

Dear parents,

Harvest Festival

Thank you very much to everyone who contributed items to this year's Harvest Appeal. The produce collected has been shared among the Women's Refuge in Marylebone, Emmaus (a charity for the homeless based in Plumstead) and the local food bank.

Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported this event. We have been able to purchase books for the school worth £966 from the commission earned.

Poppy Appeal

As usual we will be supporting the annual Poppy Appeal when children can buy poppies for a donation (minimum 20p). The poppies will be coming round after half term.

Dates for your diary

<i>Half Term break</i>	Monday 24 th to Friday 28 th October
<i>Individual & family photos</i>	Monday 7 th November
<i>'Flu vaccinations for Years 1, 2 and 3</i>	Tuesday 8 th November
<i>Infant Christmas production*</i>	Monday 12 th , Tuesday 13 th and Wednesday 14 th December at 9.45am
<i>Christmas panto: 'Aladdin'*</i>	Thursday 15 th December
<i>Junior Carol Service*</i>	Friday 16 th December at 9.39am
<i>Christingle Service for Reception, Year 1 and 2*</i>	Friday 16 th December at 2.45pm
<i>Break up for Christmas</i>	Wednesday 21 st December at 1.15pm
<i>INSET Days</i>	Tuesday 3 rd and Wednesday 4 th January 2017
<i>Spring term starts</i>	Thursday 5 th January

*Further details of these events to follow.

Attendance for September 2016

These were the attendance figures for September 2016:

Nursery	97.3%	2T	96.8%	4H	97.6%
Sapphire	81.1%	2C	98.9%	5G	98.9%
Emerald	78.9%	3T	96.1%	5N	98.7%
1MC	98.6%	3H	94.8%	6M	94.5%
1DT	97.6%	4S	98.2%	6C	94.8%

This gives a whole school attendance rate of 94.8%, which is disappointing start to the year; hopefully things will improve after half term.

'Hamlet' at the Greenwich Theatre

After the amazing success of 'Richard III', 'Julius Caesar' and 'Macbeth', another group of our year 4 pupils has been working with Ms Chapman, Mrs Donegan and Mrs West on Shakespeare's 'Hamlet' as part of this year's Schools Shakespeare Festival. They will be performing it at the Greenwich Theatre on Saturday 5th November. Tickets are available from Greenwich Theatre for what should be the culmination of another exciting project.

Birthday Books

In the New Year we introduced a new scheme where children with a birthday can donate a book to the school library instead of bringing in sweets and cakes. We have had some wonderful donations and will be continuing with the scheme this academic year.

Parent Governor Election Result

After a close run contest I am able to inform you that Ben Bridges (father of Beatrice Bridges in 3H) has been elected as a new Parent Governor.

Medication in School

Some children are coming to school with medication in their bags (eg. Calpol and asthma pumps). This is not allowed; any medication must be sent to the school office where it can be stored safely.

Clothing for PE

With the onset of cold weather please could you make sure that your child has a tracksuit or something similar for outdoor PE after half term. Also, a reminder that children should have long hair tied back and plasters to cover pierced ears.

Parking in Northumberland Avenue

We have again had complaints from residents about people parking illegally and inconsiderately (eg. across people's drives and the entrance to the school) when dropping off and collecting children. I would ask everyone to show consideration and courtesy when looking for a parking space.

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Hall
Head Teacher