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Dear parents and carers,

It has already been a busy start to 2022! See below for information on our busy PSHE week, our music assembly and lots of sporting events. There are also quite a few trips coming up for different classes in the next month, including to Burgh House, the National Gallery, the Buddhist Centre, Belsize Park Synagogue, the Museum of London and the City Learning Centre. Thank you very much to the parents who offer to come with us on our trips – we really couldn't do this without your help!

We are also beginning to plan ahead for an Arts Project later this term, creating a souvenir for all children to keep to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We are planning to hold a Jubilee church service for the whole school and all families at 11am on Friday 27th May when we will be sharing all the children's work for the Jubilee. We want to make this a memorable occasion for the children, so we have already invited the Mayor of Camden to our service and we'd love to see as many families as possible there – a date for your diaries!



It has also been a busy start to the year in terms of COVID cases, too – thank you to parents for their support with daily testing for close contacts, home learning for children at home and for their understanding of changes of staffing and arrangements at short notice. Let's hope for a better month to come.

With best wishes and many thanks for your ongoing support,
Katy Forsdyke, Head teacher

Looking ahead to our PSHE week...



This week is our PSHE week in school where we will all be focusing on **Keeping Healthy and Safe!**

Different classes will be learning about topics ranging from healthy eating and the importance of exercise and getting enough sleep to rail, road, scooter, bike, medicine and water safety. We have a wide range of organisations coming in to school to support the teaching and learning, including the local police, the Canal and River Trust,

Camden's Safer Travel team, Network Rail and First Aid trainers. It promises to be a busy week, including Wake and Shake every day!

The week will include so much vital learning and information for the children and we would really like them to share and continue their learning at home with families. For that reason, we will be sending home all the children's PSHE work in a folder at the end of the week and we will be asking parents to talk with their children about the important safety and healthy living messages, as part of their homework. The folder will also include a range of parent leaflets and information on some of the topics we have covered over the week. We hope you find them useful.

Online safety days – 9th and 10th February

The whole school will be focusing on keeping safe online and being a respectful and responsible digital citizen on 9th and 10th February, with assemblies, workshops and reminders about our school agreements about acceptable use of the internet and devices in school. There will be a parent workshop (for parents of all ages) run by an expert from the Camden City Learning Centre on Thursday 10th February.

World Book Day! - 3rd March

Children can dress up as a book character to celebrate World Book Day, if they would like to. Some children and parents love this and some are less keen, so we don't do the dressing up every year – make the most of it this year, if you love it! We will also be promoting reading with the Friends second hand book sale, trips to Waterstones to buy new books for the classrooms and lots of reading and talking about books in school!



COVID reminders

Please continue to help to keep everyone healthy by:

- keeping your child at home if they are unwell and booking a PCR test if they have any COVID symptoms
- letting us know by email if your child will not be in school for any reason
- doing daily LFD testing for your child for seven days if anyone in your household tests positive for COVID (your child should still come to school as long as they test negative each day)

We will continue to inform parents of each positive case in the class or if we have been advised to put in place any additional measures.

Dates

February

Monday 31st January – Friday 4th February – PSHE week:
Keeping healthy and safe
Wake and Shake every day!

Thursday 3rd, 3.30 – 5.30 – Parent Workshop on Emergency First Aid (please sign up at the school office)

Week beginning 7th – KS2 times table challenge this week



Music assembly

We all enjoyed another super music assembly last month where we heard performers from across the school playing the violin, piano, guitar and ukulele.

It's always wonderful for us all to hear children play at all stages from beginner to expert – well done and thank you to all the musicians!



Sports events!



Groups from three classes have been busy after school taking part in Camden sports events over the last month. Year 3s and Year 5s took part in dodgeball competitions and Year 6s enjoyed taking part in an inclusive badminton event with other schools. Well done to all the children who have taken part!



Information and reminders

Updating our photo consent information

It is two years since we last asked parents to sign photo consent forms to allow us to use their children's photos in our newsletters and on our website. This means we need to remind you that you can review, change or withdraw your consent at any time. (New parents have been asked to complete the form when their child joined the school.) If you would like to be reminded of whether you gave consent previously or would like to make any changes to your form, please contact the school office. **If you do not contact us, we will assume you do not want to make any changes and continue to use the consent form you previously signed.** A copy of the blank form is attached with this newsletter for your information.

Updated Privacy Notice

We have updated our Privacy Notice which explains how we use information about pupils and parents/carers. The updated notice can be found on our website [here](#).

Spring Term Class Assemblies

It was wonderful to welcome parents back to class assemblies last term. Dates for this term's class assemblies are below – they are all at 10am in the school hall. **Please note the new dates for Y6 and Y2.**

Wednesday 9th February – Y6 class assembly
 Friday 11th February – Year 1 class assembly
 Thursday 24th February – Year 2 class assembly
 Friday 25th February – Year 4 class assembly
 Friday 4th March – Year 3 class assembly
 Thursday 17th March – Year 5 class assembly
 Friday 25th March – Reception class assembly

Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th – Online Safety Days

Thursday 10th, 9-10am – Parent workshop on online safety – all parents very welcome

Monday 14th – Friday 18th – Half term

Monday 21st – KS2 spelling challenge this week

Friday 25th, eve – Friends' disco – **NEW DATE**

Sunday 27th, 11am – Children in Church service – school choir singing

March

Thursday 3rd – World Book Day, Dress up as a book character, if you'd like to. Friends second hand book sale: bring any good quality second hand children's books and £5 in coins to spend in our sale. All proceeds go to the Friends Association

Monday 14th, eve – Choir Festival event – details tbc

Friday 18th – INSET day – no children in school – staff training day

Week beginning Monday 21st – last clubs and booster sessions this week

Wednesday 23rd, 3.30 – 7.30pm – Parents evening

Thursday 24th, 3.30 – 6pm – Parents evening

Friday 25th – Wear a Hat day! Wear any hat (the sillier the better!) and bring a donation for Brain Tumour Research charity

Sunday 27th, 11am – Children in Church service – school choir singing

April

Friday 1st, 11.15am – end of term service in Church – all welcome

Friday 1st, midday – children home for holidays

Tuesday 19th – all children back to school for summer term

Helping children remember what they learn! We have been thinking about how we can help ourselves to remember what we learn. We thought it might be helpful to share with parents one tip for helping us learn and remember new facts and skills in each of the next few newsletters:

Memory tip number 1

If you learn a new fact in more than one different way this helps you to transfer this fact to your long term memory and make connections to it. You could draw a picture, do something active, write it down or even sing a song about what you've learnt. This is why we often learn songs about what we've been learning and rehearse them to share in our class assemblies or why we draw pictures to help us remember a sequence of events in history!