

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

14th December 2020

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PRIMARY SCHOOL



## COVID-19 Track and Trace

As we approach the end of term, we are all hopeful that the new year brings us closer to a return to normality. We all need to continue to follow government guidance so as to prevent the spread of COVID-19. This will continue to be the case during the school holidays.

Please carefully read the letter you get with this newsletter. It has **very important** information about what you **must** do if your child tests positive for COVID-19 during the holiday period.

In the event that your child does become ill and subsequently tests positive for COVID-19, please follow the instructions carefully.

We sincerely hope and pray that everybody stays safe and well and can fully enjoy their holiday. However, if the situation arises whereby your family are being asked to self-isolate, please do adhere to self-isolation requirements.

## Christmas Cheer!



As we have all been through a tough time this year, and we have not been able to invite you in to class assemblies or our usual end of term show, the children wanted to provide some seasonal good cheer.

Each year group has been rehearsing a festive song which will be filmed and placed on the website for you to sing along with, and enjoy.

## Goodbye and Thank You

After giving 30 loyal years of service to our school, we are saying goodbye to Mrs Omoaka who is retiring at the end of this term. Mrs Omoaka has been a truly remarkable nursery nurse at this school and she has worked tirelessly for our children. While we are delighted that Mrs Omoaka will be able to take some time for herself, we are very sorry to be losing her. I hope you will join us in wishing her a long and happy retirement.



## Year 6 Micro: Bit Programming

Year 6 had great fun last Tuesday, when Gillian Ingram visited from the CLC in Camden to show them how to program micro: bits. Pupils had to use Chromebooks to write programs that controlled LED lights on a little micro: bit, very similar to the LED signs on bus stops or traffic lights. They learned how to make messages scroll across screens, create games and even send messages to each other using Bluetooth.



## Certificates of Achievement



Well done to our most recent certificate winners who were nominated for achieving well in their learning or behaviour.

**Nursery:** Aryan Khan; Aeris Loftus-Sousa; Muhammed Ali; Maryam Ali

**Reception:** Safiya Fellah; Henry Marsheftaj

**Year 1:** Ryan Ahmed; Qaalid Siidomar; Gabriel Fekir Scifoni; Yusuf Abdul-Aziz

**Year 2:** Musab Abdullahi; Amaya Mensah; Oscar Coumbe

**Year 3:** Amara Abdur-Rahman; Abdeldjalil Bouamra; Anaya Hussain; Tanvi Marwan Samad

**Year 4:** Tamir Dadah Ali; Maryama Ahmed; Yusuf Khan; Jannat Ur-Rahman; Jallilah Faiz; Ayesha Choudhury; Ramlo Harun

**Year 5:** Charlie Page; Daniya Osman; Ismail Ahmed; Mohammed Ahmed; Aisha Salim; Sumaiya Rahman; Sumayah Noor; Hanifa Ali

**Year 6:** Maryam Jalil; Rahil Khan; Maisha Jannat; Riola Ujupi

## Term Dates

THIS IS CLEARLY NOT A SENSIBLE TIME TO BE ORGANISING HOLIDAYS. HOWEVER, WE REMIND YOU THAT HOLIDAY LEAVE DURING TERM TIME WILL NOT BE GRANTED.

### AUTUMN TERM 2021

**Last Day of Term** Friday 18th December

### SPRING TERM 2021

**Staff INSET Day** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January

**Staff INSET Day** Tuesday 5th January

**Children Start** Wednesday 6th January

**Half Term Holiday** Monday 15<sup>th</sup> to Friday 19<sup>st</sup> February

**Last Day of Term** Thursday 1st April

### SUMMER TERM 2021

**Staff INSET Day** Monday 19th April

**Children Start** Tuesday 20th April

**May Day Bank Holiday** Monday 3rd May

**Half Term Holiday** Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June

**Last Day of Term** Friday 23rd July

## Reception Admissions 2021

Nursery parents please remember the deadline to submit your application for a place in Reception class is **Friday 15th January 2021**.

Your application should be completed online at [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk). Please let the office know if you need their help with your applica-

## Christmas Gifts & Cards

We have been approached by parents and pupils asking if it is okay to bring presents and cards for staff.

Regrettably, due to the current situation, we are unable to accept gifts or cards. We are unable to allow pupils to distribute cards either this year.

Given the challenging economic times everybody is facing, it is a good time to offer each other best wishes instead of gifts.

Many staff have decided to contribute to charity instead of buying gifts and cards for colleagues, any parent who wishes can contribute to our Save the Children Collection instead.



## End of Term

On Friday 18th December, the last day of term, children will be having their end of term parties and **do not need to wear their uniform** to school. We will not be able to accept contributions of food or drink this year. However, the children will still have great fun and a few treats provided by the school and contributions from some of our parents.

School closes at **1.30pm** on Friday 18th December 2020. Please don't arrive any earlier at the gate. Use the entrance gate you normally do. Please exit through the correct gate. **No exit will be permitted through the Camden Street entrance gate.**

**We wish you all a very happy Christmas and a safe and restful holiday. We look forward to seeing you all back on Wednesday 6th January 2021.**

