



Monday 16th March 2020

I begin this newsletter with very important information for all parents/carers regarding the coronavirus situation implication for our school.

As I'm sure you are aware schools cannot close without the approval of Public Health England. The Government is currently saying schools will stay open. So, as a school, we have discussed how best we can continue providing the best for our children and how we can keep our school community as safe as possible and free from the infection.

We ask that: if your child develops a new, repetitive troubling cough and/or a temperature 37.8 or above you keep him/her off school for 7 days at home.

We are doing our best to ensure everyone (children and adults) are washing their hands for 20 seconds at different stages of the day.

To minimise the number of people in school we have agreed the following will be cancelled:

- All school activities which include a significant number of parents/visitors including parent meetings, Friday assemblies, planned PTA events including discos and bingo etc. As a result there will be no Mother's Day breakfast this Friday morning and Endeavour class assembly will not take place either. Please note that the class assembly for Discovery planned for Friday 27th March will not take place also.
- We have taken advice from the local authority who has informed us that The Year 6 French Residential visit planned for July will be reviewed after Easter as to whether or not it will go ahead. We will of course let you know as soon as any definite decision has been made by the local authority.
- Any activity where our children meet with children from other schools. This means that the year 3 and 4 Football planned for this week will not be going ahead.

In the likely event that Public Health England and the Government decide to close all schools we will inform parents by text immediately and will provide work for the children to do. Teachers are currently organising this. Your child's Class Teacher will provide you with information as to how this will work, please inform us if you do not have home access to the internet. We will try to support you as much as possible in this extremely challenging situation. We ask those parents who drop children off at school to please leave them with the class teacher at the door.

In the meantime we endeavour to make life for the pupils carry on as normal here at school. All extra-curricular clubs will continue for this week but will not be on next week as that is the last full week before the Easter break as things stand.

Voyager Assembly

We were treated to a lovely assembly by Voyager class on Friday morning as they took us on an almost virtual tour of London. It was great to see the children speak with such confidence at such a young age. As always, parents were able to go back to the classroom afterwards to look through the children's books – something the children always thoroughly enjoy doing.

PE

PE will continue on Wednesday afternoon's with Mr Wells for the remaining three Wednesdays as the children continue to develop their skills in hockey.

Forest School

We still have two more Forest School sessions with Mrs Wilkinson Tough for Endeavour and Challenger classes starting this coming Thursday. Thank you for all of the additional clothing that has been coming in so far this term which has allowed the children to enjoy their experiences outside in warmth and comfort.

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Sports Relief

Last week we had a fantastic Sport Relief Friday. Thank you for all of the contributions made on the day. Throughout the course of Friday, the children embarked on a one-mile running challenge around the school grounds. This is an idea which has been ran by three of our Year 6 students (Maggie, Lily and Olivia) who wanted to raise money towards the school we support in Burkina Faso. We ask that those children still with sponsorship forms to bring them in with the money once collected. We will announce the total amount raised in the coming couple of weeks.

Mother's Day Market

On Friday we will still have a PTA Mother's Day Market in school. Children are able to bring in £1 which will allow them to select one present for the market to bring home for Mum, Step-Mum, Grandma etc. We ask that children bring their money in enclosed inside a named envelope so that it does not become lost at any point during the day. A huge thank you once again to Ms Silvertown who has arranged all the gifts that will be on offer to the children on Friday afternoon.

Safety

We have noticed parents still driving onto the school premises despite the request not to do so in last week's newsletter. In the interests of safety for all children at our school please can we ask that you do not drive onto the school premises in order to either drop off or collect your children. Even if the gates are open for any reason – please do not see this as a sign to enter the premises. If you do need access please contact the school office to discuss this further. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Maths Event

Finally, well done to our KS2 Maths team (TJ, Noah, Lily and Robin) who went for an afternoon of Maths, at St Richards Primary last week. They took part in problem solving activities along with children from other schools within our collaboration.

Forest School

Challenger

19th Mar AM

26th Mar AM

Endeavour

19th Mar PM

26th Mar PM

PTA EVENTS

All PTA dates on hold at present given the current situation around the Corona Virus.

Non – Uniform Dates for Summer Fayre:

Friday 19 June – Chocolate

Friday 26 June – Bottles

Friday 3 July – Cakes

Friday 3 July – Summer Fayre

STARS OF THE WEEK

Discovery: Ralph and Jamie

Voyager: Leo, Harley and Ruby

Atlantis: Evelyn and Joshua

Challenger: Theo and Saffy

Endeavour: Harley and Charley

TEAM POINTS

Betteshanger: 45

Chislet: 48

Snowdown: 43

Tilmanstone: 80

DATES FOR 2019/20

Wed 1 Apr	Easter Service in Church
	Last Day of Term Four
Thu 16 Apr	Start of Term 5
11-15 May	KS2 SATS
Thu 21 May	New Entrants Meeting
Fri 22 May	End of Term Five
Mon 8 June	Start of Term 6
Fri 19 June	Atlantis Assembly
Thu 25 June	Challenger Assembly
Thu 2 July	Y6 Production
Fri 3 July	Voyager Assembly
13-17 July	Focus Week: ACTIVITIES
Wed 15 July	Sports Day AM
Mon 20 July	Moving Up Afternoon
Wed 22 July	Last Day of Term Six

UNIFORM PRICES

Sweat Shirts

Sizes

3-4 Years £8.00

7-8 Years £8.00

9-10 Years £8.00

11-12 Years £8.00

XS £8.00

Small £8.50

Medium £9.00

Large £9.00

Fleece - £13.00 sizes as above

Book Bags £3.00

P E Bags £3.00

Water Bottles £1.00