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Dear Families,

Staffing Update... I am sad to share with you that Mrs. Bhimji, LSA in Reception, remains on sick leave. Mrs. Bhimji suffered a serious health issue before the Christmas break. I know you will want to join me in sending our very best wishes to her for a full recovery; we also send our thoughts to her family at this difficult time.

Dining Hall... there's good and bad news again!

The Good News - The new electricity meter is due to be installed on Monday 12th February which will help support further work to be carried out within the building. Also, the issue with the building management system has been resolved.

The Bad News - Whilst the issue with the building management system has been resolved, we have been told there is a six week manufacture and installation process for this key part of the building. We have been told that the new completion date for the dining hall project will be Thursday 28th March.

We will continue with the current lunchtime arrangements with hot meals being ordered and delivered from an offsite catering team. I will have a further meeting with the building team after half term and will write to you again with details when I have them.

One of the Cosmur Directors will be visiting the school to talk to parents on **Friday 23rd February** starting from 8.50am. If you have any questions, want to know more or want to share any comments with them, please come and join the meeting.

Finally, Learning Adventure 2024... This afternoon we welcome families to join the final stage of our learning adventure. By lunchtime today, children will have completed their art work so that after lunch children can visit each others' art exhibitions. We look forward to welcoming families to come and join us from 2.20pm. A letter with all the details was sent home yesterday afternoon.

Wishing you all a happy and safe half term break, we look forward to welcoming you back on Mon 19th February.

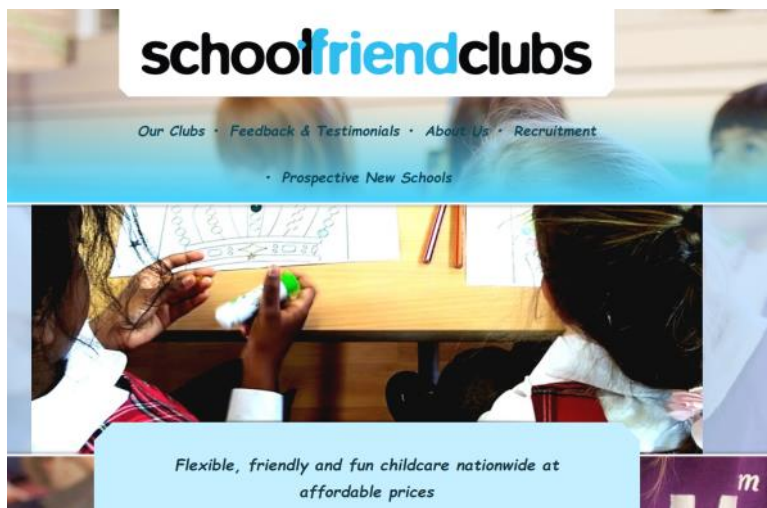
With best wishes,
Mr. James Simmons
Headteacher



Breakfast Club...

Our breakfast club is now run by **SchoolFriend Clubs**; this is the same company who have run our after school club provision for many years.

If you want your child to access breakfast from January you will need to book a place by 8pm the night before.



To read more about SchoolFriendClubs, please visit their website using this link...

<https://www.schoolfriendclub.com/>

To book a place for your child/children in Breakfast Club, you need to first register with the company through their website. Once registered, you can then book places for the days that you need. You will need to book by 8pm the day before you need a space AND you **MUST** pay for provision IN ADVANCE.

To register and book a place at Breakfast Club, please use the following link...

<https://www.schoolfriendclubbookings.com/>

If you have any issues, please contact SchoolFriendClub directly rather than our school office as we do not have access to their booking system. You can contact them in the following ways...

Telephone: 0333 355 7374

Email: office@schoolfriendclub.com



It's Good To Be Green...

Don't forget we have a recycling station for batteries in our entrance reception area! Please send them into us rather than putting them in the ordinary bin! Every little bit of recycling helps!

Parking Reminders:

Coniston Gardens & Kingsbury Road Remember that **cars should not be stopping or parking on the zig-zag lines** for the safety of our children; nor should they be blocking residents driveways to help us maintain positive relationships with our neighbours.

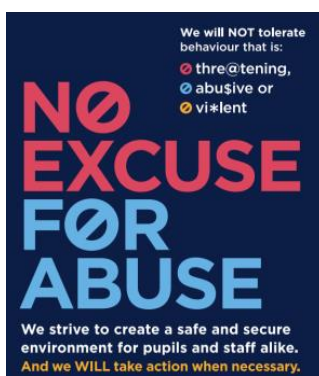
- Cars should **NOT STOP or PARK** on the yellow zig-zag lines **BETWEEN THE TIMES SHOWN**
- Cars should **NOT** be blocking residents' driveways to help us maintain positive relationships with our neighbours.
- Cars should **NOT** be performing dangerous manoeuvres such as three point turns outside the main gate of the school or end up driving onto the pavement.
- Cars should **NOT** be parked in Holy Innocents Church car park on Kingsbury Road; it is their **PRIVATE PROPERTY AND NOT A PUBLIC CAR PARK**.
- Cars should **NOT** be parking in the disabled bar marked along Coniston Gardens.
- Finally, please switch off your car engine if you are waiting around the school area to help reduce emissions in our local area.

If you do see a vehicle obstructing the pavement, stopped or parked on the yellow lines or blocking a neighbour's driveway, contact **Brent's Parking Enforcement Team 020 8937 4972**.



Please remember that the school car park and Holy Innocents Church car park SHOULD NOT be used by parents or family members when dropping children off or picking them up.

The school car park SHOULD NOT be used by parents or family members when dropping off or picking up children to or from the Breakfast Club or the After School Club.



PE Days

Children have TWO PE lessons each week. On the days that children have PE they should wear their PE kit TO SCHOOL rather than their school uniform.

Our School PE kits is as follows;

- Grey or black shorts or grey or black track suit bottoms
- Plain white t-shirt (no logos or designs)
- School jumper or cardigan
- Trainers suitable for being active (these can be any colour)

Here are the PE days for the second half of the Spring Term 2024 - We do our very best to keep to these days, if it needs to change for any reason, we will text families to let you know.

NOTE: THERE HAVE BEEN SOME CHAGES AS NEXT HAIF TERM (SPRING 2) WE WILL BE STARTING PE LEARNING LINKED TO SKATEBOARDING & SCOOTING

Year Group	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1M	PE Day		PE Day		
1N	PE Day		PE Day		
2B		PE Day			PE Day
2P		PE Day			PE Day
3AV			PE Day		PE Day
3C			PE Day		PE Day
4H	PE Day	PE Day			
4L	PE Day	PE Day			
5B			PE Day	PE Day	
5R			PE Day	PE Day	
6D		PE Day		PE Day	
6S		PE Day		PE Day	



Key Dates for the Autumn Term Ahead...

Please Note - Some dates may change, we will update families with any changes.

Key Dates for the Spring Term 2024...

Spring Term Part 2

- Mon 19th Feb: Back to school - gates open at 8.35am as usual
- Weds 6th March: Parents' Evening 1
- Thurs 7th March: Parents' Evening 2
- Fri 15th March: French Learning Adventure Day
- Thurs 21st March: Spring Musical Performances - "Jungle Book"
- Mon 25th March: Y4 Assembly - Easter & learning reflections (letter to come)
- Thurs 28th March: End of Spring Term - Children finish at 1.30pm

Where new events are added, we will update newsletters, send letters and send texts to keep families up to date.



Key Dates for the Summer Term 2024...

Please Note - Some dates may change, we will update families with any changes.

Summer Term Part 1

- Mon 15th April Back to school - gates open at 8.35am as usual
- Tues 16th April: Y5 Activity Week - Residential to Gordon Brown Centre
- **Thurs 2nd May: Local Elections/London Mayor Election: SCHOOL CLOSED**
- Thu 2nd May Polling Day
- Mon 6th May: Bank Holiday
- Mon 20th May: Walk to School Week
- Weds 22nd May: Y1 Assembly - Vesak & learning reflections (letter to come)
- Fri 24th May: Break up for half term at 3.15pm

Summer Term Part 2

- Mon 3rd June: Back to school - gates open at 8.35am as usual
- Mon 10th June: OGPS Proms Week
- Fri 14th June: Y5 Assembly - Eid & learning reflections (letter to come)
- Fri 21st June: Reception Assembly - (letter to come)
- Fri 28th June: Summer Learning Adventure Day
"OG Neuro-Diversity & Disability Champions"
- Mon 1st July: EYFS Sports Day (to be confirmed)
- Fri 5th July: KS1/KS2 Sports Day (to be confirmed)
- Weds 10th July: Performing Arts Concert
- Tues 16th July: Transitions Day - meet new teachers/class
- Thurs 18h July: Y6 Leavers Assembly - (letter to come)
- Fri 19th July: End of Summer Term - Children finish at 1.30pm

Where new events are added, we will update newsletters, send letters and send texts to keep families up to date.



Key Dates for the future...



Please Note:

- Requests for leave of absence are only granted in exceptional circumstances.
- Holidays or visiting sick relatives are not considered an exceptional circumstances.

A Reminder of school timings:

- 7.45-8.35am Breakfast club (only if booked in advance)
- 8.35-8.45am Soft start time - drop off time – gates close 8.45am
- 8.45am Registration (when children **must be in their classroom**)
- Lunchtime Will last for 60mins (11.50am-12.50pm)
- 3.15pm End of the school day - pick up time - children collected by 3.20pm
- From 3.15pm Afterschool Club wrap around care provision and other clubs

Term Dates for 2023-24

Autumn Term: Friday 1st Sept 2023 to Thursday 21st Dec 2023

Spring Term: Monday 8th Jan 2024 to Thursday 28th March 2024
Monday 8th January 2024 is a CPD – no children in school
Children return to school on Tuesday 9th Jan 2024
Half term week: Monday 12th Feb - Friday 16th Feb 2024
Children break up for Easter Holidays on Thurs 28th March 2024

Summer Term: Mon 15th April 2024 to Tuesday 23rd July 2024
Children return to school on Monday 15th April 2024
Half term week Monday 27th May 2024 to Friday 31st May 2024
Children break up for Summer Holidays on Friday 19th July 2024
Monday 22nd July 2024 is a CPD day – no children in school
Tuesday 23rd July 2024 is a CPD day – no children in school

To confirm Staff Training days (CPD days) as follows for 2023-24

- Friday 1st September 2023
- Thursday 21st December 2023
- Monday 8th January 2024
- Monday 22nd July 2024
- Tuesday 23rd July 2024



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Term Dates for 2024-25

(NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE FOR OCT HALF TERM 2024)

Autumn Term: Monday 2nd Sept 2024 to Friday 20th Dec 2024

*Monday 2nd September 2024 is a CPD day – no children in school
Tuesday 3rd September 2024 is a CPD day – no children in school*

Children (Y1-6) start on Wednesday 4th Sept 2024

Half term week Monday 28th Oct to Friday 1st November 2024

Children break up for Christmas Holidays on Friday 20th Dec 2024

Spring Term: Monday 6th Jan 2025 to Friday 4th April 2025

Monday 6th January 2025 is a CPD day – no children in school

Children return to school on Tuesday 7th Jan 2025

Half term week: Monday 17th Feb - Friday 21st Feb 2025

Children break up for Easter Holidays on Friday 4th April 2025

Summer Term: Tuesday 22nd April 2025 to Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Children return to school on Tuesday 22nd April 2025

Half term week Monday 26th May 2025 to Friday 30th May 2025

Children break up for Summer Holidays on Friday 18th July 2024

Monday 21st July 2025 is a CPD day – no children in school

Tuesday 22nd July 2025 is a CPD day – no children in school

To confirm Staff Training days (CPD days) as follows for 2024-25

- Monday 2nd September 2024
- Tuesday 3rd September 2024
- Monday 6th January 2025
- Monday 21st July 2025
- Tuesday 22nd July 2025

In order to help families plan their holidays, we publish dates well in advance. The dates for the 2025-26 academic year will be published to parents early in the autumn term of 2024 when they have been ratified by the Board of Governors.



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