



From Mrs Silke

Dear Parents and Carers,

From John R Phillipson

The Governors met last week to have an in depth look at the attainment and progress data for last year. Ms Silke was able to talk governors through some of the challenges that face the school in ensuring as many children as possible reach their expected levels at the end of each key stage. We were also able to celebrate some of the improvements in outcomes. As ever, a large part of the meeting was taken up examining how the school is using its resources to maximise the outcomes for our children.

As you will know, from the news, school budgets are being put under huge pressure whilst the need to keep improving standards continues to be as great as ever. This leaves all schools trying to walk a very thin line between operating a viable budget and maximising outcomes. The governors agreed that the completion of the library space on the first floor of the new building has to be completed and we have committed to finding the funds and resources to use that space for the benefit of the whole school community as soon as possible.

On behalf of all the governors may we wish you a happy and productive new school year.

John R Phillipson

Vice Chair Local Governing Body

It has been lovely seeing you at the 'meet the teacher' events and the Year 2 and Year 6 SATs evenings this week. Thank you so much for your support in your children's learning.

I would like to get your feedback on the timing of the meetings as we have had very variable, and some very positive attendance at the 8.45am, 3.00pm and also the 5pm meetings. I realise that it is difficult regarding your work and family commitments (particularly if there are younger siblings).

Unfortunately, we are limited on the 5pm options due to the hall spaces with the Television / IT Screens being used for lettings and After School Club, as well as the class teacher, phase leader and Senior Leadership Team meetings that happen after school every week.

Before school isn't an option, because although teachers start arriving from 6.45am onwards, they do so to get everything ready for your children's lessons.

I would therefore be really grateful if you could express your preference for the above timings by returning the slip on the letter that has been sent home today (11th October) and return it to school by the end of next week – Friday 20th October. This will then enable us to plan Parent events more effectively and choose times that suit the majority of you.

Homework at Oval

Your Feedback: Many thanks for your comments on the parent questionnaire. It has been interesting to note, as the questionnaires are returned, that many of you feel that our homework expectations are too high, whereas a smaller number of you feel that there is not enough homework. It is very common in schools

to have this split in parental expectations. We will be reviewing the Homework policy in light of this feedback and get back to you asap.

Maths: Apologies, for the delay, in the setting of maths homework. This has been due to the transition to the mathletics online homework, which I know your children will love. It can be accessed on a range of devices, however rest assured we will be putting something in place for children who do not have access to such devices at home.

I am delighted to say that the log-ins are now sorted for all your children and so you will be receiving a letter with your child's log-in on Friday 20th October 2017.

Get Spelling: The delivery of Get Spelling log books for spelling homework for Year 2 to Year 6 was also unfortunately delayed but is expected before the end of this week so this homework will resume next week.

Key Dates for your Diaries

Please can I draw your attention to this dates section at the end of every Newsletter.

We always hold the first formal Parent's Consultations early in January (please see the table), as the first formal assessments of your children's progress are done in December when we assess their progress since the beginning of term. You will get a mini report on these results before Christmas. We expect every parent to sign up for an appointment so please get these dates in your diaries now.

Near Miss Accident - Yellow Zig Zags parking



Once again, I must strongly request that parents do **NOT** park on the yellow zig-zags outside the school at either entrance please.

We have had 2 near misses this week involving a cyclist and Ark Oval children. We have informed Croydon Borough Council and they have promised to do random spot checks with the camera cars. However, the main deterrent should

be that we do not want any child to be injured or worse, killed. Child Safety is a priority for us all.

East Croydon Community Organisation (ECCO) Community Clean Up of Leslie Park and Oval Road on Sunday 15th

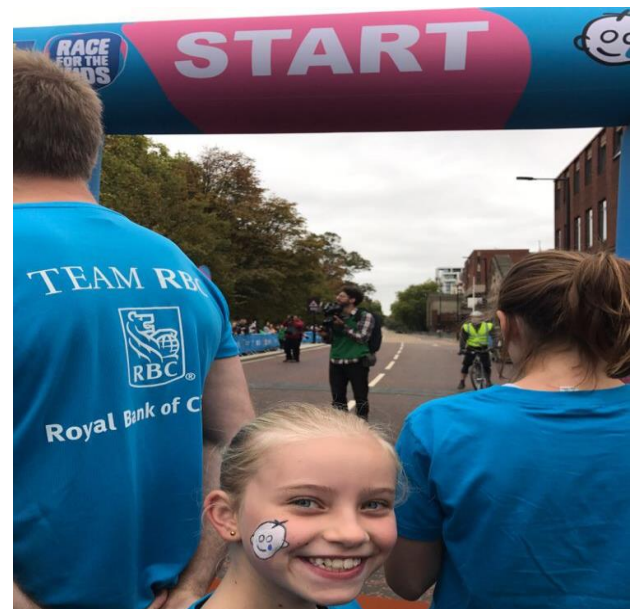
October from 12.00-13.30 - Please meet at the Oval Tavern. This will include the alleyway next to the school, Oval Rd entrance. If anyone is interested in helping please contact Jerry Fitzpatrick on 07768 287 197 or jerryfitzmsp@gmail.com. The event will include the ECCO Big Afternoon Tea from 13:30 in the Oval Tavern.

Great Ormond Street Hospital - (GOSH) fundraiser

Finally big shout out to Maci in Year 4 for her brilliant achievement below.

Maci completed her race in 28 minutes 48 seconds which is a few seconds better than last year!! The fundraising is at around £650 at the moment but she has a few more sponsors to collect.

Thank you to everyone that contributed last Friday in the Hero Mufti Day and purchasing all the cakes after school.



Ali Silke

Headteacher

Attendance awards 

From Monday 2nd October to Friday 6th October 2017

The highest attending class in KS1

(including EYFS) was: **Potter**

The highest attending class in KS2 was: **Hill**

These classes get to display the attendance cups proudly in their classrooms for all to see until Friday 13th October 2017



Our Value last week was: *Resilience*

The following children demonstrated this value this week and each received a certificate in assembly. Well done!

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| BLAKE | Constantine Atasiei |
| O'KEEFFE | Hasan Suruliz |
| SEUSS | Sesali Kaluthanthrige |
| BOWIE | Sky Jordan |
| GILL | Milo Brown |
| WONDER | Tudor Diaconu |
| POTTER | Tariq Jules |
| ROSEN | Jorge Ventura Garcia |
| ZEPHANIAH | Daisy Stone |
| HILL | Ronnie Straker |
| LEWIS | Jathniel Joseph Antony |
| WEIR | Eleanor Avery |
| DARWIN | Taylor Munt |
| HAWKING | Darek Lewandowski |
| LOVELACE | Ayan Islam |
| DAVIS | Ryan Ferhaoui |
| PERKINS | Mason Andrews |
| PARKS | Favour Lawani |
| MANDELA | Samir Ghezally |

Key Dates for your Diaries

Please see important dates below for your Diary:

Date and Time	Location	Event
Tuesday 17 th October KS2 8.30-9.30am	Lower Hall	Maths KS2 Workshop
Wednesday 18 th October 8.30 – 9.30am	Lower Hall	English Workshop
Wednesday 15 th November 8.30 – 9.30	Lower Hall	Maths KS1 Workshop
Friday 8 th December	SCHOOL CLOSED	INSET DAY
Friday 15 th December 3.30 – 5.30	Playgrounds	Christmas Fair
18 th & 19 th December 2017 Times to be advised	Old Building Halls	Christmas performances
Wednesday 20 th December 2017	Playground Dismissal	Last Day of Term Finish at 1.30 pm
Tuesday 2 nd January 2018	SCHOOL CLOSED	INSET DAY
Wednesday 3 rd January 2018	Usual Entry Points	First day of Spring Term
Tuesday 9 th & Thursday 11 th January 2018 4.00 to 6.00pm	Classrooms	Parent Consultations