



## Dear Families,



I do hope that you all had a lovely Christmas break with friends and family.

This term will bring many exciting curricular experiences to include our Spotlight On Sport which will be gymnastics. The children will enjoy workshops led by Becky and Holly as well as workshops planned by additional outside providers. All children will enjoy historical based learning opportunities with the planning of a **Time Capsule** learning environment to inspire and support the children's understanding of chronology. Please be prepared for a bit of a 'dress up' to help the children step back in time and many more 'creative' opportunities.

Do please check the News Flashes for regular school updates. This will keep you abreast of the many events happening this term. Do please check your emails for any additional ParentMail messages from us too.

### MUFTI days awarded for attendance

Well done Bank, Borough, Knightsbridge, Pimlico, Victoria, Balham, Wimbledon, Euston, Barbican, Westminster and Embankment classes. You have all met or exceeded the National attendance target of 96.1% for this half-term attendance. Your MUFTI day has been scheduled for **Friday 9th February**. Please do make sure that you contact the school office if your child is unwell or unable to come to school. We are proud of our improved attendance.

### The planning for Enrichment

The children will continue to enjoy Enrichment sessions this academic year but these will now be planned by the teacher and teaching assistant together. Enrichment sessions will continue to develop the children's creative and artistic skills and will support the project being planned for the half-term.

### Our Christmas Food Market fundraiser

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Christmas Food Market. We are thrilled to have also raised £1,063. All funds raised will continue to support the delivery of phase 2 of the playground project.



### Pupil Achievement Review Day (PAR Day)

Please do make sure that you have **Friday 23rd February** in your diary as the next scheduled attainment and progress review meeting. At this meeting your child's classteacher will share the

progress your child has made since the start of this academic year in reading, writing and Mathematics.

### Our Savings Scheme

As the New Year starts all staff are busy planning their school visits for this term. These visits can only be booked if you contribute to your class Savings Scheme. Please do make sure that your contribution of £15.00 is paid in at the school office this week. Your support is very much appreciated.

### PE kits at the ready!

Please do make sure that your child/ren have a clean PE kit in school each week. This includes the correct footwear of trainers or plimsolls.

### Dates for your diary

**12th January from 3.30 pm**—Meet and greet the extra-curricular outside providers

**15th January**—extra-curricular activities start

**16th January**—Pimlico Class to the Tower Of London

**17th January**—Monument Class to the Tower Of London

**18th January**—Victoria Class to the Tower Of London

**18th January at 11.30 am**—am Paddington Family Feast lunch

**23rd January**—Year 4 to the British Museum

**25th January at 12.00 pm**—pm Paddington Family Feast lunch

**7th February**—school photography day

**9th February**—attendance MUFTI day

**12th—16th February**—half-term holiday

**23rd February**—PAR Day—the school will be closed for the usual teaching sessions

**29th March** at 2.00 pm—last day of the spring term



## 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](http://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