



From Mrs Silke

Dear Parents and Carers,

We were thrilled to see so many of you turn up on Thursday's World Book Day celebration for the parents and carers reading breakfast.



It was also lovely to see so many children dressed up as their favourite character, or in their 'book at bedtime' pyjamas!

As Jeannette Winterson, the famous author, says: "Teach a child to read and *keep that child reading* and you will change everything. And I mean everything." As a head teacher, I have always felt that our core purpose in school is not just to teach children to read,

but to work in partnership with you, as parents and carers, to *inspire* children to want to read, so that they become readers for life. James Patterson says: "There's no such thing as a kid who hates reading. There are kids who love reading and kids who are reading the wrong books." Your child's class teacher and the librarians at Croydon Library, are happy to advise on your child's book choice, if you feel you and your child need help with this.

Every class is having the chance to visit Croydon Library, to raise awareness of this wonderful resource for children and families. Not only is there a fabulous selection of wonderful books for children, but there are often special events such as storytelling workshops for families. Thank you to all parents and carers who have helped to accompany these visits. It is crucial that Croydon Library is well used, to prevent it from being closed, as has tragically happened to many other London libraries.

As you can see the children and staff really entered the spirit of the event, during the special world book day assemblies.



School Photos

I am pleased to tell you, that we have now booked a photographer to take individual pictures of your children on Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st March. Apologies for the delay on this, which has been due to the need for a hall on both days, as well as needing to secure a new school photographer.

School Uniform

We recently sent home a reminder of expectations regarding our school uniform policy, and I would like to thank you for helping us to ensure are children are smart and proud of their uniform and PE kit.

It would really help us to improve further, if you could remind your children of the need to have their shirts tucked in, especially after visiting the bathroom.

The school policy on jewellery and especially earrings is, as with most schools, for health and safety reasons. Children may only wear plain small studs please. If your child is wearing any other earrings they will be asked to remove them and they will be returned at home time.

This Week's Spirit Value is...

Perseverance

Green dojos and spirit awards will be given this week to children who show that they never give up, even when they find things difficult. Great learners know that pushing themselves makes them better and they can always improve and achieve more.

Examples of how perseverance can be demonstrated are as follows:

Children develop an 'I can' attitude, and keep practising even when they are good at something.

Children accept mistakes as a step to success.

Children never give up and if stuck, strive to think of new ways to do things and solve problems, sometimes working with others, to ensure they achieve their goal.

Apologies, but there was an error on the key dates in the last newsletter. The first day back in the Easter term for children is Wednesday 19th April, as Tuesday 18th is an INSET day, as previously communicated.

Hope you all had a great weekend.

With best wishes

Ali Silke

Principal

Our SPIRIT value of the week last week was

Thankfulness

The following children demonstrated this value last week and each received a certificate in assembly.

Swansea	Ryan Yoga
Warwick	Richard Oke
Bath	Sukunan Sutharsan
Manchester	Noor E-Sehar Ali
York	Aditi Pasam
Roehampton	Damian Adamiec
Exeter	Rayihan Kibuye
Liverpool	Yau Hei Ng
Winchester	Keira Cadoza
Canterbury	Amira Charles
Brighton	Pathushini Kanesamoorthy
Dundee	Lena Skwarska
Durham	Efrac Katumba
Aberdeen	Nevaeh Shepherd
Glasgow	Favour Lawani
Westminster	Shiloh Ngidiwe
Oxford	Ayo Agoro
Cambridge	Kiarn Wontumi

This week's attendance awards

From Monday 27th February to Friday 3rd March 2017

The highest attending class in KS1

(including EYFS) is: **Warwick/Winchester (100%)**

The highest attending class in KS2 is:

Brighton/Glasgow (100%)

These classes get to display the attendance cups proudly in their classrooms for all to see until Friday 10th March 2017

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES FOR THIS TERM

INSET DAY: School closed Friday 17th March

School Photos: Mon 20th and Tues 21st March

END OF TERM: Friday 31st March 1.15pm

FIRST DAY BACK AFTER THE EASTER BREAK FOR CHILDREN AND STAFF

Wednesday 19th April