

## Weekly Newsletter 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017

Dear Parents, Carers, and Families,

### General updates

All pupils have come back to school feeling refreshed and ready to continue their learning around the theme of 'Changes' this half term. Pupils and staff have also embraced Halloween this week and engaged in dressing up activities and sensory afternoons.



All regular trips, visits and outings have started this week, and some classes have visited Kew Gardens to experience seasonal changes in the nature around us.



Pupils from Key Stage 5 went to collect Poppy Appeal resources from the Royal British Legion. These will be on sale over the next few weeks and all donations will help the Royal British Legion in helping service men and woman and their families.

### Immunisation

The immunisation nurses will be coming in to do Flu vaccinations on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November, please ensure you have signed and returned your child's consent form by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November if you would like them to be vaccinated. If you have any queries regarding the vaccine please contact the school nursing team.

### Parent Council

The first parent council meeting was held this week. A group of parent representatives came together to identify priorities to focus on this year and plan together. The group decided to meet once per month and get involved with fundraising, leading on projects in the school and the local community, running focused sessions and workshops for parents, strengthening communication with all families across the school and raising awareness of the SEND in the community. The next meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> of December, 10am-11.30am. Everyone is welcome to join us!





Parents and school representatives met the members of the London Assembly Education Panel and discussed various challenges related to accessibility, provision, systems and policies around Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) in London.

### **Staffing Update**

This week you will receive updated class lists with photos of the staff that will be working with your children this term. Next week teachers and the class teams will send home Medium Term Plans outlining in more detail activities and sessions for this half-term.

### **What's coming up next week?**

#### **Evidence for Learning Coffee Morning**

This is to remind you that we are holding an 'Evidence for Learning' coffee morning, on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> of November, between 11am and 12pm. Please see the flyer below.

**Evidence for Learning**

**Coffee Morning**

Join us to:

- Hear all about the new Parent Portal
- Give us feedback about the App
- See how we have been using Evidence for Learning in the classroom
- Sign up to get a secure log in if you haven't already!

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 11am-12pm**

### **Coffee Morning with Monika, Head of School**

All parents, carers and families are invited to a coffee morning on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November between 10am and 11.30am with Monika, Head of School. I really hope to meet many of you there in person and I am always available for you, so please contact me through reception anytime.

## Occupational Therapy Week



**6-12 November 2017**  **#otweek2017**

Next week is Occupational Therapy Week. It is everyone's opportunity to promote the ways in which OT professionals improve the lives of pupils, adults, patients and service users, and help to make the health and care system more efficient.

Please visit this website for more information: <https://www.rcot.co.uk/promoting-occupational-therapy/otweek>

Best wishes,



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