



## April/May Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have been able to enjoy the sunshine this holiday. It really feels like Spring has finally arrived. This also means that we will be moving to having lunchtimes on our field for KS2 and in the near future for KS1 and Reception. The field is envied by all that visit the school and we want the children to have as much access (weather dependent) to it as possible.

We are offering a number of sessions for children before and after school which are targeting any gaps in knowledge. These are proving popular with the children who with some small group support can see for themselves the progress they are making. If your child is invited along to one of these sessions, please make every effort to get them to attend and arrive on time for the morning sessions.

We are continuing with our book gifting initiatives this half term as we work on updating our reading stock in the library. We have been successful in applying for a bid through the book shop Foyles and plan to buy in some more updated texts to support the history and geography curriculum. We will also be updating the book stock in the Reception to Year 2 classrooms in preparation for a reading journey that we will embark upon in September.

There are a number of trips planned for this term and thank you once again to the staff who do think carefully about what would engage the children and enhance the curriculum. Bikeability for year 4 will start in April and there is some public speaking training for year 6 children planned for later in the term.

Perhaps you have been supporting your children with a science project this holiday. Last year's science competition and the exhibition that followed was very impressive and I am sure it will exceed expectations once again this year. There is still time to take part if your child wishes to do so. Please do keep the 4<sup>th</sup> May free in the afternoon so you can come and enjoy the exhibition and talk to the budding scientists in school.

We are going to be marking the King's Coronation in school on the afternoon of Friday May 5<sup>th</sup>. The children will learn about what is involved in the ceremony so they can watch the actual Coronation with some prior knowledge, and we will have some class parties. More information will follow shortly.

May marks the start of the assessment period in school and we would like to send all the children our best wishes. They have worked hard all year, and this is their opportunity to demonstrate their skills and knowledge. It is important to keep the children motivated and feeling confident and we ask you to support us by making sure the children are getting plenty of rest at home, so they are fresh and alert when they come into school.

You will be aware that more strikes have been announced by the NEU union on April 27<sup>th</sup> and May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Once we are in a position to confirm which classes will remain open, I will be touch. We will continue to offer childcare support to those who need it.

Thank you for your continued support. It is very much appreciated by all staff.

Kind regards

Mrs Clifford

**ATTENDANCE:** We would like all parents to know that our target for school attendance remains at 96%. Please report your child's absence from school before **9.30am** by telephoning 0208 8804 1818 and advise us of the reason for your child's absence. It is very important that you report the reason for every absence.

**NUT ALLERGIES:** We are a healthy eating school and several of our children have severe nut allergies. Please **DO NOT** send any child into school with nut products (peanut butter, nutella etc) or chocolates or biscuits and cakes containing nuts in their lunch boxes. Even the smell of these products can cause an allergic reaction to another child sitting nearby.

### Upcoming dates:

<b>APRIL</b>	
18th	Book gifting after school
21st	Maths meeting for parents from Yr 4 – via invitation 5P visit to Edmonton Green library
24 <sup>th</sup>	5B visit to Edmonton Green library
25th	Yr 4 Bike ability
26th	9.00 Yr 2 SATs meeting Yr 4 Bike ability Yr 3 visiting the British Museum
27 <sup>th</sup>	Neu planned strike – more info to follow
28th	5T to visit Edmonton Green Library

<b>MAY</b>	
3rd	2.45 Yr 2 Eid assembly for parents
4 <sup>th</sup>	Science exhibition open in the afternoon for parents
5 <sup>th</sup>	Science exhibition open in the morning for parents Coronation celebrations in school
9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 grammar SATs paper
10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 reading SATs paper
11th	Year 6 arithmetic and reasoning SATs papers
12th	Year 6 reasoning SATs paper
15 <sup>th</sup>	4OD will visit Firs Farm Wetlands
16th	9.00 Year 1 parent meeting re Phonics screening check
17th	4Mc to visit Firs Farm Wetlands
18th	4R to visit Firs Farm Wetlands 9-10 Parent information session – Esafety for Years 5 and 6 parents
23rd	Governor in day in school

## PHOTOS FROM LAST TERM:





