



Monday 11th September 2017

NEWSLETTER

Welcome Back to a New Academic Year 2017/18

We hope everyone had an enjoyable Summer Break. The children have settled back in to their routines and look happy and eager to learn.

Parents in Years 1 to 6 will have the opportunity to meet their children's new class teachers, you will have been sent reminders about this but please look at the diary dates at the end of this newsletter. Teachers will run through what your child will be learning this year and go over general routines. You will have received the half termly Parent Outline last Friday.

Welcome

To our new staff:

Rebecca Brown – Reception Class Teacher and EYFS Co-ordinator.

Hannah Gorzelak – Teaching Assistant in Year 1

Rebecca Diamond – Year 1 Teacher

Filsan Dudeye – Year 3 Class Teacher

Emily Jayne – Teaching Assistant in Year 4

Paola Goundry – Teaching Assistant in Year 4

James Finburg – Year 5 Class Teacher

We would like to congratulate both Mr Finburg and Ms Evans (now Ms Attwood) on their recent nuptials.

Finally, we would like to welcome all the new children and families who are joining us this term.

Homework – Years 1-6 – Internet Access

The focus of homework is on Literacy and Maths. For Literacy children bring home their Accelerated Reader or Reading Book and Spellings. For Maths they are expected to complete their assigned Mathletics task. Both Accelerated Reader and Mathletics are internet based programmes. **It is vital you let your child's class teacher know if your child does not have access to the internet at home.**

Library Books

As mentioned in previous newsletters, the school has made a huge investment in to reading books for the

children and we have a very well stocked library. In order to monitor and maintain these books the school has also invested in a Library monitoring package that allows us to follow the movement of books in and out of the library.

We would like you to support us in maintaining these valuable resources and as such have put in to place a system of charging £5 for lost or damaged books. If your child misplaces or returns a book in a damaged condition you will receive a text followed by a charge raised on Parent Pay. You will need to pay this promptly in order for your child to start borrowing books again from the library. We are sincerely hoping that we will not have to use this process too often!

Condover Hall Residential Trip Meeting and Payments

Thank you to all those parents who have either completed or part-paid for this trip. Just a gentle reminder that the closing date for completion of full payment is Friday 6th October 2017.

There will be a final meeting for parents on **Wednesday 11th October 2017 at 3.30pm in 4Aspen classroom** which we would urge all parents of children going to Condover Hall this year to attend. Ms Attwood will go over last minute arrangements and what parents and children need to be aware of.

Year 6 Secondary School Transfer

Year 6 children will take home the 'Apply for a secondary school place 2018' leaflet today. Parents are no longer being given the whole Secondary Schools Booklet, this is now available on the Learning Trust Website. All information is on the leaflet. We encourage parents to visit as many schools that they are interested in before making their minds up.

Ms Fitzmaurice will lead a Secondary Transfer Information Meeting for parents on Tuesday 26th September at 3.30pm in 6 Apple Classroom. Please wait to be escorted up to class by the class teachers from the playground.

STARS Car Free Day – 22nd September

STARS (Sustainable Travel: Active, Responsible, Safe) is TfL's flagship scheme to encourage young Londoners to travel actively, responsibly, and safely to school.

As part of our engagement with the scheme, we are going to be taking part in **STARS Car-free day on 22 September**. The activity is taking place London-wide, and is a great opportunity to create habits for the new academic year. It also coincides with World Car-free Day, an international initiative to encourage people to get out of the car.

Taking part will help improve our school's air quality, with less cars idling nearby; reduce congestion around our gates, creating a safer environment for pupils; and help keep everyone healthy by travelling to school actively.

For this day, we encourage you to leave the car at home and walk, cycle or scoot instead (if you don't already). If you need to drive part of the way to school, you can take part in 'Park and Stride' by parking away from the school gate, and walking the rest of the way. This ensures we can create a safe 'car-free zone' around the school itself.

We'll be sharing information on the healthiest routes to school, but when walking, scooting or cycling, it's best to choose paths away from busy roads where possible as they have better air quality. If you need to plan a new route, check TfL journey planner for up-to-date information tfl.gov.uk/journeyplanner.

We will be running an assembly for the children on Friday 15th September, explaining why it is so important for us to look at pollution free means of travelling to school. The children will take part in some activities leading up to Car Free Day. We are also inviting parents to come and join us to discuss the issue of congestion outside the school over some refreshments on Tuesday 19th September. We will

document the activities and events in future newsletters.

Thank you for your support and contribution to improving the health of Londoners. We look forward to seeing you, car-free, on Friday 22 September.

For more information on the STARS scheme, visit tfl.gov.uk/stars.

After School Clubs Autumn Term 2017

Offer letters for the Autumn Term After-School Activity Clubs for this term were processed at the end of last term. Parents have been informed which clubs their child will be joining and how much parents need to pay for the Autumn Term. All payments will be collected via ParentPay. There are a few spaces available for Years 4 and 3 for the Mini-Olympians on Fridays and the sewing club on Tuesdays. Please pop into the office if you are interested in either club. These may be cancelled if there is not a good enough take up of places.

English, Maths and Computer Classes for Adults

Hackney run classes for adults on English, Maths and computing at different venues and times. If you are interested please pick up a leaflet from the school office.

Parking Outside the School

We would like to remind parents that you must not park on the double yellow or zig zag outside the school. Please note that we have already made you aware of the parking enforcement camera outside the school and instant fines are being issued to those who park. Please help reduce the traffic congestion and make it safe for children and parents to approach the school safely.

Reminder about School Uniform and New Logo

We would like to thank parents for responding to the Uniform Survey. We have had 90 responses of which **74.7% have shown no objection to the Polo top changing from yellow to white**. 25.3% have objected, however, the majority of the comments circle around how dirty white can get. Here are some responses which should answer most of your concerns.

- 2017/18 will be a transitional year for the uniform, so if you have already bought the current uniform that is fine. You can carry on buying the current

uniform from the school uniform provider till the new uniform arrives early in 2018.

- During 2017/18 you will have the choice of wearing the current uniform or just the school colours: Navy fleece/sweatshirt, Yellow Polo top, grey trousers or skirts.

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- Children will be required to wear the new uniform from September 2018 which includes a white polo top. Uniform with the old logo will not be allowed from then on.
- The new logo has been designed to be more child friendly and in tune with our school ethos of 'Shine', represented by different coloured and sized rays that emphasise diversity.
- There are various reasons for moving from Gold/Yellow tops to White ones:
 - Firstly, our nearest neighbouring school has a very similar uniform.

- Depending on where you buy the Gold/Yellow tops from and following repeated washes the shade tends to fade.
- White tops are difficult to keep clean, however, they are much cheaper to replace and more easily available. All supermarkets stock white polo tops. They can also be bleached if they don't have the school logo on them.
- Just a reminder about school trousers and school shoes: we would like to remind everyone that we want to see children wearing grey trousers (no jeans, leggings or tracksuit pants) black shoes or black trainers, no other colours please.

Reminder: School Meal Price has gone up

As of 4th September 2017 the cost of a child's school has gone up to **£1.90** per day, **£9.50** per week. The school meals are still competitively priced in comparison to other schools and provide children with a hot nutritious meal at lunchtime.

School Lunch Menu - Autumn 2017

The Menu Meets the Revised School Food Standards Jan 2015

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 w/c: 4/9 25/9 16/10 13/11 4/12	BBQ Chicken Quorn Veg Stir Fry Egg Fried Rice Noodles French Beans Fresh Fruit Salad Cream	Lamb Bolognese Mixed Beans & Veg Bolognese Spaghetti Cauliflower Broccoli Apple & Plum Oat Crumble Custard	Roast Soy Chicken Thigh Quorn & Leek Pie Veg Gravy Roast Potatoes Swede Roast Parsnips Forest Fruits Smoothie	Beef Pie Red Dragon Pie New Potatoes Savoy Cabbage Carrots Fruit Shortbread & Custard	Rosie's Smoked Mackerel Flan & Jacket Potato Macaroni Cheese Peas & Leeks Roast Pumpkin Kasha's Banana Bread
Week 2 w/c: 11/9 2/10 30/10 20/11 11/12	Cajun Chicken Thigh Lentil & Red Pepper Pasta Bake Plain Boiled Rice (with chicken only) Broccoli Cauliflower Fresh Fruit Salad	Beef Lasagne Veg & Quorn Lasagne Mixed Salad Coleslaw Apple & Blackberry Oat Crumble & Custard	Beef Sausages Quorn Sausages Veg Gravy Mash Potatoes Swede Kale Strawberry & Vanilla Muffin Slice	Wholemeal Chicken & Sweet Corn Pizza Wholemeal Pepper, Olive & Red Onion Pizza Mixed Salad Coleslaw hoc & Pear Sponge Choc Sauce	Breaded Cod Fillet Curried Lentil Parcels Chips Peas Carrots Fruit Cocktail Jelly Whipped Cream
Week 3 w/c: 18/9 9/10 6/11 27/11 18/12	Chicken Tikka Debjani's Chickpea Curry Rice, Naan Bread Broccoli Swede Pears with Cream	Jacket potato with Chicken Mayo or Tuna Mayo & Sweetcorn, or Cheese Baked Beans Mixed Salad Apple & Plum Crumble Custard	Jamaican Beef Pattie Jamaican Veg Pattie Sweet Potatoes Callaloo Plantain Banana, Raisin & Cranberry Flapjack	Beef Burger in a Bun Quorn Burger in a Bun Chips Mixed Salad Coleslaw Raspberry & Choc Cookie	Salmon Pasta Bake Red Pepper & Onion Quiche Potato Salad Roast Seasoned Courgettes Carrots Peaches Jelly & Whipped Cream

Diary Dates for Summer Term 2017			
Yr2 Meet the Teacher	Mon 11 th Sep 2017	3.30pm - Year 2 parents are invited to an information meeting with the Year 1 staff	
Yr1 Meet the Teacher	Tue 12 th Sep 2017	3.30pm - Year 1 parents are invited to an information meeting with the Year 2 staff	
Yr3 Meet the Teacher	Wed 13 th Sep 2017	3.30pm - Year 3 parents are invited to an information meeting with the Year 3 staff	
Yr5/6 Meet the Teacher	Thu 14 th Sep 2017	3.30pm - Year 5/6 parents are invited to an information meeting with the Year 5/6 staff	
Yr4 Meet the Teacher	Fri 15 th Sep 2017	3.30pm - Year 4 parents are invited to an information meeting with the Year 4 staff	
Car Free Day	Fri 22 nd Sep 2017	All parents, children and staff are asked to leave their cars at home and find alternative modes of travel on that day	
Yr5/6 Cycle Training	w/b 25 th Sep 2017	One week course of cycle training by Cycle Confident for Year 5 and 6 children	
Yr6 Secondary Transfer Meeting	Tue 26 th Sep 2017	3.30pm-Year 6 teachers will show parents up to 6 Apple	
Deadline for Yr4/5 Condover Hall School Journey Payments	Fri 6 th Oct 2017	Please ensure all payments are cleared by the deadline	
Year 4/5 Condover Hall Final Meeting for Parents	Wed 11 th Oct 2017	3.30pm in 4Aspen Classroom	
Year 4/5 Condover Hall School Journey	w/b 16 th Oct 2017	1 week residential trip for 36 Year 4/5 children	
Reception to Year 4 Free Flu Vaccines	Mon 6 th Nov 2017	Consent letters to go out in the Autumn Term 2017	
Parents' Open Afternoon	Tue 14 th Nov 2017	3.30pm to 7.00pm – online bookings will open on Monday 30 th October 2017	
Individual Photographs	Wed 15 th Nov 2017	All children must wear a full uniform	
Parents' Open Afternoon	Thu 16 th Nov 2017	3.30pm to 6.00pm – online bookings will open on Monday 30 th October 2017	
<i>Events/Activities for children in school</i>	<i>Events to which parents are invited</i>	<i>Off-site Activities</i>	<i>Closures</i>

Term Dates		
HOLIDAY	BREAK UP	RETURN
Autumn Half Term Break	Friday 20 th October 2017 at 3.15pm	Monday 30 th October 2017 at 8.55am
Christmas Holidays	Friday 22 nd December 2017 at 1.00pm <i>PM Nursery & After-school Twilight club are closed</i>	Monday 8 th January 2018 at 8.55am
Spring Half Term Break	Friday 9 th February 2018 at 3.15pm	Monday 19 th February 2018 at 8.55am
Easter Holidays	Thursday 29 th March 2018 at 1.00pm <i>PM Nursery & After-school Twilight club are closed</i>	Monday 16 th April 2018 at 8.55am
Summer Half Term Break	Friday 25 th May 2018 at 3.15pm	Tuesday 5 th June 2018 at 8.55am
Summer Holidays	Wednesday 18 th July 2018 at 1.00pm <i>PM Nursery & After-school Twilight club are closed</i>	Monday 3 rd September 2017