



Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

Children in Year 1 and 2 will be going out on educational visits in the coming weeks. We believe that these our of school learning opportunities play a huge part in developing children’s understanding of their world. It’s also a great opportunity to see children learning in different contexts with their teacher – we see a very different side to them normally. We take children’s safety very seriously and all trips have to meet a stringent risk assessment. We also seek volunteers to come on trips – if you are interested please contact your child’s teacher.

It seems that I have upset parents by saying we are not having a Diwali event for which I apologise. When I published that the event cannot take place, I referred to the community evening event. However, on 25th October the children will be part of our Diwali Celebration in school involving special Prasad, Kirtan, Diva lamp making, reading and acting the story, and all coming to school in traditional clothes.

I must ask you to stop parking in Carlton Drive or using the cul-de-sac to turn around – it is very dangerous especially as there are so many people milling around. I would hate to report that a child has been knocked over. Thanks to parent volunteers who attended safeguarding and reading training. Your input will help us inspire a love of reading!

With kind wishes James Biddulph, Head Teacher

YOUR VOICE – PARENT GOVERNORS

Last Friday, Chet Patel and Savita Sharma were voted in as Parent Governors. This is what they have to say...

Chet Patel

I like to thank each and everyone of you who entrusted me to represent you as parent governor. I now have the opportunity to make a difference, not only for our children, but for children in years to come. I endeavor to make a difference for parents, and to influence the way in which school works with you. I look forward to the challenge that lies ahead and intend to give it my full commitment. Should you need to get in touch, please feel free to contact me.

Chet Patel
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Your Voice Counts

Now we are well into the term we need your views. Parent view is an online survey, seen by Ofsted and the public to gather your views. We also have our own survey giving you the opportunity for more focused comments.

*Last year parent commitment was extraordinary with over 70% taking part. Please can we try and better this – 80%?? **EVEN IF YOU DID THE SURVEY LAST YEAR PLEASE DO IT AGAIN FOR 2013-14***

<http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>

Go to GIVE YOUR VIEW REGISTER Then DO SURVEY

Of course, if you have any concerns please come and talk to us as well, so we can work together to solve.

Better together – what could we achieve?

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School Meals Payment Queries

Dear Parents,

Should you have a query on your child's school meal account or are experiencing problems registering online please contact Nikki Baxter on 0844 583 5754 or email her at nikki.baxter@uk.issworld.com.

To view your child's account/statement online please register at

www.feedinghungryminds.co.uk/online-payments and click on the Redbridge icon.

Kind regards

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Key Dates:

26th Sept: Year 2 Parent Curriculum Meeting

27th Sept: Reception classes set in formal groups

9th Oct: Eid Celebration

11th Oct.: INSET (No children)

25th Oct: Diwali Celebration (for children in school only)

28th Oct – 1st November: Half Term

4th Nov: Book Week (8th Nov: Dressing up as book character day!)

Have you ever visited Stratford Circus (behind the Picture House cinema in Stratford)? There are some wonderful shows for young children – called Circlets. I took my nieces there and they loved it! Attending cultural spaces is so powerful for children – and cost is low.

<https://www.stratford-circus.com>

Dressing up days...

8th Nov (come as an animal. Prizes for most creative costume)

25th Oct: Traditional Asian Dress or party clothes if you don't have these.

"The Bhagavad-Gita is the most systematic statement of spiritual evolution of endowing value to mankind. It is one of the most clear and comprehensive summaries of perennial philosophy ever revealed; hence its enduring value is subject not only to India but to all of humanity."

Aldous Huxley

Safeguarding

Do you know what e-safety is? Do you know how your children are using the internet? Do you know who they may be contacting...even at this young age?

Worried about a child?

Don't wait until you're certain. Contact our trained helpline counsellors for 24/7 help, advice and support.

Report a concern

Contact the helpline in:

0808
800
5000

We will be sending an e-safety policy agreement for you and your child to sign – so that we reiterate the importance of safeguarding children on line. www.childnet.com/ufiles/Keeping-Young-Children-Safe-Online.pdf

ENERGY COSTS IN REDBRIDGE...Dear colleague,

The leader and deputy leader of Redbridge Council are promoting the Big London Energy Switch scheme to local residents along with 23 other London boroughs. The scheme works by gathering a large number of people and then using this consumer power to encourage energy companies to offer their lowest prices. Residents who registered and accepted the offer from the auction we held in April are seeing a saving of £122 per year on their energy bills. The next auction will take place on 16 October and residents can sign up for it until midnight 15 October, therefore, could you please spread the message to your staff and the parents so that they can get a chance to switch and save before winter hits? Below is a very brief message that can be sent out by email or text or via your social media networks.

"Paying too much for your gas and electricity bills? Why not sign up for the Big London Energy Switch scheme by midnight 15 October and get a chance to switch your suppliers before winter hits? For details visit www.biglondonenergyswitch.org.uk or contact your local council."

Many thanks to you ahead of time for helping residents in Redbridge save money at home!