

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the start of a new academic year. I hope that you all had a refreshing summer break and are now back into the school routines!

There is a great deal taking place this term, so please keep this newsletter safe and look at the school website:

<http://www.sma.rbkc.sch.uk/> for the 'google calendar' which has all the dates for this term.

AUTUMN TERM 2017—DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

11 Sept	Y3 Swimming begins this week
12 Sept	LIFE EDUCATION MOBILE CLASSROOM 3.40 p.m. Reception Class Meeting with Parents
13 Sept	LIFE EDUCATION MOBILE CLASSROOM 3.40 p.m. Class 3 Meeting with Parents
14 Sept	3.40 p.m. Class 4 Meeting with Parents 7.00pm FOSMAS PARENTS DRINKS EVENING
15 Sept	Braiswick Photographs - individuals & siblings
18 Sept	CLUBS BEGIN KS2 French begins 3.45 p.m. - 4.45 p.m. Y6 Secondary Transfer Meeting for Parents held at St Barnabas & Philips School. (Earls Court Road).
19 Sept	3.40 p.m. Class 5 Meeting with Parents
20 Sept	3.40 p.m. Class 2 Meeting with Parents
21 Sept	3.40 p.m. Class 1 Meeting with Parents
27 Sept	3.40 p.m. Class 6 Meeting with Parents
October	BRITISH VALUES MONTH
2 Oct	9.00-12.00 Y6 Parents Training Session about Secondary Transfer and completing the online form with Sam Lord at St Barnabas & St Philips School.
4 Oct	Open Day 3.30pm-4.30 p.m. 3.40 p.m. Year 6 Meeting with Parents - Secondary Transfer & School Journey
5 Oct	9.20 a.m. Whole School Harvest Service Presentation from Y4
9 Oct	SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS
11 Oct	6.45pm for 7.00pm AGM Governors to Parents Meeting
20 Oct	3.30pm Break up for Half term
23-27 Oct	HALF TERM WEEK
30 Oct	INSET DAY - STAFF ONLY
31 Oct	Pupils Return to School 10.10 a.m. The 401 Challenge Ben Smith Visiting assembly
1 Nov	Open Day 3.30pm-4.30 p.m.
6-10 Nov	ASSESSMENT WEEK
10 Nov	11 a.m. 2 minutes silence and LAST POST played
13-17 Nov	SCHOOL JOURNEY WEEK - Year 6 Pupils
15 Nov	3.45 p.m. Y5 Secondary Transfer Meeting to Parents

16 Nov	7.00 p.m. FOSMAS AGM
27-30 Nov	PARENT CONSULTATION WEEK
1 Dec	FOSMAS Christmas Fair 3.30pm-5.00pm
5 Dec	Chamber Choir singing at Kensington Society Mayor's Parlour - late afternoon
6 Dec	KS1 perform to KS2 Open Day 3.30pm-4.30 p.m.
7 Dec	9.20 a.m. Whole School Advent Service Infant presentations to parents - Reception at 2.00 p.m. Year 1 & 2 at 2.45 p.m.
11 Dec	6.30 p.m. Sentebale Carol Service - School Choir involved
12 Dec	CHRISTMAS LUNCH & CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY
13 Dec	KS2 Church Rehearsal TBC 1.05 p.m. COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICE TBC CHOIR TO SING
14 Dec	9.20 a.m. Christmas Church Service 1.30 p.m. FOSMAS Parties
15 Dec	10.20 a.m. Kindness Cup awarded in end of term assembly END OF AUTUMN TERM

SPRING TERM 2018 - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday	NO INSET DAY
2 Jan 2018	PUPILS & STAFF RETURN
3 Jan 2018	Open Day 3.30pm-4.30 p.m.
4 Jan 2018	9.20 A.M. Whole School Epiphany Service

OPEN DAYS THIS TERM

The school is open on the following dates from 3.30pm-4.30pm or the next day Thursday from 8.00am-8.30am (by prior arrangement with the class teacher only) so that you can spend time with your child looking at his/her learning.

- 4th October
- 1st November
- 6th December

CLASS MEETINGS

Each class teacher has a scheduled meeting with parents to provide you with a Curriculum MAP, timetable for the week and to discuss expectations and outcomes for the year. Please attend this important meeting with your child's class teacher so you know how best to support your son/daughter this term and get to know the class teacher.

FOSMAS DRINKS EVENING - 14 SEPTEMBER 7.00pm

Initially this FOSMAS Drinks Evening was to welcome any new parents to our school. It still is however, we welcome any parents to the school on 14th September at 7.00pm to come and get to meet staff and other parents and perhaps offer help on the committee.

CHURCH SERVICES

Class 6 will lead the services this first half term followed by Class 5 after half term. The Whole School Services are on:

5 Oct	Harvest Presentation by Year 4
19 Oct	Joint Service with Key Stage 2 from St Barnabas & St Philips School
7 Dec	Whole School Advent Service with Whole School from St Barnabas & St Philips School
14 Dec	Whole School Christmas Service

All the services begin at 9.20am at St Mary Abbot's Church.

SECONDARY TRANSFER INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR YEAR 6 PARENTS

Please note that I have organised two sessions for Year 6 Parents with Sam Lord (Consultant) who is able to give important information and advice on the Secondary Transfer process. The sessions take place at St Barnabas & St Philips School.

Session 1	18 Sept	3.45-4.45 Year 6 Secondary School Session for Parents
Session 2	2 Oct	9.00-12.00 Drop in session on how to complete the on-line form. Advice & guidance

CLASS ASSEMBLIES THIS TERM

Parents are warmly invited to attend their child's class assembly on the designated date below at 10.20am. Assemblies usually last 20 minutes.

22 September	Class 2
6 October	Class 1
13 October	Reception Class
10 November	Class 5
17 November	Class 3
24 November	Class 6
1 December	Class 4

CLUBS

Following Mrs Verjee's retirement, we welcome Patty Kool as our new Extended School Coordinator. Ms Kool will be developing and extending the number of clubs over this academic year. Last term, a number of providers suddenly decided not to continue as they were having difficulty receiving payment from parents for clubs that the child had attended.

So we introduced a new system whereby parents have to Pay on line before securing a place in a club for their child.

NB. If there are parents experiencing financial difficulties, they would need to speak with me or Ms Kool. This will be dealt with in the 'strictest of confidence.'

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

As I indicated last term, we have one Parent Governor vacancy on the Governing Board and need to appoint as soon as we are able to. We are looking for a parent who can attend meetings and committees and for someone who has many important skills to offer. Please note the time frame below:

- Parents wishing to stand for Parent Governor Election, please complete the attached slip plus Supporting Statement and return with photograph to the school office by **15th September**.
- **On 20th September** - You will be informed of those parents who are standing for Election and the Supporting Statements from those parents will be scanned and sent via Schoolcomms to every family.
- **Friday 22 September** Ballot Papers will be sent out via Pupil Post to all parents (1 ballot paper per family, sent with the eldest child).
- **Monday 25 September** - Ballot Box will be available outside the office area for ballot papers to be returned. Parents can drop off ballot papers from 8.00am until 5.00pm. If you cannot post the ballot paper in person and intend to vote by post or "pupil post" **the ballot form should be sent to school to arrive not later than the close of the ballot on 6th October at 3.00pm. The envelope should be addressed to Mrs N Doyle - The Returning Officer, c/o St Mary Abbots School and marked with a "P".**
- **Friday 6 October:**
3.00pm - Voting for Parent Governor Election closes.
3.30pm - The count will take place in the Technology Room
The Election Result will be announced via Schoolcomms later that evening

SCHOOL MEAL INCREASE

The cost of the school meals will increase from the start of this term to **£2.40 per day**.

I hope that you feel this amount for a hot meal and pudding still represents "good value for money," as it would be difficult to buy a meal on the high street for this amount. **The cost per week is £12.00.**

School meals still remain free for all KS1 pupils. If you feel that your child has a number of allergies, he or she can bring a healthy packed lunch to school. Please see school website for Healthy School Food allowed.

END OF SUMMER TERM 2017

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to thank you for all the cards, gifts and good wishes we are received. As always, you were incredibly generous and kind. Thank you.

Yours sincerely



N Doyle
Headteacher



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8 September 2017

Dear Parents

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

The Instrument of Government for the school provides for parents and carers of registered pupils to be members of the Governing Body.

The Clerk to the Governing Body has informed me that Mrs Wendy Wyver's term of office has come to an end which means a vacancy exists and you are very welcome to put your name forward should you wish to stand for election.

All parents and carers are eligible to stand for election, except

- Persons liable for be detained under the Mental Health Act 1983
- Undischarged bankrupts
- Persons recently convicted of a serious offence
- Persons disqualified under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986
- Persons subject to disqualification as a Charity Trustee
- Persons whose employment is prohibited or restricted
- Persons disqualified from being proprietors of independent schools

If would like to put your name forward, please complete the tear-off slip at the foot of this letter. You are also invited to write a brief statement about yourself (not exceeding 200 words) and attach a recent photograph. Printed statements are preferable as they are easier to read. Please return your completed form and supporting statement to the school office **no later than Friday 15 September 2017.**

Should an election be necessary I will circulate to voters your statement and those of other candidates.

Yours sincerely

N Doyle
Headteacher

ST MARY ABBOTS SCHOOL PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

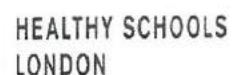
I wish to serve as a parent governor and to be a candidate if an election is necessary. I confirm that I am eligible to serve as a school governor.

Full name (Forenames/s) _____ Surname _____

Name of child/ren _____

Signed _____ Date _____

I enclose a brief statement about myself to be displayed outside the school office for voters to read YES/NO





St Mary Abbots School

**PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION 2017
SUPPORTING STATEMENT**

NAME: _____

CHILD'S CLASS _____

I am standing for election as a Parent Governor because:

**PLEASE
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