

23rd June 2017



Dear Families,

**Eid Mubarak to our families who are celebrating this weekend.**

**School is closed for staff training on Monday so enjoy the long weekend**

If any parents are able to help with our planned party in the playground on Thursday afternoon please speak to Dana or Shama. We hope for help to set the playground up from 1.30pm onwards. Please send in donations of food to share from Wednesday onwards. Parents are welcome to join us from 2pm.

Many, many thanks to the parents who have been helping out with Educational Visits, especially during Ramadan. These valuable learning and enjoyable experiences would not be possible without your support. This week Year 1 classes have visited Wanstead Flats to learn about birds as part of the science curriculum. The bird they have been looking for is the extremely rare and protected skylark. The children have heard their song but so far only Rowan class have spotted them "We were really lucky!"



### **Appeal**

The summer fete is approaching and we are taking donations for various stalls

Some of the stalls will be in aid of charity— one in particular is a stall to raise money for a Muscular Dystrophy UK. A boy in Holly class is a sufferer of Duchene Muscular Dystrophy (DMD) – the worst type of this muscle wasting condition. There is currently no cure for this disease and boys with DMD normally require a wheelchair from the age of eight. His parents wish to raise money for the charity to help fund research to find a cure. They would really appreciate your support at the summer fete on the 8<sup>th</sup> July 2017. They will have a game that everyone can take part in to win a prize and there will be some old and new toys plus other bits on sale. Many Thanks in advance for your valued support.

### **Playground update**

The bark chip will be topped up next week when Toufik returns from his well earned holiday. I have noticed that at 3.30pm the play equipment is being used by older children who are not always playing safely. If your older children are meeting you here please make sure they are with you and are behaving appropriately. The equipment is designed for infant children, not juniors so I ask that you talk to your children about this. Godwin has its own play equipment.

### **Staff News**

As we approach the end of the year we have been busy recruiting as we will be having a significant number of changes. Teacher changes: Ms Rider, Ms Aktar, Beth Evans, Mel Gounden and Ms Shah are leaving us. Teacher assistant changes: Rhema, Samiha and Juliana are also leaving. We are fully staffed for September. Your children's new teams will be announced with their end of year reports and the children will meet them before the end of the year. We also have a couple of babies on the way— so far I am allowed to announce that Dana is expecting a baby in October.

### **Dates for the rest of the year**

Summer fete Saturday 8th July 1-4pm  
Sports day (Nursery & Reception) Wednesday 12th July 9.30am– 11 at school  
Sports day (KS1) Thursday 13th July 9.30 on Wanstead Flats (tbc)  
ART WEEK 10th– 14th July with an international flavour  
Year 2 PTA BBQ Tuesday 18th July after school  
Year 2 Farewell Assembly Wednesday 19th July 2.30pm

Have a good weekend,  
Sarah and staff