



## A joyful start...

### Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a happy and smooth start to the term – our very first term ever! The children have settled in well, quickly making friends and making this transition with such ease. A big thank you to all the staff who have worked hard to prepare resources and set up the school. I ask for your continued patience as we rectify some of the 'snagging' issues with starting a school and building work.

Our youngest children start next week. The Reception children begin with a phased start – half days next week and full time from 24<sup>th</sup> September. Many of the year 1 children have said that they will 'look after the small children and show them the bikes' – leaders in the making!

I look forward to welcoming you to our first Coffee morning on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September between 8.30 and 9.15. This will be an informal opportunity to meet other parents and the school leadership team. Until then, have a good weekend.

With warm regards,

Mr. James Biddulph

Head Teacher

### Welcome to our first class – Blue Class – the class of 2018



Everyone welcome...Everyone included

## Key Dates:

Monday 17th September:  
Reception children start. Half day  
for the whole week

Monday 24th September: Full days  
for reception children

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September: Year 1  
'Meet the Teacher' Meeting (to  
explain Home Learning, Reading  
Records, the curriculum). 8.30-  
9.30am

**Friday 12th October:  
INSET school closed to  
children**

Monday 12th November: Diwali  
Celebration (5-7.00pm)

Tuesday 13th November:  
Closed for Diwali

Week beginning 17th December:  
The Nativity Play (more information  
to follow after September)

## Golden Awards

### Blue Class (Year 1)

Rishab Patel and  
Shushumna Veerlapatti

Each week 2 children from  
each class are nominated by  
children and the class  
teacher. This is because they  
have achieved, showed  
more effort or excelled in  
our Golden Expectations.

## READ TO SUCCEED!

Phonics Bug is our Phonics Reading Strategy (Have a look at [www.bugclub.co.uk](http://www.bugclub.co.uk) for a taster). This involves children taking real reading books home as well as reading virtual books in their virtual book bag! Lots of fun.

Year 1 Meet the Teacher Meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2012 between 8.30 and 9.30.

## Things to do this weekend: The Great River Race 2012

London's annual river marathon race to find the Traditional Boat Champions, this year with a guest appearance at the end of the course by the gorgeous gilded barge Gloriana, built for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, with Team GB Olympic rowing medalists Sophie Hosking and Rob Williams aboard.

Approximate timings for the lead boats are: Tower Bridge 11.15am; Millennium Bridge 11.20am; Westminster Bridge 11.30am

More than 300 crews take part, ranging from serious athletes to recreational rowers in fancy dress. Vessels, meanwhile, are an eclectic mix of gigs, skiffs, Chinese dragon boats, Hawaiian war canoes, Viking longboats, Irish currachs, shallops, wherries and whalers. The race starts at Millwall Riverside, Westferry Rd, E14



**PARKING:** a polite request  
to parents to park safely and  
not near the school gates or  
on zig-zag lines. Help us  
ensure our children's safety  
please!

## Quote of the week:

*"There are two mistakes one can make along the road to truth...not going all the way, and not starting."*

**Hindu Prince Gautama Siddharta, the founder of Buddhism, 563-483 B.C**

Attendance for Blue class:  
97%