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Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020

PLEASE REMEMBER NO  
POKEMON OR OTHER  
TRADING CARDS TO BE  
BROUGHT INTO SCHOOL

## The Head Teacher writes:

I hope you all enjoyed the half-term break and found some time to rest and relax. Of course, our return to school means, that we are in the second half of this academic year, with plenty of exciting events and opportunities still to come and plenty more things to be learnt!

We look forward to welcoming you into school during parent interview week and sharing your child's progress and development with you. On Monday and Thursday, all appointments will be in the hall and a bell rung every 10 minutes, we do aim to keep strictly to time and would ask that you do too. If there are any concerns that need further conversation, then staff will be happy to address these at a future date.



We are currently hearing from our Year 6 pupils who have sat for a range of Independent schools and I am delighted to say that early results show they have had a record year! State school places come out next week so choices and decisions will be made soon as to the destination schools for each of them next September. My thanks must go to all the staff who have worked with such dedication and support for each child as they have progressed up the school. It really is a team effort and partnership with you at home.

We are always looking ahead and plans are being formulated for next September as we look at numbers across the year groups, staffing and spaces. It is always encouraging when parents say, **'we trust you'!**

Please trust us as we make decisions, none of which are made lightly and please be assured that we will always uphold our core values, the first of which states, *'...to develop the academic, personal and social potential of each child'*. This is what we do, this is what we do well and this is what we will continue to do.

## CHARITY

Before his sudden death at the end of last year, Mrs Handy's brother Tim Scott, had put in place plans to 'walk' the Camino de Santiago with his support dog Elliot. To honour his memory and carry out his wish, Mrs Handy's son and nephew will be undertaking the 500 mile walk during October this year. It is hoped to raise a significant amount of money for the 4 charities that had particularly helped Tim over the past 10 years since his accident. Breaking news is that Mrs Handy herself hopes to accompany Charlie and Fenn on the arduous trek. This is a serious commitment by the team and you may see Mrs Handy pounding the streets as she prepares for the challenge. They are keen for others to join in at various stages of the walk, more details later.

Having already spoken to the PTA, we are keen for our whole school community to really get behind and support this event in every way we can. We are planning a number of opportunities for people to engage and hopefully give generously throughout the year. Meanwhile, if you have any suggestions, ideas or contacts that may be useful, we would love to hear from you.

The first event will be the PTA Quiz Night (see separate flyer). It would be great to fill the hall for what is traditionally a fun evening and get our fundraising off to a good start.

This year, our question masters will be members of Mrs Handy's family – please come and support!



## Cross-Country



On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February, Mrs Hughes took 9 pupils to Radnor House for the London South ISA cross-country qualifying event. They all managed to complete the course, despite the cold and mud underfoot and achieved some brilliant results. Mia (6) came 3<sup>rd</sup> in her race and Evan (3) was placed 10<sup>th</sup>, meaning that they will both be representing London South at the National event to be held in Nottingham next month.

Well done to all our runners and congratulations to our 2 qualifiers.

### A superb effort!



Next Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> March, is World Book Day. Some children and staff have already brought in their pictures of them 'Sharing a Story', the theme for this year. However, we would love some more!

On the day, the children can come dressed as a storybook character and bring with them the book that their character is from. We also plan to have a 'book swap' event on Thursday which means that the children can bring in a book they have read and enjoyed (in good condition please) and swap it for another one. Alternatively, they can bring in 50p to 'buy' a book with proceeds going to Book Aid International.

## CORONAVIRUS

Today we had an assembly on 'sneezing'. How far does a sneeze or cough travel? How should I wash my hands? Ask the children what they learnt!

We will continue to monitor the situation and Government advice on a daily basis and update you with any relevant information we have. Meanwhile, please instruct your children to take sensible precautions and observe safe hygiene practices.

For guidance and updates:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>



## Spotlights Drama – Years 3 to 6 Spring and Summer term 2020

In the spring term, the children attending Spotlights drama classes on Friday mornings before school, have been having lots of fun, learning new and exciting improvisation techniques! Taking the story and characters of 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone' as their inspiration, the children have created wonderfully entertaining scenes. They are all growing in confidence and developing their acting skills.

In the summer term, they'll be working on a scripted presentation of, 'The Chronicles of Narnia.' If your child is in Year 3, 4, 5 or 6 and they would like to join the fun this summer, please contact Miss Slim for more details.

## DATES

Next week:

**MARCH**

**Mon 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Parents' interview week  
ISA London South Netball  
Tournament

**Wed 4<sup>th</sup>**

Life Bus  
Y3 Netball v Blackheath Prep

**Thurs 5<sup>th</sup>**

World Book Day  
Life Bus

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup>**

ISA London South Football  
U11 mixed hockey - St Dunstan's College  
Y3 and Y4 Cross Country at  
Crystal Palace

**Sat 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Mon 9<sup>th</sup>**

Y5 and Y6 St David's Dash

**Tue 10<sup>th</sup>**

Quiz Club Competition at Central Hall,  
Westminster

**Fri 13<sup>th</sup>**

Sport Relief Quiz – pupils v staff  
Y3 Netball 'silly socks' at Farrington's  
Y5 and Y6 Football (H) v Edgebury

**Sat 14<sup>th</sup>**

Bromley Festival

**Mon 16<sup>th</sup>**

PTA QUIZ NIGHT  
SHAKESPEARE WEEK  
Y6 The Globe

**Tue 17<sup>th</sup>**

Y4 Class assembly  
Y4 Netball @ Blackheath Prep

**Wed 18<sup>th</sup>**

Y5 Tate visit  
Y5 and Y6 Fencing workshop

**Thurs 19<sup>th</sup>**

Freshwater Theatre

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup>**

OPEN MORNING  
ISA Cross Country Nationals  
Y6 Netball at Babington House

**FOR MORE DATES – SEE THE WEBSITE**