

2020-21 Issue 13, 17th December 2020



#### INSET Day - school closed on Friday 18th December for pupils.



School will reopen for the Spring term on **Monday 4th January 2021**. The entrance and exit gates and times for each year group will stay the same for the next term.



Dear mums, dads & carers,

As 2020 draws to a close, I'm sure many of you will be glad to see the back of it! There has been disruption & frustration, anxiety & fear for all of us; there has been illness & even, for some of us, grief.

And yet, with such enormous & apparently immovable obstacles put in our path, together we have come through the year and, in many ways, we feel closer and stronger than ever before; closer & stronger as a staff team & with closer & stronger bonds to you, our families.

I wanted to say just a huge thank you to all of you for your help & support in 2020. You have put your faith and trust in us to keep your children safe & we have tried our best to repay that trust. In the event, they have not only remained safe but they have been happy and, importantly, they have kept on learning.

I know you will want to join me in sending out a special message of thanks to the best staff team in London - maybe the world! The constantly changing situation they have had to respond to has been testing to say the least but they have passed that test with flying colours. They have acted with the utmost professionalism, not just in looking after your children physically & academically but making sure they have all the emotional support they need too.

Our teaching teams have been helped by the most amazing backroom staff - the office & premises teams have worked their socks off behind the scenes to make sure that we have had the things we need to do a good job & that our school is relentlessly cleaned. Thank you all.

We know we are not out of the woods yet but we can see light at the end of the tunnel & we will keep working hard together at doing what we know to be right for your children until we get there. I cannot wait til the day when we can invite you all back into the school. Then it will feel like we've made it!

Do keep yourselves & your loved ones safe over the holiday, enjoy the rest, and we will see you back at school in the New Year.

Kind regards, Jeremy Iver Headteacher



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#### Christmas Jumper Day

Everyone looked amazing on Friday in your jumpers and accessories. Below is **Year 4 Emmeline Pankhurst** class in theirs!

With your wonderful donations, we have managed to raise an amazing **£188.98** for Save the Children UK!



#### Remote Learning

In **Year 1 Jessica Ennis Hill** class, their next term topic is Animal Kingdom. Unfortunately, the children had to isolate this week so we prepared some home learning packs yesterday.

We have already received this great collage from **Shayaan** of a lion from the film, Liyana. We provided the resources, Liyana provided the source of inspiration and imagination!







Wait play Spray apron rain acorn Ayyub in Year 2 Albert Einstein class has been doing

incredible home learning with his mum's support. Here are some pictures of him solving a tricky maths challenge (Always, sometimes and never challenge) and English work generating noun phrases too.

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Noun Phoses
lonely, sad tree
darks twinkly sky
Silvery, bright moon
Steeps snowy hillside
talls bare tree
Clear, blue chin
pale, Silveril man
icy, cold hillside
The longly,
The lonelys sad tree stood on the
steeps showy hillside.



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#### 100% Attendance prizes!

We are at the end of Autumn term of this strange year and wanted to reward those children who have been coming to school, every day. Unfortunately, we could not hold our usual cinema, so this term children will receive a prize and a certificate to take home and enjoy over the break.

If you were unable to achieve 100% attendance this time, you will get a chance to win a prize at the end of Spring term - just keep on coming to school!

Hygiene Packs Lots of families will receive a box of goodies today!

The Hygiene Bank and Costa Coffee have kindly donated products for our wonderful families.

There will be things in there for the grown ups too - not just for the children.

If your family didn't receive a gift today, rest assured the elves will be working hard over the Christmas break to ensure every family will receive something special, by January.



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### <u>Term Dates 2020-2021</u>

School open: Monday 2 November – Thursday 17 December 2020

INSET (school closed): Friday 4 December 2020

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Christmas Holiday: Monday 21 December – Friday 1 January 2021

School open: Monday 4 January – Thursday 11 February 2021

INSET (school closed): Friday 12 February 2021

Half term: Monday 15 February – Friday 19 February 2021

School open: Monday 22 February – Friday 26 March 2021

Spring Holiday: Monday 29 March – Friday 9 April 2021

School open: Monday 12 April – Friday 28 May 2021

May Bank Holiday: Monday 3 May 2021

Polling Day (school closed): Thursday 6 May 2021

Half term: Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June 2021

School open: Monday 7 June – Friday 16 July 2021

The school will be closed on Eid celebration days:

Eid-ul-Fitr: TBC 12 May or 13 May 2021

Eid-ul-Adha: Monday 19 July and Tuesday 20 July 2021

### 💼 ParentPay

#### Text messages and email communication

We now use ParentPay to send all of our messages to parents/carers. Please add platform@parentpay.com to your VIP or high priority email mailing list. Please contact the School Office to update your contact details.

### Entrance & Exit Times

### Please ensure your children are through the allocated gate in time

Nursery: nursery gate between 9:00—9:15 am & 3:00—3:15 pm

Reception: fire engine entrance between 9:00—9:15 am & 3:00—3:15 pm

Year 1: pupil entrance between 9:00— 9:15 am & 3:00—3:15 pm

Year 2: main entrance between 9:00— 9:15 am & 3:00—3:15 pm

Year 3: fire engine entrance between 9:00—9:15 am & 3:15—3:30 pm

Year 4: car park entrance between 9:00—9:15 am & 3:15—3:30 pm

Year 5: pupil entrance between 9:00— 9:15 am & 3:15—3:30 pm

Year 6: main entrance between 9:00— 9:30 am & 3:15—3:30 pm

(For the gates that have more than one year group, both will come in at the same time, one on each side of the entrance.)

#### Stebon's Shaping Future

Thank you to everyone who attended our annual Shaping Stebon's Future conference yesterday. We will be in touch soon with feedback. We greatly value your input and engagement.



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### Helping Children Thrive In The New Normal

#### Series of six 1 hour sessions with materials to use at home

There is an immediate need to preserve childrens' wellbeing and build resilience at this point in history, where it is genuinely needed. You, and your children may be anxious for a whole host of reasons - leaving you and them feeling stressed, overwhelmed, or exhausted.

This series of on-line sessions start with personal resilience to support you to look after yourself (easily forgotten), and help you, help your children thrive when faced with uncertainty. The sessions provide reflective and practical approaches in resilience to support positive changes in cognition and behaviour.

This is an opportunity that really helps with the small day to day and can be a set of tools that help you and your children now and into the future.

Really informative, well delivered and easy to understand. Opened my mind and will be very useful for family life and work.

There are three date options to choose from. Click the link below for further information.



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