



Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome back to a new academic year! What a busy summer we have had and I am sure you will all agree how amazing the London 2012 Olympics and Paralympics Games have been. I am sure you were all totally gripped by the events which took place and hopefully our children will all be inspired to participate in a variety of sports. We hope you have had an enjoyable summer and are now keen to help your child settle back into school life quickly and effortlessly. All the staff are looking forward to getting the new year underway. We again welcome our new members of staff; Miss Brereton, Mrs Evans, Mrs Miller, Miss Duxbury, Mrs Marsden, Mrs Newton, Mrs Styles, Mrs Willesden and Mr MacKinnon.

SUMMER SCHOOL

A big thank you to Mrs Dewhurst (nee Miss McKee), Miss Bryan, Mrs Cann and Mrs Gudgeon for running this summer school for some of our Year 5 children. The four days were a great success both academically and socially. During the mornings the children concentrated on mathematical and English sessions and the afternoons were able to enjoy practical fun activities.

PARADISE AT THE PARALYMPICS!

It all started with an early morning. At the crack of dawn, we woke up all excited but sleepy. With a day in London ahead, once at King's Cross, we made our way to the High Speed Javelin, named after Olympic rower, Ben Ainslie. We then took 7 minutes to reach the gates of the Olympic Park. Security took less time than expected, a difference of about 1 hour 50 minutes! After looking at a number of attractions we swiftly walked with anticipation towards the Olympic Stadium! Due to our early arrival, we received VIP treatment. Quickly, we found our seats and slowly watched the stadium fill up. Eventually, the events started with a warm welcome and lots of screaming. We had a perfect view of the Men's F11 Triple Long Jump. All athletes that competed in the Long Jump were completely blind. Every time he was about to compete, China's Duan Li ripped off his trousers which amused the whole stadium, while granting himself the award of crowd favourite.

Everyone was cheering when Hannah Cockcroft won her heats and Beverley Jones received Bronze in the Women's Discus and did her lap of honour.

When the Games came to an end, we realised that four World Records had been broken! Tummies rumbling we started to explore the Olympic Park, stopping off at Europe's largest McDonalds. Once refreshed, we took in all the sights and sounds.

To summarise, the atmosphere was electric, the athletes were inspirational and even the architecture and gardens gave us tingles. Everyone got involved with their once in a life time opportunity!

By Georgia and Katie



IMPORTANT— PUPIL INFORMATION FORMS (yellow)

You will appreciate that we need to keep our records up to date in order that we can contact you in any emergency. Please return these by **Tuesday 11th September**, reaffirming or amending your consents. **Also, as some of you will be aware, we now operate a Call Parents system in school. This allows us to send e-mails or texts direct to parents' home computers/mobile phones. Please ensure you provide us with your latest e-mail address/mobile phone number and always inform us of any changes.**

START OF DAY PROCEDURES

The arrangements welcoming children into school from 8.50am will continue this term. Entry to the school for all children is now from Huntingtower Road. Please ensure that children do not get to school before that time as there is no one to supervise them. Thank you for your co-operation.

Staff will be around to greet your child so please use this opportunity to talk to your child's teacher about any concerns. Please ensure your children get to school after 8.50am but before 9.00am.

IMPORTANT REMINDER!

All children are encouraged to bring a healthy snack to school to eat during morning break. As a "Healthy School", we suggest fruit, vegetables (cut into sticks) or perhaps fruit breads or cereal bars. **Children who have hot school lunches should also remember to bring a mid-morning snack.**

Free school fruit for all children is available and eaten daily during the day. KS1 children eat theirs in the afternoon.

CURRICULUM LETTERS

Letters outlining what your child will be doing this term will be out next week. Please spend a few moments to read them to see how you can support their learning.

HELPERS IN SCHOOL

We welcome family members into school to help in the classrooms listening to readers or helping with activities. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you would like to come in to help. CRB clearance would need to be obtained and a form is available from the School Office.

RED CALENDAR

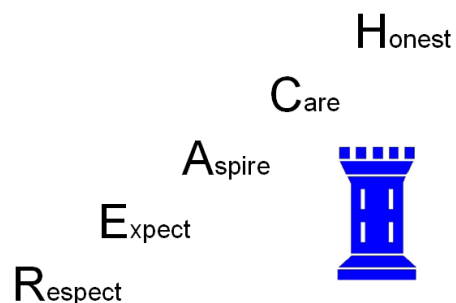
There will shortly be a copy of our red calendar detailing all dates and activities so far agreed for this academic year. Please keep it in a safe place to refer to throughout the coming months.

TRAINING DAYS FOR STAFF

We have two training days this term; they are Friday 26th October and Friday 23rd November. School will be closed to children on both these occasions. There will also be one further Training Day in January.

Diary Dates

School Photographer	Wed 26 th Sept
Break up for half term	Thurs 25 th Oct
INSET for staff	Friday 26 th Oct
Return to school	Mon 5 th November



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