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Happy Friday!

What a lovely first week back it has been! The sun has shone and Spring is in full swing! We continue to monitor Covid-related updates and guidance and are planning to be able to take the next steps back towards normality as soon as we are able to.

Enrichment Clubs... One of the aspects of school life that we are longing to re-start is our enrichment clubs. Although the guidance states that such clubs can begin again, the detail within the guidance for schools creates several obstacles for us. The three key factors that have prevented us from re-launching are:

- Our indoor clubs would currently have to operate as single year group bubbles and this makes many unviable at the moment;
- Some clubs, such as football, hockey and tennis, run at off-site facilities, who are not yet in a position to welcome us back;
- Our After School Care Club operates with restricted indoor space due to the zoning in the hall so we are giving them priority on the outdoor space so that the children can stay as active as possible.

When the guidance enables us to mix children again, it will remove some if not all of these obstacles. In the meantime, we are in contact with all club providers and will begin to introduce individual clubs as soon as we can.

The Big Pedal 2021... I just want to draw your attention to the other attachment sent with this newsletter – news of involvement in the Sustrans Big Pedal 2021. Please do get involved if you can!

The Three Little Birds... On the 28th April it will be exactly one year since we shared the Three Little Birds story. A year on, to celebrate the fact that we are back together and moving ever closer to normality, every child has designed their own little bird to represent their place in our school family. The display, in the foyer, looks beautiful and is a timely celebration of the journey we have been on together and the joy of where we find ourselves today.



Have a lovely weekend, Andy Bowman

Climate Corner... This week I wanted to add my thanks to the Climate Corner section because over the next few weeks certain parts of our grounds will come alive with beautiful wildflowers all planted by members of the FACE group over the Easter holiday. FACE write Climate Corner each week and do so much work in the background to improve our environment our habits, as well as playing a key part in the climate emergency response across the city. Thank you! Now over to them...

At pick-up time, keep an eye on what's starting to come up in the various flower beds around the school. Over the Easter holidays, a group of parents and children sowed some wildflower meadow areas, to provide food for more bees, butterflies and birds. We're hoping they will be buzzing with life by early summer. The daisies and dandelions coming up in the mean time are providing both an early source of nectar for pollinators, as well as a time-honoured source of entertainment for the children. Treating them as wildflowers means we have a lot less weeding to do in our gardens too, happy days!

Love

Courage

Creativity

Joy



Message from the PTFA...Hi Everyone,

We hope you all had a lovely Easter Break and are feeling refreshed and happy with all this lovely sunshine and restrictions slowly beginning to lift. We felt it was the right time for a mini outside second hand uniform sale, this is just a reminder we will be holding the sale next week on the green from 2.30pm on Monday (Reception - Y2) and Wednesday (Y3-Y6). Full details in PTFA email sent out separately.

We are still looking for volunteers for the PTFA team - Chairs, Co-Chairs (can be 2,3 or 4 of you!) and a Secretary to hand over to. We would love to be able to do a handover with the new lovely people taking over this summer term and support you as much as possible so you aren't thrown in at the deep end in September. Please do get in touch if you think you can help us and most importantly help the school. On average it's probably only a couple of hours a week (some weeks nothing at all) but when organising events and holding PTFA meetings more time is needed, but there is a great team in place with lots of fab parents who offer their help for specific events. So please don't be daunted by the prospect of lots of work, because it can be as much or as little time that you can devote to it, everyone helps out! Drop me an email; karinbaxter@gmail.com and we can meet for a coffee and chat.

Karin & Sam PTFA Co-Chairs

Pasta Uliana...We are now offering pasta classes at the Pasta Laboratory in Camden, as well as pasta party classes at your own home, including a three course meal served by our own chef. We are now taking bookings for May 17th onwards and we are very excited to get going after our first three bookings. These are very unique and fun experiences catered for all ages. For more information you can visit our website www.PastaUliana.co.uk and Pasta Uliana on Instagram, or call Federico directly on 07791256635. We can't wait to share our love and knowledge for artisan pasta with you! Ciao.

Diary Dates Reminder...

April

26th - Second Hand Uniform Sale for KS1 at 2.30pm on The Green

28th - Second Hand Uniform Sale for KS2 at 2.30pm on The Green

May

27th - End of Term 5 for pupils

28th - Inset Day

June

7th - Term 6 begins

July

21st - Last day of Term 6

2021-22 Inset Days...

Thursday 2nd September 2021

Friday 3rd September 2021

Monday 1st November 2021

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Monday 6th June 2022

DoodleMaths News...

Welcome back everyone. DoodleMaths homework has returned and we are expecting the children to be using the app, practising their maths skills at home and getting into the 'green zone'. Any technical difficulties please get in touch with the school or contact the DoodleMaths team through the website.

Teachers will be rewarding children in class for the efforts they have made and each week one child will then be chosen to receive the DoodleMaths trophy.

This week we have started the celebrations and here are the first week's wonderful doodlers!

Reception: Nicholas G

F3 Max

F4 Joe

F5 Ada

F6 Rudy

F7 Lizzie

F8 Logan

F9 Reggie

F10 Lucas

F11 Eva

F12 Saskia

F13 Emily

F14 Rory

Happy doodling!

Carol Foster