

21st April 2017



Dear Families,

Welcome back!



I am very pleased that the sun has shone all week and allowed the children to enjoy the lovely new grassy areas in the playground. The PTA—that's all of you—have paid for this from your contributions.

We are very lucky to have such a committed group of people helping to raise much needed funds for those little extras. This will be even more important as school funds get tighter and tighter over the next few years...

Many of our core PTA people have children in Year 2 and will naturally be moving on with their children at the end of the year. If you have any time to spare to help continue this fabulous work they would love you to get involved NOW in order to learn the ropes for next year.

They met this morning to begin planning the Summer Fete— Saturday July 8th— and will be meeting fairly regularly from now on.

Other playground developments

The climbing frame in the woods is being replaced with something similar during the May half term holiday. The equipment is designed to have a low fall height as there is no safety surfacing beneath it.

It is for this reason that we insist the children do not climb up on to the hand rails or ropes.



Communication Update

Following on from the very purposeful conversation in the recent Parent Governor Focus group I have now signed up for an online communication tool. From next month we will stop sending any letters and all information will be emailed or sent as notifications to your phones via a free to download app. The first step is to send you a letter (the last one!) telling you how to set this up.

This app will save us resources, a huge amount of time but, more importantly mean you never miss a message and will never need to phone to check up on events as you will all have had a reminder 2 days before...



Dates for the rest of the year

Class photos 4th May

Half term Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June— BACK TO SCHOOL Monday 5th June

Staff Training day Monday 26th June— School Closed— planned to give an extra day for Eid Celebrations

International Food festival -Thursday 29th June— more information to follow— this is a new event!

Summer fete Saturday 8th July 1-4pm

Sports day (Nursery & Reception) Wednesday 12th July 9.30am— 11 at school (morning so its not too hot)

Sports day (KS1) Thursday 13th July 9.30 on Wanstead Flats (tbc) (morning so its not too hot)

Year 2 Farewell Assembly Wednesday 19th July 2.30pm

We have agreed these dates with Godwin to avoid clashes with events you may want to attend.

We will try not to change them and if we do have to we will try to give as much warning as humanly possible (via the app of course!)

Have a great weekend, Sarah and staff