



Newsletter

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Attendance

Highest attendance for the autumn term:

Reg	Average
Rec	96.13
Year 1	96.1
Year 2	95.4
Year 3	96.6
Year 4	97.0
Year 5	96.6
Year 6	96.6
Nursery AM	92.3
Nursery Pm	91.7
School Average	95.3

Well done to Year 4 who are the winners this term. Well done year 4! I have highlighted Nursery in Red because their attendance is far too low. Please ensure your child attends school every day.

Dear Parents/ Carers

Happy New Year to all of you. We are looking forward to a very productive term with lots of very exciting things planned!

Attached to this newsletter is the new holiday sheet for 2016 – 17. You will notice that there are no occasional days for religious holidays. The Governors made this decision to ensure our holidays match up to the holidays of our local secondary schools and to ensure that we do not have too many holidays in the middle of weeks. If you wish to take your child out of school for religious observance (as listed in the equality duty 2010) you must apply in writing. Approved observances will be authorised and your child will still be able to attend the 100% treat (if they haven't missed any other day.)

Term Time Leave:

Changes in the law mean that the Head Teacher no longer has discretion to allow pupils to take term time leave. If you take your child out of school for any reason you will receive a fine for £60 per child per parent. This means that the mum will be fined £60 for each child and the dad will be fined £60 for each child.

School Council News

We are so pleased to report that the school council's idea for raising funds for Barnardos has raised a fantastic £136.72. Barnardos thought it was a great idea and tweeted: "Please pass on a huge thanks from us!"

Fiona Cullen
Head Teacher

Dates for your diary

12th Jan M3 and T4 to Museum of London
15th Jan M2 and T8 to Museum of London
11th February - Chinese New Year Assembly Yr 2
15th – 19th Feb – School closed for half term
17th March – Holi Assembly Yr 3
24th March – Easter Assembly Yr 4
7th March to 10th March Spring Festival
Friday 25th March First Day of Easter Holidays



Midday Supervisor posts

We are looking to employ a number of people to be in the pool of midday supervisors. This means that if one of the midday supervisors is not at school we can call someone from the pool to come and work for that day. The appointments are for casual days.

The application forms will be available from Reception in January. **Please complete the form and return it to Reception by 18th January.** The interviews will be in the following week beginning 25th January.

Dinosaur Visits School

This term the children in Reception and Nursery will be learning about Dinosaurs. We were very lucky to have a real life dinosaur called Milly come and visit the children. The children were absolutely amazed when they met her. They could not believe the actual size of Milly and were very brave!

During the morning all the children were able to experience being a Palaeontologist - brushing off sand and debris off fossils which were nearly 200 million years old.



Free School Meal Applications

As you know all primary school children in Newham are allowed free dinners. All families however must be registered to the free school meals system at Newham.

Even if you don't receive benefits your child needs to be registered. The application route to 'Eat for Free' using an eform via the Newham website is:

<http://www.newham.gov.uk/Pages/Services/Free-school-meals.aspx>.

The benefits of registering are huge for the children and include the following:

Each child eligible for free school meals will generate £1300 for the school. This money has been used for tuition, additional booster sessions and a lot more.

If we lose this funding, which was over £300,000 for this year then our excellent services and support for the children might be affected.

