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Excellence with Compassion

Dear Parents and Carers,



Yr 3 visit to the Natural History Museum

On Tuesday, Class 3 enjoyed a visit to the Natural History Museum. To support their study of prehistoric Britain this term, they looked at extinct mammals, as well as tools and weapons used thousands of years ago!

London School Service at St Paul's

On Thursday Mr Nunn and I accompanied a small group of children to the London Diocesan Schools service at St Paul's cathedral. We were a part of a congregation made up of pupils and staff from more than 100 schools, with more than 500 pupils participating!



Parent E Safety Session – this Wednesday

Don't forget – this Wednesday at 9am we have a parent information session being held in the Computer room, with a focus on e-safety. This is being led by the company who provide our computing curriculum.

E-safety is an incredibly relevant topic and is something that parents often express as finding difficult to keep ahead of the children on. When children are not using the internet properly, issues can be wide ranging and can often spill into school. We want to support parents as much as possible, by hopefully providing the tools to help you at home. We hope this will be really helpful and informative session.

Measles Vaccinations

There continues to be a rise in this very serious condition, because many children across the country are not up to date with their vaccinations. Public Health would like us to share this information again with parents.

Key messages:

- Measles is more than just a rash – it is a serious condition that spreads very easily and can lead to severe illness and even death.
- One in 15 people with measles have serious complications such as meningitis, sepsis and blindness.



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- Two doses of the MMR vaccine give 99% protection against measles.
- Adults or children of any age who have missed getting their MMR doses should contact their GP to make an appointment.
- Some MMR vaccines contain porcine gelatine but there is one widely available called Priorix® that is gelatine free.
- Families who require the gelatine free vaccine can request this from their GP or healthcare provider.
- If you or your child has measles, stay at home and contact your GP or call 111.
- If any parents or staff need information in a different language, they can do so by visiting the Westminster [Family Information Service page](#) and clicking 'select language' at the very top of the page.
- This webpage can be translated into 132 languages.

February Half Term

We break up for half term holiday on Friday 9th February. We look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday 19th February 2024.

Please do refer back to previous letters available on our website, providing information on activities available over half term.

Dates coming up:

February
Wed 7 th : Yr 2 to St Pauls
Tues 6 th : Yr 5 to Tate Modern
Thurs 8 th Yr 5 to London Zoo
Fri 9 th : Yr 4 to Balham Mandir,
Fri 9th: last day of half term (school closed 12th – 16th February)
Mon 19th: school starts
Tues 20 th : Class 3 to the library
Wed 21 st : Class 2 to the library
Tues 27 th Class 4 to the library

Attendance: We ask that you do not book holidays in term time. Our holiday dates for this year and next year are on the website and also are available from the office on a wallet sized card. We are aiming for a whole school attendance of 97% and have a little way to go yet.

This week we had 2 classes with the highest attendance Class 1 and Class 6 both had a stunning 100%. Well done to both classes!

Whole school attendance is: 94.91% - we are heading in the right direction and attendance is improving. Our target is to go to get to 97% by the end of the year.

Awards:

Star of the Week: Walid

Sports award: Kaylem

Top Table: Ivy and Grace

Class of the week: Class 3

Music award: Maya

House of the week: **St. Edward**

Mentions	Mason and Jacob	Teddy and Brooke	Omari and Moody	Ruth and Evie	Jecoliah and Maya	Anisa and Shreya	Adam and Joud
Courtesy	Helan and Mila	Sarah and Teddy	Salman and Rishan	Asher and Mohamed	Amar and Fred	Dorela and Janelle	Modar and Shalom

With very best wishes,

Rebecca Anson
Headteacher