

**Autumn Term
Newsletter 1**

Friday 22nd September 2017

Secondary Transfer Details

Parents of children in Year 6 need to make sure that all secondary transfer forms, indicating school preferences for next year, are received by Southwark by 31st October. This date also applies to parents who are applying for schools in other boroughs.

Applications are to be made online at www.southwark.gov.uk/schooladmissions. Parents that would like help with completion of their application forms, should contact the school office where Jonathan Verity will be available to provide support.

A secondary transfer meeting for year 6 parents will also be held on Thursday 28th September at 3.45 in the bottom hall. This year's application procedure will be explained and local secondary schools will be making short presentations.

Meet the teacher evenings

The first parents' evening of the school year will be held on Tuesday 26th September. This is an important opportunity for many parents to meet with their child's class teacher for the first time. Please make an appointment by speaking to your child's teacher in the playground at the end of the day, or by phoning the school office. Any parents who are unable to attend will be contacted with a given appointment time for a later date.

The Language Unit parents' evenings will be held on Monday 25th for Red class, Tuesday 26th for Purple class and Wednesday 27th September for Lime class.



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Birthdays

If children bring birthday cakes in to share with their class, please make sure that they have already been cut up when they are given to the class teacher. Many children have nut or other allergies, so please be conscious of this if you are bringing any cakes into school. As we have a commitment to healthy eating, please do not send in any party bags with birthday cakes.

Reception Visits

If your child is due to start Reception in September 2018, you have until 15th January 2018 to make your application. The reception classes will be holding Open Days for parents who would like to visit before completing their application form. Parents of nursery aged children are encouraged to come and meet the staff and view the classes on the dates and times listed below.

Wednesday 1st November at 9.30

Thursday 9th November at 1.30

We look forward to meeting our prospective children and their parents.

Year 5 School Journey

The year 5 school journey will be to the Arethusa Centre in March 2018. If you would like your child to take part, please return the form you received to the school office with a deposit of at least £30. There are only limited spaces left.

Forthcoming Dates

Tuesday 26th September – Meet the teacher evening

Thursday 28th September – Secondary transfer meeting (3.45pm)

Friday 20th October – Black History Assemblies (9.20)

Friday 20th October - Reward afternoon for children (1.30)

Friday 20th October – Last day of half term

Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October – Half Term

Monday 30th October – First day of new half term **(school starts at the usual time)**



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