

NEWSLETTER

September 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back! I sincerely hope that you had a restful holiday and that your child is now fully immersed into the new term! We now have 18 classes and 132 pupils on roll which is amazing. We have a number of new staff and we wish them a warm welcome! They are:

Eve Saunders – Class Teacher
Carissa Gordon – Class Teacher
Olivia Suckling – Class Teacher
Konstantina Chani – Class Teacher
Georgia Scherini – Class Teacher
Niamh Mulkeen – PPA Teacher
Lisa Ashford – LSA
Teresa Hyde – LSA
Joanne Hackett – SMSA
Cathy Johnston – SMSA
Aleksandra Nikratowicz – SMSA
Nikkola Simcox – SMSA
Sam Robin-Hibbert – Receptionist / Admin Assistant

We have a bumper packed term ahead – please see below for further details.

Events this term:

Parents Open Afternoon

It was lovely to see you all on Friday 22nd / Friday 29th September 2017. Laura Cunningham, Chair of our Local Advisory Board and Angela St John, LAB member, were in the school and were extremely pleased to meet you all! We would encourage you to join our Parents Forum group – please contact me if you require any further details.

Harvest Assemblies

We are holding our annual Harvest Festival Celebrations next week as part of our Primary and Secondary assemblies. At this time of the year we aim to reach out to our local residents in need. We are asking if you are able to donate items to our



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special Harvest Table which can then be distributed to the Hillingdon Food Bank, based in St Margaret's Church in Uxbridge and other local churches.

From **Monday 2nd October 2017** we will be happy to receive donations of non-perishable items i.e. canned, dried or long life food, via your child.

We will then put together a Harvest Festival display, which the pupils will create. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

Parent Consultation Evening will take place on **Thursday 19th October 2017 from 4-7pm** – further information will be sent to you on how to book your appointment on line.

Flu immunisations will be taking place this term, further information will follow.

School milk – please see the attached letter which provides information on how to register your child to receive school milk.

Events that are planned for the next half term:

Parents will be receiving notification of their child's Annual Review meeting which is taking place from **Tuesday 7th to Friday 17th November 2017**. We look forward to seeing you at these meetings. Please do complete the feedback questionnaires so that your views are included as part of the meeting.

Success Photography Company – an external company - will be visiting the school on **Friday 10th November 2017** to take individual portraits of every child. Photo packs will start from £8.95.

We will be raising money for Children in Need on **Friday 17th November 2017**. Pupils will be able to vote on the theme of our fancy dress costumes - more details to follow after October half term.

On **Friday 1st December 2017, Friends of Pentland Field (FOP)** would like to hold a Christmas Bazaar from 1- 3pm, however this will require lots of parent support to make this a success! If you are able to help with preparations in any way please email **fop@pentlandfieldschool.co.uk**



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We will also be fundraising for Slippers for Shelter on **Friday 8th December 2017**. Pupils can bring their slippers in to wear during the school day with a suggested £1 donation. All proceeds will go to Shelter who help those who are homeless or have difficulties with their housing.

Another date for your diary is our Christmas Service, taking place at St Giles's Church, 38 Swakeleys Road, Ickenham UB10 8BE **on Monday 11th December 2017**. Further details will be sent after half term and we would love to see as many of you there as possible!

Friday 15th December 2017 will be our Christmas Jumper day and we will be having **Christmas lunch** together on **Tuesday 19th December 2017**. We will also be arranging a Christmas Pantomime for the children to enjoy.

Some gentle reminders:

Please let the school office know if your child is unable to attend school no later than 8.30am on the day of absence. We also have the option for you to leave a voicemail message which is also acceptable.

We recently sent you a letter about achieving the Healthy Schools Award – so please can we continue to encourage you to send in healthy snacks for your child to be consumed during snack and lunch times? If you require further advice, do not hesitate to contact us at school.

Please ensure that your child has spare clothes that remain in school in case of accidents. All clothes should be named and kept in a bag. This also includes swimming kit that should be named. If you are happy for us to launder your child's swimming kit on a weekly basis, please let your child's class teacher know via the Home-School books. All swimming kit and spare clothes will be sent home at the end of every term i.e. the end of the autumn, spring and summer terms. We still have a number of unclaimed items in our lost property. If these are not claimed by **Friday 20th October 2017** they will no longer remain on school premises. Please let us know if you are missing any items.



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Finally – we break up on **Friday 20th October 2017 at 3.10pm** and we look forward to pupils returning to school on **Monday 30th October 2017.**

Kind regards



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Head of School