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First day of school



Welcome back to pupils, children and staff. And a special welcome to all our new Nursery and Reception children and parents. I hope you have had a good break, and enjoyed the sunshine!

As you know, there was a lot building works scheduled for the summer break. The three new classrooms on the middle floor look great and the teachers and children seem very pleased with the finished result. However, there is unfortunately, still scaffolding and fencing around the playground, and we are still without a kitchen. The building contractors and both Darren and Grant have

worked very hard throughout the summer, and have ensured that we were able to open the school and operate as usual, despite the delays that were out of their control. The builders will be in school assemblies next week to talk to the children about health and safety, and the staff are being extra vigilant at playtime and lunchtime. Thank you to you all for your patience and understanding. I know that when it is all finished it will look great and enable a smoother daily routine for the ever-growing number of children.

It is great to see all the children looking refreshed and eager to learn -happy and settled in their new classes with their new teachers.

Welcome to new staff, Esme, Sevilay, Sumon -teachers, and Isabelle, Emma, Sophie, Faye, Jesse and Omrun -support staff.

All the classes from Years 1-6 have been busy already, learning about the city that their class is named after, sharing ideas about their favourite book and learning about their teacher's favourite book, as well as creating their own Class Charter based on the rights of the child that we advocate as a Rights Respecting School.

Next week I hope to see you at the Year Group welcome meetings. This is an opportunity for you to meet your child/ren's new teacher and find out what they will be learning in school and how you can support them at home. There will also be a Curriculum Booklet sent home at the end of next week.

Also, please look out for information on how to become a Parent Governor and meet some of our current governors in the playground next week. I hope you have a good weekend.

Best Wishes, Jane

Important Dates

Mon 9th Sept

3pm Yr 1 welcome meeting

Tues 10th Sept

3pm Yr 2 welcome meeting

Weds 11th Sept

3pm Yr 4 welcome meeting

Thurs 12th Sept

3pm Yr 3 welcome meeting

Fri 13th Sept

3pm Yr 5 welcome meeting

Mon 16th Sept

3pm Yr 6 welcome meeting

Clubs start this week

Clubs Please note that **only breakfast club, play club and early years play club will run from the 5th -13th September. All other clubs will begin the week of 16th September to enable new members to sign up.**

To avoid disappointment please make sure you have paid any monies owing before this date as no child with outstanding debt will be accepted for a new club until it is paid.

This terms clubs list is available in the main office or on the internet.

PSA After-school Tuck Shops

Autumn 2013

We would like to continue with our weekly tuck shops this year. Last year they were very well supported and raised substantial funds for the PSA playground fund. We will need people to volunteer time to run the stall on the day and will need lots of donations of food on the day. Just take your food to the office on the day of your stall.

Date	Class	Date	Class
Friday 13th Sept	Rio	Friday 8th Nov	Calgary
Friday 20th Sept	Mexico City	Friday 15th Nov	Moscow
Friday 27th Sept	Rome	Friday 22nd Nov	Tokyo
Friday 4th Oct	Year 5	Friday 29th Nov	Seoul
Friday 11th Oct	Year 6	Friday 6th Dec	Vancouver
Friday 18th Oct	Paris	Friday 13th Dec	Innsbruck
Friday 25th Oct	INSET		
HALF TERM		CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS	

Dinners

Just a reminder that due to the ongoing buildings work you will need to provide your child with a packed lunch next week unless they receive Free School Meals.

If you are new to the school and your child receives Free School Meals please inform the office. You will need to provide evidence of your entitlement.

Elections for New Parent Governors

We will be holding elections for three new Parent Governors to join the Governing Body this month. This is an important and rewarding role, supporting the school and its development, but at the same time holding it to account with respect to its standards and responsibilities. There is a strong focus on achieving the best possible academic outcome for all the school's pupils.

If you think that you might have a contribution to make in this role, please consider standing for election. Apart from a strong desire to support the school and its pupils, the main requirements of the role are to attend a couple of evening meetings each term, and to be prepared to spend maybe one or two hours per month on other activities. We are keen that the Governing Body reflects the Millfields parent community as closely as possible, so candidates from all ethnic and religious backgrounds are encouraged to stand. You may be particularly valuable to the Governing Body if you have experience in education or as a governor elsewhere, or if you have skills or qualifications in areas such as Finance, Human Resources or Health & Safety. However a commitment to helping the school succeed is more important than any of these factors!

You will be able to access a comprehensive programme of governor training, and you will be strongly supported by the existing governors as you develop into the role. If you have an interest in standing as a Parent Governor and would like to talk to the existing governors about what the job really means, please leave your contact details with Reception – or look for one of the following in the playground: [Lisa Venables](#), [Gordon Murray](#), [Magnus McGrandle](#), [Alastair Dent](#).

Secondary School Transfer 2014 - 15

All year 6 pupils received their book regarding Secondary School transfer yesterday. Please read this carefully as there are some open days and events next week.

As mentioned in the letter you received we have set aside 2 days for you to see Chris if you need support making your application. Please note that this is only if you need computer access or help understanding the form, we can not advise about your choice of school.

Chris will be available to help on:

Friday 4th October and

Thursday 10th October

Please make an appointment using the list on Heidi's door of the main office. All applications must be submitted by Friday 25th October. If you submit your application late your child may not be given a school place in September or may be offered one at a school anywhere in Hackney regardless of your preferences.

Lego Club

We are very fortunate to be able to offer a Lego club starting the week of the 16th September.

We have some Lego but as with most things more is better. If you have any Lego that you no longer need or want we would love to give it a new home.

Please bring any Lego donations to the front office.

Many thanks



Lateness and Attendance procedures

If your child should arrive at school late (after the 9am bell) they must be marked in at the late gate. This ensures that they are marked into the register and we know they are here in case of evacuation etc. For the moment, due to the building work, when late please go to the main office and report your child late to Heidi who will be by the doors into the main school building.

If your child is unable to attend school please ensure you leave a message on the school attendance line by 8:30am on the first day of absence. This is a 24 hour message service. Please clearly state your child's name, class and the reason for their absence. We operate a first day of absence calling system whereby if your child is absent and it hasn't been explained we will call you to ask for an explanation.

It is our duty as a school to ensure good attendance of all pupils. Any children whose attendance or punctuality is of concern will be referred to the Hackney Learning Trust Attendance officer for further support. Our attendance has always been very good and we would like to thank you all for your support in ensuring your child attends school regularly and punctually.