

## Parent Newsletter



6<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

### **Christmas is a coming!**

The school is a hive of activity as the festive season is upon us. Preparations are now fully underway for the Christmas production with rehearsals taking place and support for costume requirements sent out to parents. Your support with this is much appreciated as we lost all the costumes the school had accumulated over the years due to damage in the storage area where they were stored during the school expansion works.

We have now sent out parent mail communication

inviting you to purchase tickets on line to come and watch the production next week. On the day you will sign off on a list to enter the concert. If your name is not on the list you will be turned away as under health and safety we can only accommodate 100 guests per presentation. We have increased the number of performances to four with a day set aside for parents with young children and then adults only. Each year we ask parents to respect the fact that under health and safety we are only able to accommodate 100 seats per performance and that as the production involves every child in the school the length of the production will be at least 90 minutes. However each year we gave guests walk out after watching their own child thus disrespecting the contributions of the whole performance and involvement of all the children.



**Please note if you have purchase a ticket it is to watch the WHOLE production!**

This year we have managed to arrange for all the children in Year 1 and 2 to have the fantastic opportunity to see a pantomime in a real theatre. The children were taken to the Watford Palace Theatre on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December to watch Beauty and the Beast. A great time was had by all.

### **Sewa Day**

Thanks for supporting our Sewa Day appeal this year with the Second hand toy sale in aid of the children of Great Ormond Street. In addition to the money raised from the sale of toys which amounted to £361.33 we also received a generous donation of £294.50 from members of our school community. The total amount raised and donated on behalf of Kenmore Park Infant & Nursery was £655.83

For Children In Need and Outright 2016 in total we raised £609.01 (this too included a generous donation of £250 from a member of our school community).

We held a cake sale and non-uniform day which raised £301.04 in total which will be used to purchase treats for the children for Santa, costumes for our school production and raffle prizes for our Christmas children's raffle.

## Christmas Fair

The PTA hosted a successful Christmas Fair on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, when Santa made an appearance in the Grotto. The children seemed to enjoy the face painting, art and craft activities and most of all meeting Santa and the donkey rides. Huge thanks to Sharon Poultney and the Ayan Hassan, Chair of the PTA for organising the fun community event.



Ho Ho Ho, Merry Christmas !

## Hot School Meals



Christmas Lunch will be served to the Infant School pupils on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December. The menu and an order form is being sent out, if you would like your child to have a school Christmas meal make sure the relevant form and money (where applicable) is sent in by the last submission date indicated.

## Attendance

Please note the timings of the school day:

It is important to ensure that children attend school regularly and equally importantly on time – NOT LATE!!!!



**Nursery** a.m. session: 8.45 – 11.45 a.m.

Nursery p.m. session: 12.45 – 3.45 p.m.

***From Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November the Reception classes have introduced a soft start with the door opening 5 minutes earlier allowing parents to drop their children off from 8.45 a.m.***

**Reception:** 8.45 a.m. – 3.15 p.m.

Years 1 & 2 (KS1): 8.50 a.m. – 3.20 p.m.

The school term will end on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 2.15 p.m. so please make sure that you make any Christmas holiday plans to commence after that day, especially our families who may be planning to travel abroad to spend the holidays with family members overseas. The school will not be authorising any leave and any parents who decide to remove the children before the end of term could face a penalty notice, a minimum of a £60 fine per child.

During the month of **November** the following classes have received certificates for the best class attendance each week and then for the overall month: **Ghana Class.**

Week	Class	% attendance
01 - 04 November	Clownfish	99.1
07 – 11 November	Mexico	99.3
14 – 18 November	Seahorse	98.95
21 – 25 November	Mexico	100
28 Nov – 02 December	Caterpillar	98.45
November	Ghana	

## School term dates.



### AUTUMN TERM 2016

Last day Of Term

- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December

### SPRING TERM 2017

First Day of Term for pupils

Half Term

Last day Of Term

- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb
- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March

### SUMMER TERM 2017

First Day of Term for pupils

May Day bank holiday

Half Term

Last day Of Term

- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May
- Monday 29<sup>th</sup> - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July

### **INSET (staff training days)**

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2017

**\*Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2017**

**\*Please note of you have children in the Junior School this year one of the INSET days is different.**

**Remember each school term ends at 2.15 p.m.**

**(Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2016 / Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 and Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017).**

### **Other diary dates for the autumn term:**

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** –. (time to be confirmed) Christmas production for parents with children under 4yrs accompanying (a morning and afternoon performance).

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – A morning and afternoon performance of the school Christmas production.

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – School Community Christmas Carol concert in the afternoon

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – Children's Christmas parties.

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December** – Non-uniform day - Wear your Christmas jumper day & donate £1.

### **School Travel Plan**

**As an accredited **GOLD** travel plan school we continue to promote WOW – Walk on Wednesday encouraging every child/family to walk or park away from the school and walk to school at least every Wednesday.**

Each month we will celebrate by announcing the class with the most pupils walking to school on Wednesdays during that specific month.



Later in the year we will host events to support walking, scooter or cycling and we will invite parents/careers to join us for those events too.

## New Workshop for parents starting in the New Year.

In January we will be running the following workshops for parents in collaboration with the Junior School.

# Home-Start MoneySmart

Based on the *Made of Money* programme

*making your money go further*

### Relaxed group workshops, or one-on-one support

✚ ... using taste tests, games and activities

### Gain confidence

✚ ... with credit, debt, bills and budgets

### Save, the fun way!

✚ ... share top tips to beat the big brands

### Improve communication

✚ ... with your family and others, around finances

### Give your kids a head start

✚ ... learning for the future about money



Parent who attended the course: *"The impact this is having on me and my life, and how I am looking and learning about personal finances and planning for our future, feels so good . . . I appreciate the money we have much more now and what we do with it . . . Life feels so much more balanced and the negative feelings of being ashamed, fearful, stressed, of never having enough and being out of control have now gone. I really appreciate having been on this life changing course and feel everyone would benefit from this fresh, new look at managing their money whatever their stage in life."*

To book your place, please contact

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# **FINAL REMINDER - School Admissions for September 2017**

Refer to attached guidance on applying for schools

Closing and offer dates for all three applications phases are in the table below with the relevant Admission Officer's contact details:

<b>Transfer Phase</b>	<b>Closing Date</b>	<b>Offer Date</b>
Secondary	31 October 2016*	March 2017
Infant to Junior	15 January 2017	April 2017
Reception	15 January 2017	April 2017

\* We strongly recommend that applications are submitted to the Civic Centre, online by **FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup> January 2016** and all forms received by this date will be accepted as on time.

## **Job Vacancy**

### **As and When Lunch Time Staff & Cleaners required**

Are you interested in some casual work as and when the school requires staff cover, then why not pop into the school office and pick up a job description and application form.



We are looking for a hard working experienced person to join our Lunch time supervisors or cleaning staff as and when required (covering sickness and annual leave of permanent staff).

The working time are 11.50 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. for lunch time staff or

3.30 – 5.30 p.m. for cleaning staff.

If you are interested please request an application form from the school Finance Officer – Mrs. Nathwani

**All completed applications must include a written supporting statement.**



**Closing date:** 9 a.m. Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017

**Shortlisting & interviews** commence from the week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> January & 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Please note that candidates will not be interviewed if references are not received prior to the formal interview. So please ensure that you have informed your referee before writing their name on the application form.