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Newsletter 30

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Happy Friday!

Modeshift Award... As you may have seen on Twitter, we were recently awarded the Modeshift Bronze Award. The Modeshift programme supports and recognises schools who are working to change school transport habits, in order to make the journey to and from school as safe and healthy as possible for our children.



As I have said before, I have been so impressed with, and grateful for, everybody's efforts this year to embrace new ways to get to and from school and the reduction in traffic around the school has made a significant difference to the cleanliness of the air and level of safety for our children. This award recognises all those collective efforts and puts us in a really strong position to be able to push on to silver!

I would particularly like to thank parent Liz Rees who has put a great deal of time and energy into supporting us with this. It is something for the whole school community to be very proud of.

Driving Habits... In order to keep building upon the progress we have made so far, please can I urge parents and carers who have no alternative but to use the car for the school run to maintain a 'Walking Bubble' by parking a 10 minute walk away from school? There have been several occasions recently, particularly when the weather has been inclement, that Richmond Place has briefly returned to the dangerous rat-run that it has been in the past.

Please take every step you can to plan ahead and keep your car away from school and let's continue to keep the streets immediately surrounding the school as safe as possible for our children. Thank you for your ongoing support with this.

Farewell Michelle... I am sad to be letting you know that at May half term, Mrs Kops will be leaving us. She has been part of our team for 19 years and in that time has shown great care and commitment to hundreds of children. She has decided that the time has come to pause for a while and look ahead to new adventures (I have already made it very clear that coming back in to help out and hear readers could be one of those adventures!).

Mrs Kops has been a much-loved member of the school family and I know you will want to join me in wishing her lots of love and luck for the future.

Have a lovely weekend, Andy Bowman

Love

Courage

Creativity

Joy



Photographs... Class photos will be taken outside in the playground next **Friday 14th May**. This year the photographs will be taken by professional photographer and parent, Dan Burnham.

<http://www.londonphotographer.co.uk>

The photographer will also be coming back to take individual and sibling photos (again they will be taken outside) over two days on **Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th June**.

PTFA News...

We will keep this short and sweet! THANK YOU! Thank you to everyone that came and bought from the secondhand uniform sale (even in the hail and pouring rain!) THANK YOU to those of you that helped set up, sell and pack up! THANK YOU to everyone that came in our hour of need and offered help clearing and got drenched with us, it means a lot to us when people step up to help us unexpectedly and thank you Mr Cox too and to the lovely mum for the Tarpaulin loan - I mean to have that in the boot of your car was just pure luck! Finally, a thank you to those who helped to dry up the uniform and put it all away in storage, no one sees all the work that goes into uniform sales and we really appreciate all your support.

We will not be taking any more uniform orders/sales, we will continue to accept donations in EXCELLENT condition and tops with logos please as these are the only items that sell and we do not have the time or resources to store everything.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend!
Karin & Sam

Diary Dates Reminder...

May

14th – Class photographs

27th – End of Term 5 for pupils

28th – Inset Day

June

7th – Term 6 begins

9-11th – Year 6 residential trip to Abernant

14th & 15th – Individual and sibling photos

July

21st – Last day of Term 6

September

Thursday 2nd – Inset Day

Friday 3rd – Inset Day

Monday 6th – School opens to pupils

(Items in bold are new to the list)

DoodleMaths News...

Well done to both Year One classes - both joint top of the school DoodleMaths leaderboard!

F8 and F13 are joint second with F5 closely on our tail!

This week's individual class trophy winners are listed below. Well done everyone!

Reception Charlotte

F3 Naomi

F4 Georgia

F5 Alan

F6 Ethan

F7 Poppy

F8 Esme

F9 Sophie

F10 Chloe

F11 Harry

F12 Tutku

F13 Noah

F14 Fin