



The eagle eyed among you might have spotted that last month's newsletter was produced in a different format to the previous forty eight and in another landmark we are celebrating our 50th edition with this publication. I wonder if there is anyone in our parent community who possesses that invaluable full set of newsletters dating back to the first edition in May 2013.

There have been many changes over that almost four year period but as a school we continue to offer your children a host of learning opportunities. This term we can look back with pride on a raft of successful events and activities such as Skip 2B fit, the borough gymnastics competition, Young Voices, class and musical assemblies, Storytelling week, the Year 3&4 production and some positive feedback about the behaviour of our children on school trips.

We have also made significant headway against our four Ofsted targets and have had some very positive dialogue with the Local Authority.

It seems to have rained incessantly or been unseasonably cold for far too long so let's hope for some more Spring like weather over the next fortnight. May you all enjoy some quality family time in the days ahead and have a happy holiday.

Marc Titeux.

Attendance Awards

Spring term winners **4N**, 2nd place **5R** and 3rd place **6B**

Also congratulations to **4G** winners of the punctuality award with only 7 late marks for the whole term.

We are very pleased that 156 children have received 100% attendance awards for the Spring Term

Litter

We ask that all visitors to our site and all pupils respect their surroundings and place any and all litter into the bins provided.

Haircuts and Hairstyles

We wish to remind you that children should have appropriate haircuts and hair styles for school. We ask that boys in particular refrain from a very close shave or intricate head shavings and that girls wear appropriate items of head-wear, preferably in black, green or grey.

All hair styles should allow the child to work comfortably in class without their hair causing any distraction or interruption. We wish to remind you that no nail varnish should be worn to school and that stud earrings, religious artefacts, watches, hair slides etc. should not be worn to school on P.E. days.

Absence line

If your child is unwell please place a call to the absence line 01895 632895 (option 1) by 9.30am each morning. Unexplained absences will be followed up throughout the day. Our Attendance Policy now specifies that two contact numbers must be provided for each child in case of emergency situations, please let the office know of any changes as it is important to keep the information updated. Thank you.

Early collection requests

Recently the number of early collection requests has increased. Please can I remind you that the office staff will ask details of the reason for the early departure, especially if it is an emergency and may refer these requests to a member of the Leadership Team. Appointments for other family members does not fall under the category of authorised medical appointments and patterns of early collections are monitored.

If your child needs to be collected before the end of the school day for a medical or official appointment such as a school visit or embassy interview please provide evidence of the appointment either by letter, appointment card or a text/email alert in advance wherever possible.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Important dates & Upcoming Events



Enjoying Learning

APRIL 2018:

Monday 16th: **SUMMER TERM BEGINS (RECEPTION – YEAR 6 PUPILS RETURN)**

Monday 16th: Reception September 2018 Intake - Offer day

Monday 16th: Year 4 P-Bone Music Assembly (UH) Parents welcome to attend

Tuesday 17th: **SUMMER TERM BEGINS (NURSERY PUPILS RETURN)**

Wednesday 18th: Deadline for returning Bags4Schools

Wednesday 18th – to – Friday 20th Year 4 Woodrow Residential Trip

Monday 23rd - Friday 27th April: Life Bus visiting

Tuesday 24th: Year 4 & 5: Pop-Up book Workshops

Tuesday 24th: School Open morning 9.00 am – 12.00 pm

Wednesday 25th: Reception Literacy Morning 9.00 – 10.00 am

Monday 30th: Reception September 2018 Intake - Acceptance Deadline

Monday 30th: 2019 Residential Deposit Payment Deadline

MAY 2018:

Thursday 3rd - 1E Class Assembly - Parents welcome to attend

Monday 7th: **BANK HOLIDAY: SCHOOL CLOSED**

Monday 14th: Y3 British Museum Trip

Monday 14th - Friday 18th: Y6 SATS Week

Friday 18th: Charity Cake Sale for Michael Sobell Hospice 3.15 pm - 4.00pm
(Drop off zone and Playground)

Monday 21st - Friday 25th: Forest School Week

Thursday 24th: 4G Class Assembly Parents welcome to attend

Monday 30th - Friday 1st: **HALF TERM: SCHOOL CLOSED**

JUNE 2018:

Monday 4th: **ALL PUPILS RETURN**

Monday 11th – Friday 15th: Year 1 Phonics Screening week

Thursday 7th: Y5 Ruislip Lido Trip

Monday 11th: Y5 Visit from Maggini Quartet

Tuesday 12th: Y6 Central Hall Westminster Trip

Thursday 14th: Green Class Assembly Parents welcome to attend

Friday 15th: Whole school: Class photos

Wednesday 20th: KS1 Sports morning

Thursday 21st KS2 Sports morning

Friday 22nd: **TRAINING DAY: SCHOOL CLOSED**

Monday 25th – Friday 29th: Y6 Bournemouth Residential

Wednesday 27th: Nursery and Reception Sports afternoon

PLEASE NOTE:

Pupils (Reception –Y6) return **Monday 16th April 2018**.
Nursery Pupils returns **Tuesday 17th April 2018**.

Holiday Clubs

QPR will be running their popular Holiday Courses at local venues during the Easter break. For more information visit <http://www.qprcommunitytrust.co.uk>

The Elms Holiday Camp: running over two weeks 3rd - 6th April and 9th -13th April 2018 at Ruislip Gardens Primary School

Smarty's offer a holiday club, please see www.smartysafterschoolclub.com for details.

Life Bus

April is the time of year when we have the pleasure of the Life Bus visiting our school. As in previous years the Life Bus will be situated by the Year 4 outside door entrance / ICT room for a week from Monday 23rd April.

The providers from the Life Bus focus on some of the elements from our Personal, Social, Health and Economic education curriculum and they are able to provide some exciting, interactive resources to really enliven the sessions.

There will be two parent session running

Monday 23rd April 2018: 8.50 am – 9:20 am

&

Tuesday 24th April 2018: 2:40 pm – 3:10 pm

More information to follow shortly.

The themes that will be explored during the week will be as follows:

Nursery: Taking care of myself

Reception: All About Me

Year 1: My Wonderful Body

Year 2: Feelings

Year 3: Meet the Brain

Year 4: It's Great to be Me

Year 5: Friends

Year 6: Decisions



Recent News



Enjoying Learning

Year 3 & Year 4 Porridge Performance

This term the children of Year 3 and 4 performed an all-singing, all-dancing production of 'Porridge!' on Tuesday 20th March and Thursday 22nd March. The show told the story of brave Goldie Lox who took it upon herself, with the help of Junior Bear, to take on the scheming Papa Bear in order to retrieve Marigold the Cow and Old Mother Hubbard's recipe book despite the best efforts from the 3 Billy Goats (and not-so-great efforts from the Happy Valley Police Squad!). Many well know fairy tale characters appeared along the way and the children embraced the action and the humour to tell the story to their audiences fantastically.

As a staff, we are incredibly proud of the performance every child gave and their enthusiasm shone through in their singing, acting and team-work. In the words of Mr Titeux, "It was a triumph!" This would not have been possible without parent's support in learning lines, providing costumes, ensuring your children attended the performances and participating in the audience yourselves, so thank you for the support and encouragement along the way.



Netball Tournament



Team: Alexia Samoila, Celia Legood, Emi Gjinollari, Eva Karlsson, Hiruni Navoda Yapa Mudiyansele, Imogen Bowyer, Nisham Limbu, Samina Thebe.

We really enjoyed playing in the netball tournament at Newnham on Monday.

We played lots of matches and we tried really hard and loved wearing our new kit! The umpire said we were a very polite team and showed excellent sportsmanship, overall we had an amazing time and displayed great teamwork to progress to the next round.

Report by Alexia 6B – Netball Tournament Captain.

Miss O'Neill's Meerkat Maths games competition Winners

Well done

Imogen Bowyer (6D)
Corey (6D) & Cassie (5R) Lewis
Jamie Cruden (4N)
William Greenwood (4N)
Steven (5D) & Cameron (2H) Hicks
Aidan Jansen-Van Rensburg (6D)
Kiara (6D), Kaylee (4G) & Mikayla (P.M N) Maltz
Rohan Raju (5D)
Lewis Rosenthal (2H)
Elliot Ostler (6D)

