars of the Week

Certificates were presented in our celebration assembly to:

- Aniamina (Yr 1)**
- Ronnie (Yr 2)**
- Kayton (Yr 3)**
- Daisy (Yr 4)**
- Esca (Yr 5)**
- Douglas (Yr 6)**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year. The children have settled in well and learning is underway with new topics being introduced through 'hook' days for example: Year 6 have been making Ancient Greek masks for their topic and Year 5 tested their physical condition, adaptability, mental endurance, intelligence and communication skills - all attributes that astronauts need - for their Space Race topic. These 'hook' days encourage the children to be motivated and excited about the topic for the term so that they start to be curious learners and have positive attitudes towards their learning. More information about the children topics and classroom routines will be posted on the class pages on the website.

Our website is the latest part of the school to have a revamp. We hope the new layout make navigating to information you need easier and will showcase the school for new visitors and families.

This year we are reintroducing the School Council. We are looking at being a part of the 'multi-schools' council in the Braintree area, this will support our focus for community spirit and awareness of the world around us. The role of Head Boy and Head Girl, this year, will now include the overseeing of the school council. The school council will be involved in fundraising, competitions, charity events, whole school challenges as well as promoting the views of the children, putting forward their voice for things they would like to see in school. They will also collaborate with the Attain Learning Forum pupils and to speak with visitors and governors throughout the year. All children will be given the opportunity to think about why they might be a positive and productive school council member. In the following weeks the children can apply for the post in class (this will look different in different year groups, a speech, answer set of questions) and then have a class ballot. The results will be announced on the 23rd September in Celebration Assembly.

Our first fundraising event will be on Friday 30th September which will be a Non Uniform Day in aid of raising money for Gt Ormond Street Hospital for children. Please donate £1 or more on the day to come in to school in home clothes. Many of you will know that this is a charity close to my heart as my own daughter attends regularly. We also have children within the school that have benefitted from their outstanding care and are currently inpatients receiving complex treatments and attending the Gt Ormond Street school whilst they are cared for.

We have now published our school clubs for the Autumn term. There are also many clubs that happen at lunchtimes - children can find out about these by looking at the clubs board in the main corridor. Lunch time clubs do not need to be booked, children can attend when they wish to.

From listening to feedback from children, parents and staff, home work will now be set every Friday. The children will have a homework book to go home with them with the task inside and the expectation is that it is returned to class, completed, on the following Friday. There will be a mixture of homework including one craft based activity in the term. Please remember that it is essential that the children read every day at home/practise their phonics and practise their Times Tables Rock Stars. Reception children will only be asked to practise phonics this term. Please talk to your class teacher if you are unsure. We will be celebrating homework by awarding house points to work completed and through Celebration Assembly.

I hope you have a peaceful weekend,
Mrs Cagney





AR READERS

Quiz Scores:

Year 3- Scarlett

Year 4 - Olivia, Alaia

Year 5 - Corey, Reuben

Year 6 - Megan

Year 4 are the word count winners with **45,622** words

TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS



Winners- **Year 6**

House - **Brunel**

Year 2- Jake D

Year 3 - Blake

Year 4 -Daisy

Year 5 - Lenny

Year 6 - Sam

Attendance

This week's class

attendance:

EYFS: 100%

Year 1: 90%

Year 2: 96%

Year 3: 100%

Year 4: 26%

Year 5: 97%

Year 6: 96%

NOTIFICATIONS AND REMINDERS

Meal booking

Message from the office - A big thank you for your support and response to the booking of meals, from our end it has been a relatively smooth transition! If you notice issues, or have any difficulties, please get in touch.

Just to reiterate, booking closes on Wednesday for your child's meal selection for the following week.

Uniform

Due to the unprecedented amount of unnamed uniform in lost property last academic year, from Monday onwards class teachers will initial on the labels of children's uniform.

If you have any objections to this, please either mark the uniform this weekend, or contact the school office.

Swimming

Year 3 swimming for this term starts on Wednesday 15th September.

Earrings

Children must be able to remove their earrings before PE or swimming, alternatively please ensure they are taken out in the morning before school. Staff are unable to take them out for children.

Headlice

We have already had children that needed treatment for headlice, please ensure your check your child's hair regularly, and that hair is tied up for school.