

Princess Fred's Matters

"But as for you, be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded." 2 Chronicles (15:7)



Friday 8th September '17

Dear Parents and Carers,

The success of last year and the exciting year ahead

What a great week to start the new year. We've had a packed first few days with a trip to church, meet the parents sessions, assemblies and that's not mentioning the teachers working hard with their new classes ahead of an exciting year. But before looking forwards, let's reflect for a moment on the year that's been.

As a school, we were immensely proud of all of our children's achievements. We had fantastic results in Year 1 Phonics, Year 2 SATS and Year 6 SATS. Well done all! In music, over 100 children learnt an extra-curricular musical instrument and among many achievements, the boys' singing club succeeded in making it to the final round of the Brent Choir of the Year competition. In PE, there were fantastic achievements at the athletics tournament too.

Last year, the school also went through an Ofsted inspection and a SIAMS inspection and we were very happy with the outcome of both. We also had lots to celebrate through the year with a number of new initiatives introduced such as the exciting installation of solar panels on the roof; something that has prompted us to this year to move further with our commitment to becoming an eco-school. There was the launch of the new buddy system between Reception and Year 6, the development of the embankment area and much more. The school residential trips continued to be successful and were enjoyed by many. We should also mention the fantastic Book Week and Art Week; these were great occasions only made possible by the PSA.

It is impossible to recount everything fantastic that did happen last year but important to recap on highlights. Looking forward to this year, we already have lots to think about. There is further development of philosophy 4 children, a new approach to homework, work to be done on understanding fixed and growth mind set and a charge towards becoming an eco-school. Thank you to the PSA who also have a whole new set of ideas to build on returning favourites.

So, thank you for reading and for your continued support as we settle for a year ahead packed full of hard work, enjoyment, exploration and achievement.

Philosophy 4 Children

We are delighted to confirm that Nick Chandley will be leading two days of training for staff and parents in philosophy 4 children. He will be visiting the school on Tuesday 14th November and Wednesday 15th November. He will be leading sessions with parents and will be leading a session at a local pub, a new initiative mentioned in the last newsletter. This will happen in the evening on Tuesday 14th November. More information soon.

Mrs Burrell

Some of you may have noticed that Mrs Burrell has not yet returned to school after the summer holidays. At the moment, she is at home unwell and will not be back at school for at least another month. Our thoughts are with Mrs Burrell at this time and we hope you join us in wishing her a speedy recovery. Due to Mrs Burrell's absence, some financial matters may take a little longer than usual to resolve, please accept our apologies for this in advance.

School Residential Trips

We are very excited about the residential trips that all Key Stage 2 children will have the opportunity to take part in during the summer term. These residential trips help to make the school distinctive and are fantastic opportunities for the children to learn outside the classroom in a completely new environment. They are also great fun and something to really work hard towards! Please see below for dates of meetings and for when the residential trips will be taking place. Any questions, please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Year Group	Date of meeting/ presentation	Location	Date of Departure	Date of Return
Year 3	Monday 25th September '17	Lincolnsfield (2 nights)	Monday 4th June	Wednesday 6th June
Year 4	Wednesday 27th September '17	Gordon Brown (4 nights)	Monday 14th May	Friday 18th May
Year 5	Thursday 28th September '17	Ironbridge (4 nights)	Monday 11th June	Friday 15th June
Year 6	Tuesday 26th September '17	France (4 nights)	Monday 4th June	Friday 8th June

Class Assemblies

Over the coming academic year, each class will have the opportunity to take part in a class assembly. This continues the tradition from years gone by and continues to be a real highlight for the children, the teachers and the parents. It's a great occasion for the children to develop confidence in performing in front of an audience as well as showing off what they have been doing in class. We encourage parents to join us for these occasions. All dates are on the school calendar but please find dates below for when your child's class will be performing. All class assemblies start at 10:15 (please aim to be at the school at 10:10) on Friday and take place in the main school hall.

Year 5 Lisbon	6th October '17	Year 2 USA	16th March '18
Year 5 Portugal	13th October '17	Year 2 Wellington	23rd March '18
Year 6 Russia	17th November '17	Year 1 Ottawa	27th April '18
Year 6 Moscow	24th November '17	Year 1 Canada	11th May '18
Year 4 New Zealand	19th January '18	Reception Paris	15th June '18
Year 4 Wellington	26th January '18	Reception France	22nd June '18
Year 3 Australia	2nd February '18	Nursery London	6th July '18
Year 3 Canberra	9th March '18		

School Prayer

Dear God our creator,

We thank you for the gift of the child of Princess Frederica, entrusted to our care. We pray that you bless each one that they may grow in your love.

In Jesus' name we ask,

Amen



Key dates for the autumn term 2017

Date	Time	Event and Venue
Monday 4 th September '17	8:50am	School starts for all children from Year 1 to Year 6.
	10:30am (1hour)	Welcome back service at St Martin's Church for Year 1 to Year 6.
Thursday 7 th September '17	3:45pm and 4:30pm (30 mins)	Meet The Teacher in classrooms for Year 1 to Year 6 (An opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher and ask any questions you may have).
Monday 25 th September '17	3:45pm and 5:30pm (20 mins)	School Journey Presentation for Year 3 Parents in classroom (An opportunity to hear about the residential trip in 2018 and ask any questions you may have).
Tuesday 26 th September '17	3:45pm and 5:30pm (20 mins)	School Journey Presentation for Year 6 Parents in classroom (An opportunity to hear about the residential trip in 2018 and ask any questions you may have).
	6pm (45 mins)	Secondary Transfer Meeting in the main hall (Opportunity for Year 6 parents to learn more about the application process for secondary schools).
Wednesday 27 th September '17	3:45pm and 5:30pm (20 mins)	School Journey Presentation for Year 4 Parents in classroom (An opportunity to hear about the residential trip in 2018 and ask any questions you may have).
Tuesday 28 th September '17	3:45pm and 5:30pm (20 mins)	School Journey Presentation for Year 5 Parents in classroom (An opportunity to hear about the residential trip in 2018 and ask any questions you may have).
Tuesday 3 rd October '17	4pm and 6pm (1 hour)	Key Stage 1 Parent Workshops (Year 1 and 2. An opportunity to hear from phase leaders and teachers about how the children are taught, different strategies employed and how you can help at home).
Wednesday 4 th October '17	4pm and 6pm (1 hour)	Key Stage 2 Parent Workshops (Year 3, 4 and 5. An opportunity to hear from phase leaders and teachers about how the children are taught, different strategies employed and how you can help at home).
Thursday 5 th October '17	10:30am (1 hour)	Harvest Festival Church Service at St Mark's Church for Reception to Year 6.
	4pm and 6pm (1 hour)	Year 6 Parent Workshop (An opportunity to hear from phase leaders and teachers about how the children are taught, different strategies employed and how you can help at home).
Friday 6 th October '17	10:10am (30 mins)	Year 5 Lisbon class assembly.

Tuesday 10 th October '17	4pm and 6pm (1 hour)	Phonics and Early Reading Workshops (An opportunity to hear from phase leaders and teachers about how the children are taught, different strategies employed and how you can help at home).
Friday 13 th October '17	10:10am (30 mins)	Year 5 Portugal class assembly.
Monday 16 th October	All Day	Individual and Sibling Photographs for Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1.
Tuesday 17 th October	All Day	Individual and Sibling Photographs for Key Stage 2.
Wednesday 18 th October '17	2pm (1 hour)	Music Extravaganza.
Thursday 19 th October '17	2pm (1 hour)	Music Extravaganza.
Friday 20 th October '17	10:10am	Buddy Assembly (An opportunity for Reception and Year 6 parents to see the new buddies meeting each other).
Friday 20 th October '17	3:30pm	School finishes for autumn half-term.
Monday 30 th October '17	8:50am	First day back for all children.
Thursday 2 nd November '17	9am and 4pm (1 hour)	E-Safety Workshop (An opportunity to hear about e-safety with specific information on new websites being used, advice on social media and other relevant topics).
Tuesday 7 th November '17	PM	Nursery and Reception Parents Meetings by appointment.
Wednesday 8 th November '17	PM	Nursery and Reception Parent Meetings by appointment.
Friday 17 th November '17	10:10am (30 mins)	Year 6 Russia class assembly.
Friday 24 th November '17	10:10am (30 mins)	Year 6 Moscow class assembly.
Christmas Dates		
Wednesday 13 th December '17	2pm (1 hour)	Christmas Music Extravaganza.
Thursday 14 th December '17	10:30am (1 hour)	Key Stage 1 and Foundation Stage Nativity Christmas Show.
Friday 15 th December '17	1:30pm (1 hour)	Key Stage 1 and Foundation Stage Nativity Christmas Show.
Monday 18 th December '17	2pm (1 hour)	Christmas Music Extravaganza.
Wednesday 20 th December '17	10:30am (1 hour)	End of term service at St Martin's Church for Reception to Year 6 children.
	1:30pm	End of term for all children.
Start of the spring term 2018		
Wednesday 3 rd January '18	All Day	Parent and Teacher meetings all day by appointment in classrooms.
Thursday 4 th January '18	8:50am	First day back of the spring term 2018 for all children.