



13<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Dear Parents

Welcome back! I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday and that your child has had a good start to the new academic year. May I take this opportunity to welcome all parents and pupils who are new to the school. I look forward to working with you during your association with us.

This year, the e-newsletters will be sent out on the first Friday of the month. These are sent electronically for those parents for whom we have an email address. Please ensure that we have any new addresses so that we can update our system and then let us know if you do not receive the communication. There are always some spare ones in the office should you be unable to access a copy at anytime. If you would prefer to receive the newsletter by pupil post we can arrange that if you let the office know.

Newsletters are an important form of communication. They will give you information about current and forthcoming events, curriculum activities within each year group, diary dates, grumbles and nags. At the end of each there will be a list of dates for that term.

Today's newsletter also contains the inset days which are planned for the rest of the academic year. The newsletter will be posted on the school's website. There is also a calendar on the school's website which is kept updated with all the events that are happening within the school.

#### **MISSION STATEMENT, VISION AND VALUES**

Update on consultation last term:

**Mission:** Our core purpose; why we exist. (Why?)

59% of parents and 77% of staff preferred choice 'b' which is:

*To inspire excellence for all, through a creative aspirational learning experience which encourages resilience and adaptability for a changing world.*

**Vision:** Our future, where we are headed. (What?)

92% of parents and 61% of staff agreed with the suggestion made by the school leaders and governors: vision of a child leaving Adamsrill in 5 years' time (happy, adaptable, confident, believing in anything possible, skilled and knowledgeable, accepting of difference, able to assess risk, resilient, ready for the next stage of their learning and successful in 'exams terms').

**Values:** Our core values, what we stand for. (How?)

81% of parents and 69% of staff agreed with the values school leaders (senior leaders and governors) came up with. Some suggestion on fine tuning and making the values sharp and punchy were suggested. These were: High aspiration, respect for all, creativity and openness to transformational ideas, integrity & responsibility, resilience & adaptability.

I want to thank sincerely all the parents and staff who took part and made their voices and opinions heard.

**Pupils will be consulted next week (week beginning Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019) and their feedback (in addition to parents' and staff) will help us to arrive at a vision, mission statement and values which are supported by majority of the school community.**

Staff explored the implications of our mission statement, vision and values on our curriculum during our INSET day on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September and the parents forum on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October will be an opportunity to share this with parents.

#### **PARENTS' FORUM**

Our first parents' forum starts on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October from 9.05 – 10.05am**. This is an opportunity for parents to meet with a senior leader within the school to discuss any general issues they may have. Parent forum is held once a term. All parents are welcome and the meeting is held in the main hall.

#### **SAFEGUARDING**

At Adamsrill we take safeguarding very seriously.

All stakeholders at Adamsrill Primary School have a duty of care for all children. If at any time, you think a child's wellbeing is at risk of harm from NEGLECT, PHYSICAL or EMOTIONAL ABUSE, BULLYING, RADICALISATION, FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION (FGM), PLEASE report it to one of the Safeguarding leads. Sexting is also a form of abuse.

Our designated safeguarding lead (DSL) is Mrs Harracksingh (Interim Deputy Headteacher).

Deputy DSLs are Dr Eko, Mrs Norris and Mrs Onye.

The Governor with responsibility for safeguarding is Ms Sue Bateson (Chair of Governors).

#### **SCHOOL UNIFORM:**

Parents, please be reminded that children must come to school dressed in their correct school attire. Please do not send your child to school with anything else than the school uniform.

Our school uniform is:

- Navy blue trouser/skirt/pinafore dress
- Navy blue jumper/cardigan (with Adamsrill logo)
- Black leather shoes **(no trainers)**
- Yellow Polo-Shirt (with Adamsrill logo)
- Yellow or blue checked summer dress

PE Kit items: White T-Shirt

Navy blue shorts/jogging bottoms

Black plimsolls (no trainers)

Book bags with the Adamsrill logo can be purchased from the 'Wearabouts' on Sydenham High Street.

**Please ensure that all items have your child's name/class on them.**

**Parents will be phoned if their child brings the wrong uniform (including shoes) to school.**

### **SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER**

The school photographer will be coming on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November** to take single portraits of the children and siblings photographs. Group photographs will be taken in the spring term and you will be advised of the date.

### **ELIGIBILITY FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS/PUPIL PREMIUM**

Your child might be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Your child might also get free school meals if you get any of these benefits and your child is both:

- younger than the compulsory age for starting school
- in full-time education You can register your child directly through the Lewisham Council website

Children who are or who have been in receipt of free school meals in the last 6 years are classed as **pupil premium children** under the government scheme. For every child registered under Pupil Premium, the school will receive £1320 from the Government. This funding is called a '**Pupil Premium**' and is designed to close the gap between pupils from disadvantaged families and their peers. Pupil Premium will help to provide:

- Additional support in class for pupils
- Booster lesson
- Various interventions for additional needs (including therapists in school)
- Music tuition
- Improved computing provision to sustain pupil achievement and further enhance teaching
- Funding for free school trips

As you can see, this additional funding can really make a substantial difference. Do you qualify?

### **OUR SCHOOL MILK AND FRUIT SCHEME**

Our school provides a milk scheme that is available to all of EYFS pupils. Every child in the EYFS and KS1 receives a piece of fruit or vegetable a day.

### **CURRICULUM AND MEET THE TEAMS MEETINGS FOR YEARS 1 - 6**

A reminder that these meetings will take place on the following days:

- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September : UKS2 (years 5 & 6) at 4pm

- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September: LKS2 (years 3 & 4) at 4pm
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September : KS1 (years 1 & 2) at 4pm

### **CLUBS**

A list of extra-curricular clubs for the autumn term has been shared by the office. The children and parents have been advised already about how to access the clubs that take place during the school day, and for those clubs that take place after school payments have been set up via ParentPay. Payment on ParentPay is treated as parental consent for clubs and educational visits.

### **WATER BOTTLES/PLAYTIME SNACKS**

A reminder that children are only allowed to have plain tap or bottled water in their water bottles, not flavoured water or squash. The school council is planning to set up a healthy tuck shop for morning play one day a week (Fridays only). More information on this to follow.

Various classes can set up healthy tuck shops as a means of raising funds for specific projects (these may feature in class newsletters so please look out for them).

### **Parental Involvement**

We are aware that we have a lot of parents with varied skills which the school community can benefit from. Please, please, if you can give of your time (no matter how small), we would be grateful to accept your help when needed. Last term we had some very accomplished musician parents. The Summer fair also showcased the accomplished actors, DJs photographers etc. amongst us. This was good for our children to see, it gave them something to aspire to, and that dreams can be realised.

However, for us to do so, we will need to do a **parental skills audit**. You do not have to take part if you do not want to but we will be grateful if you do take part. Caron Scott-Nadal will be conducting this and will advise parents on this.

Discussions about class representatives ( 2 parents from every class) being part of the inner core of friends of Adamsrill, attending parents' forum and disseminating information to the rest of the parents has been discussed in the past. This will be explored this year, and I am hoping that it will have positive impact on communication within the school community.

### **Friends of Adamsrill (FOA)**

I want to thank all the members of the friends of Adamsrill for all their hard work last year in raising funds for the school. We value your contribution and we would like to build on that. Mrs Harracksingh and Ms Scott-Nadal (Caron) will be the link staff for FOA. It will be very helpful to have a lot more parents taking up membership of friend of Adamsrill. The current committee worked extremely hard, and the challenge now is to build on their successes. Mrs Harracksingh is in the process of setting up a meeting with the current committee as soon as possible. We are aware that the Macmillan Coffee morning is fast

approaching as is the winter fair. We are looking forward to working with the school community to help make these events happen successfully. If you would like to be part of either of these, please speak let us know and look out for the date of our first meeting. We are looking forward to working with all our parents to ensure our children's school experience is the best that it can be.

#### **Attendance**

Please be reminded that school starts sharply at 8.55am. **Good attendance is at least 96%.**

Adamsrill Primary School does not authorise any term time holidays.

This year parents will be informed of how many times their children are late and how many minutes of school have been missed. This is to encourage a positive attitude towards school and to collect data on common reasons children are late.

Our attendance policy is currently being updated and will be available to all parents this autumn term.

**For the year 6s attending interviews and open days, please provide letters to the office so that we can authorise the absence. We cannot authorise study days.**

#### **Beginning of Day and End of Day Procedures**

The school gate opens at 8:45am.

**Parents must not allow children to play on the climbing frame or ride a scooter/bike in the playground before or after school for safeguarding reasons.** Staff will ask pupils not to ride, or to step away from the climbing frames. Please support us to maintain safety and discipline by supervising your child during these times.

Class teachers collect their classes from the playground at 8:55am.

Learning begins at 9:00am. All classes (except nursery and reception) must be in the front playground ready for collection at 15:30. Year ones can dismiss their children at the end of the day from the class as well.

Any child who is late (that is arrives school at 9am or later), collects a late card from Caron Scott-Nadal the family liaison officer (FLO).

The late room (for late collection at the end of the day) is now in the spare classroom (former RG) at the back of the building. Parents who are late to collect their children (after buzzing in) must walk (outside the school building), around the hall, then straight forward to the late collection room. You must not go to the office or try to cut through the hall as there are activities taking place.

If a parent is going to send someone else to collect their child, the parent must telephone the school in good time (preferably before 14:30). The office will agree a code word with the parent. This code word will be shared with classroom staff. Classroom staff will only release the child to this person if they state the code word.

The school will only hand pupils to adults (16 or above).

If staff suspect that someone is under the influence of drugs or alcohol, they will not hand over a child to them and social services will be informed.

**Walking Home Alone. This applies to years 5 and 6 pupils only.** Parents make the decision whether or not their year 5 or 6 child is allowed to walk home alone. A child will be allowed to walk home alone if their parent sends in a written signed and dated instruction to the Headteacher.

**Parents who do not collect their child by 15:45 at the end of the day will be charged a £10 fee to cover child care as the only child care available at that time is the after school provision.**

**The school considers late collection as neglect (especially when it happens regularly) and this will be referred to children and social care.**

### **DATA COLLECTION, MEDICAL AND CONSENT FORMS**

These will be sent home with your child/children on 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Please look out for them as they need to be back by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September. Failure to do this could stop your child/children from going on any visits or activities run by the school. Please check all details, and if they need changing please write the changes on the form.

**I cannot stress enough, the importance of having a contact number that works and more than one contact number. Please, please ensure that all your details are up-to-date.**

### **CHARITIES**

This term we are collecting for the following courses:

- NSPCC (Safeguarding children)
- Parents attending school functions such as assemblies or school plays could bring a contribution of a spare tin of food or packet of dry food product that we would like to donate and support of our local food banks. Thank you.

The school council will decide and advise on which other charities Adamsrill will be supporting this year.

### **SCHOOL MEALS**

From the Kitchen: From September 4<sup>th</sup> 2019 the price of school meals will be going up to £2.30 for the children in Years 3 to 6. **A reminder that the Year 3 children are no longer eligible for FSM under the government Universal Infant Free School Meals initiative.** If you wish your child to have school meals, the cost is £2.30 per meal and must be paid for in advance, details for online payment facilities (ParentPay) are available from the school office. Your child may still be entitled free school meals if you meet certain criteria, details of which and the application form can be found on the Lewisham website - <http://www.lewisham.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals>.

### **CHRISTMAS SCHOOL LUNCH**

We have provisionally booked our school Christmas lunch for Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December. More details will follow.

### **CHRISTMAS**

11<sup>th</sup> December- Nursery Christmas party

12<sup>th</sup> December – Reception Christmas performance 9:30-10:30

17<sup>th</sup> December –Years 1 & 2 Christmas performance at 14:15

18<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Carol concert Years 3-6 9:15-10:15

**Date of Winter Fair to be advised.**

### **MEDICAL FOR CHILDREN FROM YR TO Y6**

28<sup>th</sup> October 2019: Height and weight (only for Reception and Y6) 9:00am

31<sup>st</sup> October 2019: **School immunisation**. Paper packs will be available from Adamsrill from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September. The portal emailed to you (10.9.19) is for you to say yes or no. It is very important to complete it. Any questions, please contact: *School Health Immunisation Team on 0203 0491897*

Parents please remember that we only administer prescribed medication. Even the prescribed medication that we administer it must be at least 4 doses per day. A red form needs to be completed at the office.

**School staff will not administer over the counter drugs. Please do not ask us**

As it is a new academic year, all medications such as asthma pumps and spacers must be given to the class teachers. Children on these treatment must be on a care plan. These are checked every term by the inclusion officer (Ms O'Meally).

The consent forms will be sent home over the coming weeks, please check your child's school bag and send it back to the school office ASAP. Thank you

### **LOST PROPERTY**

Each half term we accumulate a massive amount of lost property. The lost property box is just outside 1G. In order to try and reduce the amount of unclaimed items, please make sure that all clothing is named and then we can return it to its rightful owner. Thank you

Unclaimed and unnamed property will be disposed of (e.g. given to charity etc) at the end of every half term. Parents will be notified every half term through text message that unclaimed/unnamed property is going to be disposed of.

### **PARKING** (Be safety aware and considerate)

A polite reminder about parking outside the school; please do not park:

- on the double yellow lines as you are putting our children at risk
- across our neighbours' drives
- or on the curbs as pushchairs cannot get through etc.

Thank you.

### **BAGS 2 SCHOOL – ADVANCE NOTICE**

The PTA are organising a Bags 2 school event and there will be a collection on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November. There will be more details in the next newsletter.

### **COMMUNICATION**

If you need any information, the first person to contact is your child's class teacher. Mornings before school is not the best time to speak to teachers as they have to take their class in swiftly and start learning. Sometimes, they may not be able to give you the information you need instantly, however, the expectation is that staff should give you a date/time within which they will get back to you with a response.

Please ensure that the office has your up-to-date email address and phone number for correspondence.

Whilst class dojos have been popular with parents as a means of communication, the school is unfortunately reluctant to continue to use this method of communication for two reasons:

- We might be in breach of data protection regulations (GDPR)
- Sometimes, some parents do send messages to teachers during non-working hours and expect a response either immediately or first thing the next morning. We have a duty of care towards staff wellbeing. Staff will communicate with parents during their directed time (8:35 to 15:55). The school may get into difficulties with the unions if our expectation breaches staff's directed time.

### **Nursery**

A warm welcome to all our new and returning children and their families at the start of this new school year in the Nursery. We hope you all had a lovely summer break.

Our topics for the first half of the autumn term are 'Number Rhymes' and 'Sounds and Music'. After half term our topic will be 'Light and Colour', 'Autumn' and 'Celebrations'. We have our Early Years Foundation Stage Christmas party on Wednesday 11th December and we would love to see you there. The mornings in nursery are normally very busy whilst we get the children settled. Therefore, it isn't always easy to have conversations regarding the children. If you have any important information to share with us, please write a note and hand it in to me (Miss Casal) or Mrs Burton. Alternatively, I am always happy to talk to parents afterschool.

We encourage the children to bring items (photographs, books, drawings) from home for 'Show and Tell' to share with the rest of the children in Nursery. This activity is intended to develop the children's speaking and listening skills. More detailed instructions will be sent out later.

Please remember to send your child in with a NAMED cardigan or jumper. If your child would like to play in the mud you could send a named pair of welly boots which can stay in the classroom. Thank you very much. If you have any questions or concerns, please come and talk to us.

Miss Casal, Mrs Burton and Ms Cave

### **Reception**

A warm welcome to all our children and their families at the start of this Reception year. We hope you all had a lovely summer break. The children are settling in well, and are making the most of our outside learning area. Please remember to send your child in with a NAMED cardigan or jumper and water bottle as they can get very thirsty in the afternoons. Our Topics for the first half of the autumn term are 'All About me' and 'Starting School', giving the children lots of opportunities to talk about themselves, their families and things they enjoy doing. After half term our topic will be 'People that help us' and 'Celebrations'. Next week you will be able to select an Oxford Reading Tree Book and a picture or story book on your child's designated reading day at the classroom door. You will then exchange these books weekly. You will have a reading record in which you can record their reading progress. This should be kept in their school bag. We are looking forward to seeing a lot of parents on Thursday mornings when we have our reading morning.

PE will be on Fridays and we would like to remind you that all the children need to bring in their PE kit. This is comprised of a white T Shirt, navy shorts and black plimsolls. All must be clearly labelled. For packed lunches remember to pack water only, no juices, and healthy choices like fruit and sandwiches. This is a nut free school as well. As the mornings are generally very busy getting



the children settled, it is not always easy to have a private conversation regarding your child. If you have urgent or important information to share with the teachers, please write a note and hand it to your child's class teacher. Alternatively, we are always happy to talk to parents after school.

Mrs Wray, Mrs Sharifee

### **Year 1**

Welcome to Year 1. We hope you had a lovely summer holiday.

We are very impressed with how the children have dealt with the transition from Reception to Year 1. Our topic for this half term is 'Marvellous me' and we will be reading 'Gilbert learns respect' and 'Funny Bones'. This will link into our science topic 'Animals including humans' with a focus on humans. The children will be finding out about body parts and our senses.

The children will be having PE sessions on Tuesday (1B), Wednesday (1G) and Thursday (1N). Please ensure that PE kits are in school for those days as the children will get changed into PE Kits during class time. It is very important that the children are heard reading on a daily basis. Please record every time your child reads in their reading record book. With the colder months coming, we would greatly appreciate any boxes of tissues for the classroom. Please hand them to your child's class teacher at any point during the term.

We look forward to working with you over the coming year.

Mrs Lee, Miss Tuck and Mr Horne

### **Year 2**

Welcome to your first term in Year 2!

We hope you have had a brilliant holiday and that you are as keen as we are to get going on our new learning adventure. If you would like to volunteer to listen to children read or support the children then do let your child's teacher know or go to the school website and download a form. Completed forms should be handed to Ms Denise Williams in the office.

This term we will be studying our local area and finding out about the town we live in. There is also a big focus on being kind and respectful so please reinforce these concepts at home. We will be making sure we are confident at using capital letters, full stops and applying our sounds when writing. For maths we will be practising our quick recall of number bonds, doubles and halves, as well as counting forwards and backwards in fives and tens.

PE lessons in Year 2 take place on Monday afternoons and the pupils will be developing their skills in dance and gym. Please make sure that labelled PE kits are in school.

Pupils have a home reader book which they must have in school every day. Reading will help your child develop in all areas of the curriculum. It is very important that the children are heard reading regularly at home.

Punctuality matters! Children need to be in school at 8:55am every day. Year 2 start lessons at 9am so being in school at the right time will ensure your child has the time to unpack and be ready to learn.

Maths, spelling and grammar homework will be given out by all teachers on a Friday, to be handed in by the following Wednesday. Children will be given the Year 2 expected spellings and will be tested on their spellings. It will benefit their progress immensely if you can find time to practise daily.

We hope you have a happy time in Year 2, please come in and speak to us if you have any concerns. The Year 2 team are excited to be working in partnership with you to make lasting learning memories.

Ms Roberts, Mrs Tucker, Miss Odonovan

### **Year 3**

Welcome back after what we hope was a relaxing summer break and a warm welcome to new children and families joining our school. We have been very pleased with how well the children have transitioned from KS1 to KS2. They are settling in to their new classrooms and routines well and are enthusiastic about our History topic all about the Stone Age. This term, PE sessions will be on Wednesdays so please ensure full PE kits are in school. We recommend that PE bags are left in the children's classrooms all week. Please check all school uniform and equipment are named. Stationery for lessons is provided in class but we encourage children to bring in a pencil case of basic supplies including a white glue stick (rather than coloured glue sticks) that they are responsible for. If children are bringing in their own stationery, please ensure it is labelled where possible. We also remind children to leave precious items and jewellery at home.

Homework will be sent home every Friday in homework books. Communication for the acquisition of the CGP homework books was emailed to parents. Homework will include a piece of maths and a reading comprehension paper set by their class teacher. These should be given back to class teachers no later than the following Wednesday. A list of spellings will also be sent home on Fridays and tested the following Thursday. We will also do a quick times table test every Wednesday or Thursday at the start of maths lessons. We recommend that the children practise their spellings and times tables for 10 minutes every day in addition to their 15 minutes of daily reading. Please could you make a brief note of daily reading in your child's reading record and sign next to the comments. Reading books and contact books should be in school every day to enable the class teacher to monitor and change books if required.

Finally, we always appreciate any additional support from parents or grandparents with listening to children read in school or helping out with class activities. This can be on a regular basis or as a 'one-off' so please speak to your class teacher if you are available to help. We look forward to seeing you at the 'Meet the teacher' afternoons where we will share/clarify other important information (see the key dates listed at the end of the newsletter).

Mr Jameson, Miss Campbell and Mrs Clarke

### **Year 4**

Welcome back! We hope you have all had a relaxing summer break. We have enjoyed seeing the children and finding out what they have been getting up to over the holiday. We are all looking forward to starting our new topic this term where we will learn about the Anglo-Saxons. Alongside this, we will be learning about teeth and the digestive system in Science. We will also be having Brass lessons in Music. For this term, Year 4 will be having Swimming lessons on Monday (4B and 4G) and Friday (4N). Please can you make sure that your child brings in the correct kit ready for these lessons (one piece swimming costumes/trunks, swimming goggles, large swimming cap for long hair and a towel). They will also need to have a signed consent form before they can commence lessons.

We will be sending homework out on a Friday and that will be due in on the following Wednesday. Children will be tested on their spellings on a Friday (Thursday 4N). Children are expected to read every day of the week at home and have their reading record signed by an adult for 2 days and

they can sign the other three days themselves. Finally, we are always grateful of any support from parents, either hearing children read or helping with art days and trips. This can be on a regular basis or as a 'one-off' so please speak to your child's class teacher if you are available to help. We look forward to seeing you at the "Meet the teacher" afternoon.

Miss Walters, Miss Szablowska and Mrs Ogunjinmi.

## Year 5

Welcome back! This term our first topic will be 'Do you believe in aliens?' it is a science based topic where pupils will learn about the planet Earth in depth, the sun, moon and their relationship to other planets. English Skills will be taught through the text 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. The second topic in Autumn two is 'Can one man's rubbish be another man's treasure?' Which is also a science based topic on Materials and their properties. In English, the focus text will be 'The Tin Forest' through which key grammar and writing skills will be taught. We have some amazing educational visits and workshops planned to support our pupils learning experience. Mathematics and Reading skills will be taught discreetly while there is a cross curricular approach to learning in all other areas of the curriculum. Reading is a key priority and we would encourage all parents to promote and support this priority. Pupils should read daily and sign their records daily and we look forward to reading parents comments too. Physical Education lesson for classes takes place on a Friday. Please ensure your child has the correct kit on Friday. If you have concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to pop in and see us after school. We look forward to sharing more with you at the 'Curriculum Evening Meeting' on the 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 at 4:00pm. It will be an opportunity to meet the team as well.

Mrs Harracksingh, Ms Ogunkunle, Miss Odigbo, Ms Anderson, Mrs Fedai

## Year 6

Welcome to Year 6! The children are settling in well and are getting to grips with the expectations of their final year at primary school. Firstly, a huge thank you to all the children who returned to school looking smart (in their correct school uniform) and ready to learn. We had an INSET on curriculum design and we discussed positive learning behaviours. We have been working on this already, so please ask your child to explain this to you. This week, we are spending some time undertaking baseline assessments to identify starting points and gaps in the learning to inform our planning ready for the year ahead.

Our topic this term is "**Rivers**" and we will be learning about the importance and hazards associated with rivers. Our first educational visit to Creekside provided good experience, which we hope will inform the children's learning. This year, we are encouraging the children to take more responsibility for their equipment, including their P.E. kit - which must be in every school day.

From next week, the children will have their PE lessons on a Tuesday and Thursday. We hope that you have all noticed the markings in the playground for the Daily Mile. All the children have been given a reading record and the expectation of the school is that they read at least four times a week (for a minimum of 20 minutes per session) and have their record signed by an adult. They will be rewarded for their efforts at the end of the week. Our 'Meet the teacher' afternoons are scheduled over the next couple of weeks (see diary dates); however, if you have any questions or if you are unable to make the meeting, please come and see us (book an appointment with the office or talk to one of us at the end of the day). We would like to remind you that water bottles are to be brought in daily and that they should only contain water. We are trying to encourage children to have drinks

more frequently at break and lunch time, as this will prepare them for the expectations of secondary school. Please also ensure that break time snacks, brought in from home, are fruit and/or vegetables only. We look forward to meeting you at the "Meet the Teacher" afternoon.  
Mrs Strzalkowska-Guerra, Mrs Scott and Miss Pau.

### **Other Notices/Activities**

Within school we have a Family Liaison Officer (FLO) who is Caron Scott-Nadal. Some of our parents may not be sure what a FLO does, so I have pasted part of her job profile for you to see. Offering friendly, informal, confidential support and advice to families. Helping families to get the most out of school life. Family Liaison Officers are not just available for children and young people in your family, but for the adults too! Caron offers support to parents and carers to help achieve positive outcomes for all of the family. This might include providing information or advice, organising and sometimes running training, giving practical help or just offering a listening ear. You might want to use the Family Liaison Officer for issues like "I have lots of questions about being a parent", "I'm really worried about my child's self esteem", "I'm just not coping since my partner left me", "I just need someone I can talk to", "I'm having problems with debt". As parents and carers there are times when you need a little extra support and guidance, someone to talk to and point you in the right direction. Someone who's not judgemental, someone who will listen and offer practical advice and support. If you would like support or advice you can contact Caron through the school office to arrange a meeting or an informal chat.

Yours sincerely

#### **Date for your Diary:**

**6<sup>th</sup> September: Y6 Trip – Creekside Deptford**

**10<sup>th</sup> September: Y5 Trip –Royal Observatory Greenwich**

**16<sup>th</sup> September: NSPCC workshops for years 5 & 6 pupils – 13:30-15:30**

**25<sup>th</sup> September : Secondary transfer meeting (Y6 parents)**

**Y2 trip to Mayow Park (to be confirmed)**

**26<sup>th</sup> September: 6B Class Assembly**

**3<sup>rd</sup> October : 5N Class Assembly (time to be advised)**

**Maths Parents Workshop (whole school) 14:00-17:00**

**2<sup>nd</sup> October: Parents Forum 9:05-10:05 (Main Hall)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> October : Y4 Trip to the Science Musuem**

**10<sup>th</sup> October: Cultural diversity workshops**

**10<sup>th</sup> October: Governing Body Resources Committee Meeting**

**11<sup>th</sup> October: Cultural diversity workshops and celebration**

**14<sup>th</sup> October: Start of Application Focus Week (AFW)- Focus: Migration**

**16<sup>th</sup> October: Reception Open Day (9:30am)**

**17<sup>th</sup> October: 4B Class Assembly**

**21<sup>st</sup> October-25<sup>th</sup> October Half term**

**28<sup>th</sup> October Height and weight measurement for Reception and Y6**

**31<sup>st</sup> October: Target Setting Day with parents (15:50-18:00)**

**Music Show case assembly (Whole school) 14:30-15:00**

**4<sup>th</sup> November: Target setting with parents (15:50- 18:00)**

**5<sup>th</sup> November: 1B&1G trip to Crystal palace Park (9:30am)**

**6<sup>th</sup> November: 1N trip to Crystal palace Park (9:30am)**  
**6<sup>th</sup> November: Reception Open day (14:00)**  
**7<sup>th</sup> November: 6G Class Assembly**  
**Reading Parents' Workshop (whole school) 16:00-17:00**  
**11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> November: Bikeability Level 2 (Years 5&6 only)**  
**14<sup>th</sup> November: 3B Class Assembly**  
**19<sup>th</sup> November: Singles/Siblings Photos**  
**19<sup>th</sup> November: Achievement and Standards Governing Body committee meeting**  
**20<sup>th</sup> November: Reception Open Day (9:30am)**  
**21<sup>st</sup> November: 1G Class Assembly**  
**26<sup>th</sup> November: Y4 trip to The British Museum (9:15-3:04)**  
**28<sup>th</sup> November: 5G Class Assembly**  
**4<sup>th</sup> December: Full Governing Body Meeting**  
**5<sup>th</sup> December: 4G Class Assembly**  
**12<sup>th</sup> December: Pupils' Art Work Exhibition and Sales (14:30-16:15)**  
**19<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Pantomime- Aladdin (9:05am and 10:30am)**  
**School finishes at 14:00 (2pm)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> September: Staff INSET DAY**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> September: Staff INSET DAY**  
**19<sup>th</sup> June : Staff INSET DAY**  
**20<sup>th</sup> July: Staff INSET DAY**  
**21<sup>st</sup> July: Staff INSET DAY**