

As-salamu alaykum (peace be with you)

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new term.

The children have been wonderful, as usual, and have settled to serious learning again after what I hope was an enjoyable and restful break. This term, Year 2 children will be sitting their end of key stage 1 SATs. This is a very important assessment and we would like parents to support their child as much as possible in order to achieve their very best. Further information will be sent to Year 2 parents in due course.

Dropping off and collecting children

We have in the past, made it clear the importance of behaving responsibly when dropping off and collecting the children. Last week there was road incident at the end of the school day where a child got hurt. Thankfully the child was not seriously injured. Can I please emphasise the importance of holding your child's hand when crossing the road and ensuring that they do not run ahead of you even on the pavement. We will continue to educate our children on road safety and will be holding a special assembly on the topic this term. Please also talk to your child about keeping safe near roads.

Please **do not** do 3-point turns on Cazenove Road or the surrounding roads; this causes a great deal of inconvenience and risks the health and safety of pedestrians including children. Please **do not** park cars where you are blocking driveways or bus routes. We hope we won't have to do this, but in future we may need to name and shame drivers by including a photograph of the offending car. You have been warned! Thanks to all parents/carers who drive responsibly.

Parent/Carers Consultations

Our second Parents/Carers Consultation meetings which took place on Tuesday 21st April were a huge success with very positive feedback from everyone. I would like to thank you for attending your child's appointment. Parents and carers kept to their appointment times which ensured the smooth running of the meetings. If you were unable to attend your appointment, please could you see your child's class teacher to arrange a meeting to discuss your child's progress.

Diary Dates

30th April - Headteacher's surgery

4th May - Bank Holiday– school closed

7th May - School Council Meeting

9th May—Governing Body Training

13th May - Parent Workshop

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14th May—Headteacher's surgery

14th May—Bint Qays Class Assembly

15th May—Super Day - Special Journeys

13th May—Business Committee Meeting

18h May—Education Committee Meeting

22nd May— Cake Sale

25th-29th - May Half-term break (inclusive)

Summer 2 Newsletter Date

26th June 2015

Summer Uniform

As the weather becomes warmer we would like the children to feel as comfortable as possible. A Purple Checked Summer Dress may be worn by girls if desired - this is an optional item. This can be worn with white leggings/ white socks/ white tights/ white slim trousers. A school cardigan can be worn over the summer dress. The boys have the option of not wearing the purple school sweatshirt as long as they wear the school white polo shirt. Please note that all children still need to wear black school shoes and are not permitted to wear sandals. Please see the school website for further details.

Parent Surveys 2015

In February, we commissioned a company (QDP Services) to conduct an independent survey of parent views. We'd like to thank the numerous parents who completed the questionnaire and shared their invaluable feedback. This allows us to improve the services we offer to you and your children. We will be sharing more detailed feedback with you in due course but wanted to take this opportunity to let you know that the results of the survey were very positive. For example, 98% of parents are satisfied with their choice of school; 99% of parents think their child is encouraged to work hard and do their best in school; 98% of parents feel their child is safe and well supported at school. Thank you for your continued support and confidence in the school.

Sports Coach

We are pleased to welcome Claudio to the team. He is an external Sports Coach who will be working alongside our Key Stage 1 teachers. He will be covering all the different areas of the PE Curriculum. Claudio will also be leading our lunchtime and afterschool sports enrichment clubs.

PE Kits

Please ensure that your child brings the correct PE kit to school including correct footwear. The correct footwear for PE is black plimsolls.

Parent Workshops

The last parents workshop on the topic of Mathletics and Bug Club was very successful and we received great feedback from all those who attended. The next parent workshop is scheduled for 13th May. We will be circulating further details closer to the time.

Parent Council/Shura Meeting

Our last bake sale raised £263.42. Many thanks to everyone who participated and special thanks to our amazing volunteers!

Summer Term Enrichment

Enrichment Academies/Club commenced this week and will continue until 11th June. Enrichment will end earlier than usual in this term due to Ramadan.

Attendance

Our overall attendance for Spring 2 was 96.9%- the highest it has been for any half-term since the school opened. Well done for a fantastic effort all round and please keep up the great work!

Enjoy the weekend.

Mrs. Yasmin Chaudhry

Headteacher