



## Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was great to see so many parents/carers at the first Coffee morning. We really value your ideas and opinions and look forward to the establishment of a Parent Friends and Teachers Association (PFTA).

There are some important dates for your diary: 12<sup>th</sup> October is an INSET. The teachers and assistants are at different conferences learning more about how we develop our ethos and ensure the best quality learning and teaching. 12<sup>th</sup> November is our special Govardhan Puja and Diwali day with an evening celebration for parents/friends and families. We are closed on 13<sup>th</sup> November.

The Autumn rain indicates that it is time for Harvest. All traditions have a festival which is about celebrating the harvest, being grateful for the gifts we have and in sharing these with other people. We will be collecting items of food during next week. Please bring a tin of food, or dry pasta or rice...no fresh food or food that will go bad quickly. Tinned soup is always good. We will give these donations to the Salvation Army. Please no meat, egg or fish items.

With warm regards,  
Mr. James Biddulph  
Head Teacher

**Book Week! 22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>  
October**

*We will be inspiring children with  
a whole week dedicated to a love  
of reading.*

**Dear Children, You will be learning about a character in a book. The character is an alien from outer space.**

**On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October everyone must come dressed as an alien. Even the teachers will look a little strange!**

**Ask you families to help you make your costume.**

**We want EVERYONE to join in!  
Love,  
The Alien (you will find out my name soon)**



## Key Dates:

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

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October: Year 1 trip to the National Portrait Gallery

Half Term: 29<sup>th</sup> October – 3<sup>rd</sup> November

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:

Magdalena for doing so well at lunch time  
Naian for such a positive attitude and doing all the activities in the room  
Sanjay for helping people out  
Diya for being so kind.



Please bring your child's PE kit on Monday. This consists of blue shorts or tracksuit bottoms, white T-shirt and plimsols. Please include a spare set of underwear in case of accidents!

## Quote of the week:

*'To be kind is more important than to be right. Many times, what people need is not a brilliant mind that speaks but a special heart that listens'* – a quote from a member of our school community

## Attendance Matters:

**Did you know that if your child is late for 5 minutes everyday, they lose out on 3 whole days of learning!**

### Having difficulty getting to school?

Several parents from the Ilford area have explained how difficult it is to get to school. If you would like to get together with other parents and think of ways to share the journey please come to the coffee next morning.

Please bring Wellington Boots to school and leave them so we can splash!

HELP!! I don't have a name. Please can you think of one and give it to your teacher. I am super and love to read - just like you! Roar!!!!

