

# Princess Fred's Matters

*"Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever." Daniel 12:3*



Tuesday 18th July '17

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Church Service and key dates for September

A friendly reminder that there will be an end of year church service at 10:30am at St Martin's Church on Thursday. You are warmly invited to join the school as we say our final goodbyes to Year 6 and celebrate the end of the school year. School will start again at normal time on Monday 4th September.

## Staff News

We would like to share with you that Ms Marius-Beeko has decided to pursue new opportunities and will not return as deputy in September. Out of respect for her decision, we have waited until the end of term to share this news.

Ms Marius-Beeko wanted to share this message with the community. *"I'm sure that you will understand that this decision wasn't made lightly but I am very much looking forward to this new chapter in my life and I have very much enjoyed working at the school and will miss the children, staff and parents."*

The Headship Team and Governors would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to Ms Marius-Beeko and all that she has done for the school. Her warm presence will be missed. We wish her all the very best for the future.

We should also like to wish Miss Jacobs, who is moving back to Holland, and Miss Drury, who is moving back to Australia, all the best for their future. We are also saying good-bye to Ms Spencer (Year 1), Mr Thompson (Year 6) and Ms O'Brien. We wish them the best of luck on their future.

## Thank you to our fantastic and supportive PSA

The school would like to thank our fantastic PSA for the work they have been doing through the academic year. Events such as book week (which included World Book Day) and Art Week simply wouldn't be as big and exciting if it was not for the PSA. They have also made different class opportunities possible such as discounted trips, specialist visitors and a range of resources for across the school, all of which help us to enrich the education of our children. A special mention for the PSA investment in the embankment area which has created a number of enriched educational opportunities, especially for an inner city school like ours and has helped put us in a position to apply for the eco-schools award.

## Thank you to our school governors

We would also like to say a big thank you to our governing board. Their support has been valuable this year as we work together to ensure the successful future of our wonderful school. They have worked tirelessly on a range of initiatives, the most demanding being the

work done around the ABC fund. It's been great to see them giving up their valuable time to support the school in many different ways, including their attendance at different school events.

### **Thank you to our parents**

Finally, thank you to the parents who help make this school the special school that it is. Working positively with our parents on giving our children the best possible education is very important to us.

### **To the staff**

We would like to recognise our wonderful team here at Princess Frederica. Their passion for developing young minds and supporting children at all times is vital to the success of the school.

### **ABC Governors Fund**

Hopefully you have now heard about the new improved ABC fund, launched with much enthusiasm, so we can fight to maintain some of the great things our wonderful school has to offer. Changes to Staff pensions and National Insurance have increased the schools costs by 10% this year, with further rises likely. At the same time, central government funding for schools has sadly started to plummet. Currently, we do not have sufficient funds in the budget to continue with African drumming from September, unless we raise sufficient funds. We would also very much like to continue to protect our excellent PE, music and language curriculum that we are so lucky to have, as well as being able to fund core educational needs.

These are not compulsory contributions. We ask for them because as a church school, we have to contribute towards the maintenance of our school building. Last year and the year before we only raised half of what we needed and the remainder had to come from the school budget. If we had raised the full amount, we would not have needed to cancel African drumming.

We do ask that all parents consider making some kind of payment and, for the majority, we are asking if you can make a minimum contribution of £20 per month per child. This may seem like a lot and if you cannot afford it, please do not worry but if you can, please dig deep and maybe contribute more. We need your help.

Please copy the link below in order to make your payment or look for the button on the homepage of the school website.

<https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/6771>

Many thanks for your continued support.  
The Governing Body of Princess Frederica

## Sports Day 2017

The children enjoyed our annual sports day on Thursday 29th June. Following on from this, Mr Chantler led a whole school assembly on Monday 3rd July to celebrate some of the children's achievements. Thank you to Mr Chantler for organising sports day, a successful and enjoyable occasion.



## Year 6 Graduation Ceremony

Year 6 celebrated with their graduation ceremony on Monday. The children have been also been busy rehearsing for their Leavers' assembly on Tuesday. Lots going on during a very busy and emotional time for the Year 6 children and their parents.



### School Prayer

Dear God,  
As we come to the end of this school year, we voice our gratitude for the good things you have done in us, and we praise you for all who have shared in the work of this school. We give thanks for watching over our community and pray for children's safe return to us in September,  
Amen

