



Welcome back!

I do hope that you all have had a restful, fun-packed summer break! I would like to warmly welcome all of our new children and families as they begin an exciting educational journey with us in what now can be described as a complete two form of entry Primary School.

This summer holiday has been slightly quieter than usual. We now have a fully equipped Year 6 Embankment Class and phase 1 of the newly equipped playground is now complete. We have appointed Miss Jackson as our lunchtime Play Leader who will be working closely with Mrs Hart and the midday supervisory team in developing lunchtime play zones for the children to enjoy. Play zones will include both creative, physical and problem solving activities for the children to access. As the playground develops further, more and more activities can then be enjoyed. Please do look out for correspondence from FOSS (Friends of Singlegate School) regarding the fundraising activities planned for this term.

Procedures and routines

As the school continues to grow and the volume of children becomes greater, our procedures for coming into the school have to change for those children in Years 2-6.

Every classteacher and a member of the Senior Leadership Team will meet and greet the children in the front playground at Tower Hill from 8.40 am ready to take them into the building at 8.50 am. This area will be for **children only** to allow for a calm, safe, organised entrance into the building and the classroom. Staff will not be available to meet with any family at this time but a member of the Senior Leadership Team will be more than happy to take a message or indeed answer any queries you may have. Dave our Site Manager will also be available at the entrance to the Tower Hill gate too, ready to lock it at 8.55 am.

Dear Families,



If your child is based in Tower Hill they will finish their school day at 3.15 pm and will be escorted to the front playground with their classteacher and teaching assistant. You will then be able to take your child from the front playground. A member of the Senior Leadership Team will also be present.

If your child is based in Hyde Park Corner they will finish at 3.20 pm where they can be collected at the back door of the classroom.

If your child arrives at school after 8.55 am they will need to register at the main school office in Tower Hill. They will then be marked as 'late'.

CONGRATULATIONS Mr and Mrs Inglis



It was a wonderful news that baby Oliver Inglis arrived safely into the world on Monday 21st August. The Inglis family are very well and I know Mrs Inglis will soon be visiting us all so that we can meet Oliver.

A warm welcome

I would personally like to extend a warm Singlegate welcome to Miss Clarke (Angel Class), Mrs Kahel (Paddington Class), Miss Van Dort (Knightsbridge Class), Miss Gardner (Pimlico Class), Miss Casha (Southwark Class), Mr Newman (Wimbledon Class), Mrs Barrett-Mason (Balham Class) and Mr Bostock (Embankment Class) as newly appointed class teachers. I would also like to welcome Mrs Mir and Mrs Inwards, our newly appointed teaching assistants.

I would also like to welcome Miss Taylor, our newly appointed Inclusion Leader, Mrs Reed our Federated Family Support Worker and Miss Jones who will be a trainee teacher working with Miss Downes in Barbican Class.

I am really looking forward to working with all of these staff and I wish them all a wonderful, successful experience with us.

Communication

Please be aware that it is important that we have the correct contact details for you and that you have registered with ParentMail. Most communication will be facilitated by Mrs Forbes using our ParentMail system. One of the communications that will come via the book bag will be the Newsletter which of course is also available on our website too.

We recommend that you download the free ParentMail app for instant notification of ParentMail communications from the school.

We hope that you feel that this will support your understanding of what happens on a daily basis in a very busy, vibrant school.



Dear Families,

Concerns or queries

If you have any concerns about any aspect of your child's personal, social, academic or physical development then please make an appointment to see your child's class teacher. If you feel that you require further assistance with any matter then please make an appointment to see either of the Assistant Headteachers who are Mrs Pitt in the Foundation Stage and Mr Bostock for Years 5 and 6. Mrs Newman as a newly appointed phase leader may be contacted if you have a concern about your Year 2 child and Mrs Wozniak if you have a concern about your Year 1 child. Miss Bloxsome in her capacity as Acting Deputy Headteacher will have direct responsibility for Years 3 and 4. If you still require further assistance please contact Mrs Hart our Associate Headteacher or myself. We would prefer that you come to see us as soon as a concern arises so that we can respond immediately to support a successful solution. The office team will be available in the school office to answer any immediate queries and will also be able to make appointments for you with our staff.

Timetabled family consultations will take place in **November after the half-term holiday.**

Head and Deputy Head Boy/ Girl

Our newly elected team are:

Head Boy: **Mikey Stovold**

Head Girl: **Iara David Lamb**

Deputy Head Boy: **Ellis Kennedy-Nunez**

Deputy Head Girl: **Bianka Drozd**

Please do make sure that you check our Federated website on www.swmf.org.uk for up to date information regarding up and coming school events and Federated successes.

Main events/dates for this term will be available to you all by the end of this week.

Extra-curricular activities

All extra-curricular activities start the week beginning 18th September. You will receive a ParentMail in the next few days detailing the choices for your child.



PE kits and uniform

Please do make sure that your child has the correct PE kit in school every day of the week ready for washing at weekends. Your child must be dressed in a smart school uniform every day leaving hoodies and brightly coloured jumpers/cardigans at home. Trainers are to be worn for PE lessons only so please make sure your child is wearing shoes on a daily basis. Trainers may be changed into for lunchtime play if necessary. Please do support your child in their organisation of resources for the school day to avoid any unnecessary upset because of regular reminders from staff.

Online homework (Mathletics)

Please be aware that you will all soon be receiving details about our newly revised online homework plan for this academic year. You will all have the opportunity of working more closely with your child in completing Mathematics tasks with your child that match exactly what the children are learning in the classroom with much improved access and challenge.

Information sent to you via ParentMail will include your child's specific password and instructions for access. We can't wait to launch this new programme and we welcome your feedback.

Reviewing our Behaviour For Learning Management Strategies

This September all staff have been involved in a review of our behaviour management strategies which we launched last year.

As part of this review we have developed a series of progressive sanctions as well as reviewing how we celebrate and reward excellent behaviour choices. **Our Choices** that we expect all children to adhere to have been revisited and consist of the following:

- we choose to work hard and try our best
- we choose to be honest and take responsibility
- we choose to be proud of ours, and others', achievements
- we choose to ask for help when we don't understand
- we choose to listen to others
- we choose to keep our hands and feet to ourselves
- we choose to look after each other, the school and resources
- we choose to take risks and be brave
- we choose to be grateful and appreciative

We will be reminding the children of these expectations and rewarding the children every time they follow Our Choices consistently. The following rewards will continue to support the choices our children make:

- verbal praise
- visiting a member of the Senior Leadership Team to share and celebrate the excellent behaviour choices
- receiving an 'ask me what I have achieved today' sticker/certificate from either Mrs Inglis, Mrs Hart or Mrs Bull
- receiving a 'WOW card' from the classteacher/teaching assistant
- additional minutes at playtime/ lunchtime, lining up first etc.

Our school website will include information about the children who receive 'WOW cards' or achievement certificates. Please do check this weekly.

If your child's choices concern us we want to make you as fully aware and as involved as possible.

It is our priority to maintain a consistent approach to managing our high expectations of behaviour both at school and at home in partnership with you.

Mrs N Bull