



From Mrs Silke

Dear Parents / Carers,

Reception Children Out and About in Croydon!



Last term, Reception learnt all about transport and so on Wednesday they went on their school trip to Wandle Park. They were very excited to start their journey and walk to East Croydon tram station. They caught a tram for three stops, arrived at Wandle Park and walked to their destination. They played some fun sports activities like egg and spoon races, tunnel ball, target practice and much more. Here are some comments from the children:

'We were very lucky because it didn't rain so we could stay and play the whole time.'

'Our favourite activity was the playground and ginormous sandpit.'



'We could play on the swings, and a really big slide that was steep but so much fun!'

'We were very brave and conquered our fears by sliding down speedily!'



'We had a lovely picnic lunch and some more games and then it was time to go back to school.'

'We had a wonderful day out and look forward to our next school trip when we are in Year 1!!'

Huge thanks to all the parents who came to help keep the children safe on the trip.

Sports Day

We are really looking forward to seeing you all on Sports day on Wednesday 19th July.

The timings of day are planned to run as follows:

Nursery am and pm: 8.45am to 9.45am

Year 4 , 5 and 6: 9.45am to 11.45am

Reception and Year 1: 12.45pm to 2.00pm

Year 2 and 3: 2.15pm to 3.45pm

Please understand that these timings are approximate and may be subject to slight change due to unforeseen events such as weather, or late running.

School Gate Opening Procedures

Further to my recent letter, I would like to clarify that the school gates are only opening at 8.15 am, as children cannot be unsupervised in the playground before then. The pedestrian gate (opposite reception) will be opened at 8.00 am, to allow space for a holding area for children and parents to wait safely off the pavement, in the event that you have arrived too early.

As this space is limited, I would ask that you aim to arrive when the main gate is open at 8.15 am. If your child comes to school by themselves, as they are in Year 6, they should not arrive until 8.15 am, as the school can only assume responsibility for them once they are admitted to the school site at this time.

I understand that some of you need to get to work, but I would ask that parents do not leave children unsupervised in this area, as your child's safety and well-being is your responsibility until the playground gate opens at 8.15 am. The Breakfast Club opens at 7.15 am if working parents need childcare, earlier than the school day.

We have to use the pedestrian gate (and not the large emergency access gates) at the start and end of the school day, as this gate has the barrier

onto the road. This is to prevent a child running into the road if they run ahead of their parent onto the road.

Parental Conduct towards School Staff

I would like to say thank you, to all of you, who are consistently polite and courteous towards staff, even if you are worried or cross about something. Sadly, we have had a number of instances recently, where a number of parents, have shouted at and verbally abused office staff, teaching staff and senior leaders. In some cases, this has been within ear shot of children.

It is obviously inappropriate, for children to overhear, school staff being spoken to in this way. I would like to make it clear, that we understand that there will be occasions, where parents are unhappy about something at school. However, as teaching professionals, we expect to be treated with the same respect that you would give to other professionals, such as Doctors, Lawyers and Accountants please.

PTA Year 3 , 4 and 5 Discos

Sadly, as there have been no offers of volunteers to help organise this event, it will have to be cancelled. Apologies for any disappointment this may cause, but without parent volunteers to organise these events, I'm afraid they become infeasible.

The Year 6 leaver's celebration event will still go ahead, as this is part of their transition programme for secondary school and obviously a celebration of all their hard work.

Ark Central Monitoring Visit 14th June 2017

Sally Rundell (OFSTED inspector) and Damian McBeath, Regional Director spent the day at Ark Oval to see how much progress had been made since their last visit in March. The following strengths were identified in the draft report:

- *The SLT have responded swiftly to feedback given on the previous monitoring visit demonstrating a strong commitment to improving outcomes for children at all levels and are prepared to take*

robust action with staff who are not ensuring optimum provision for all children.

- There is clear evidence of the impact of the Year 6 strategy to accelerate improvement, which has included a range of targeted interventions, and a highly successful Easter School attended by 80% of the cohort.
- The evidence from lesson observations was that Additional Educators were supporting proactively in both whole class sessions and group activities and enhancing the learning. In the drive to raise expectations the school has recognised that Additional Educators would benefit from additional CPD, which focuses on expectations matched to national expectations.
- The school has implemented an expectation that children should arrive in their classes between 8.20 am and 8.30 am when the class doors will be shut as a result children start the day at 8.30 am with morning activities and a culture of using every moment for learning is being developed. Parents have responded well to this new approach.
- Good progress has been made in ensuring consistency across the whole school of responses to safeguarding issues with clear evidence of accurate recording.
- Behaviour in lessons and around the school was exemplary. Relationships between teachers and children are positive and teachers are able to manage behaviour in a positive and calm style. The atmosphere in the school is orderly and purposeful.

A key area for improvement that as Parents you can help us with is to improve attendance of all children, but especially those on free school meals. I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Ali Silke
Principal

Our SPIRIT value of the week is **Scholarship**
The following children demonstrated this value this week and each received a certificate in assembly.

Swansea	Kristel Pashaj
Warwick	Haritha Muthukumar
Bath	Lilly Ciesla
Manchester	Isabelle Tareen
York	Teodora Caliniuc
Roehampton	Damian Adamiec
Exeter	Ayesha Qadeer
Liverpool	Poppy Francis
Winchester	Yutika Khergamkar
Canterbury	Sabirah Masood
Brighton	Mithra Madhu Prasad
Dundee	Fabian George
Durham	Mason Andrews
Aberdeen	Pakirathy Sutharsan
Glasgow	Thanushini Kanesamoorthy
Westminster	Shannon Munt
Oxford	Jason Vedha Mano Prakash
Cambridge	Jabilo Joseph Antony

This week's attendance awards 

From Monday 26th June to Friday 30th June 2017

The highest attending class in KS1

(including EYFS) is: **Liverpool**

The highest attending class in KS2 is:

Westminster

These classes get to display the attendance cups proudly in their classrooms for all to see until Friday 7th July 2017

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

School Closed - (Inset day)

Friday 7th July 2017

Last Day of Term

Friday 21st July 2017

