

# Newsletter 5 (2020-21)

October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Dear Parents,

Apologies for the late “delivery” of the Newsletter!

## **It's Official, Hot Lunches are a success!**

The hot lunches we started last week are proving to be very popular with many children moving from packed lunches to the new Harrison's meals. Today, we will be starting on Week Two of the menu and the children are eagerly looking forward to some new dishes. They are also beginning to rank their choices – so watch this space!



On Friday, I introduced a tasting session following an in-depth conversation with Alma in Year Six. Children who wanted to, tasted the love it or hate it Marmite and Peanut combination. It certainly divided opinion with some children really not liking it and others really enjoying it. If your child has been asking you to buy this new concoction, most large supermarkets are stocking it and it looks like this:

**Wrap Around Club will be starting today. Places have been allocated and confirmed by Miss Simmons and there will be no casual slots available. Please note that Wrap Around will end at 5:30 pm. every day and that there will be a charge for late pick-ups.**

## **It's Black History Month But Not As We Know it!**

Following on from the article about Miss Anselm's famous Grandfather, Asquith Xavier in last week's Newsletter, I am delighted to let you know about how we will be celebrating Black History Month this year. Sadly, we will not be able to meet together but we are going to create a large display in the hall. This will replace the existing Family display and take the form of everyone joining in the celebration of the work, love and amazing things offered by people of colour.

Whilst there are no black members of my family, I am going to celebrate the work of singers Etta James, Mercy Clayton and Nina Simone as well as the Headteacher at my primary school (Beckford in West Hampstead), Mrs. Beryl Gilroy who was one of the marvellous teachers who inspired me to become one!



Miss Anselm will be helping to create this display so, if you would like to, please contact her via the School Office.

## **Arriving and Leaving School**

The staggered arrival and departure from school is working well but there is still room for improvement! It would be very helpful if you could arrive a few moments earlier than your arranged entry time as we are now so efficient that classes are able to enter the building earlier than originally anticipated.

Some children are beginning to arrive late for their start time and, if this continues, we will have to begin delaying their entry until 9:00 a.m. when all the other children are in their classes.

## **Pounding the Playground – We are now up to 35 Metres – please keep your coins coming in! All money**

### **Potential Bike Dock Close to School**

Ms. Ordeig (mother of Carlotta and Alberto) has submitted a petition to Westminster City Council about getting a bike dock close to the school. Whilst we have been able to allow scooters and skateboards back to school, we cannot accommodate cycles. There is certainly an increased emphasis on using bicycles instead of cars but there are no poles to chain bikes to close to school and the railings are not the ideal solution. Naturally, Covid is not helping either.

If you would like to support Ms Ordeig and enable children as well as adults to ride their bikes to school, please use this link to her petition: <http://petitions.westminster.gov.uk/Bike-Dock/>

**Speaking of bikes.....a number of children have been seen riding bikes with their parents but without wearing a helmet. This is extremely dangerous and I would urge any parent allowing their child to ride pillion do so with the utmost safety in mind.**

### **Correct Uniform Required by EVERYONE**

We are aware that our uniform supplier is finding it difficult to fulfil orders at the moment but we do have some spare uniform items which you are welcome to. Please take care to look at the attached uniform list to ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform.

Please note:

- Green cardigans are only permitted with summer dresses
- Polo shirts must have the school logo on them
- Pinafore dresses are not part of school uniform
- Summer dresses can be worn up to the October half term but please be aware of the daily weather.

### **Stars of the Week**

**Nursery:** Lorenzo is Nursery's first Star of the Week! We have all chosen Lorenzo because he has had such a fantastic start to Nursery. He is a fantastic listener, plays well with everyone and has impressed us all with his amazing knowledge of dinosaurs! What a wonderful member of our class. Well done, Lorenzo!

**Reception:** Bianca has had a fantastic week! She has been polite and friendly to everyone, and is always there to help others. She has worked really hard on her writing too. Well done Bianca, we are so impressed!

**Year One:** Ayrton is our Star of the Week! He has set an excellent example to his classmates; he is always kind and caring towards others. He has also been very focussed in class, giving every task his best effort.

Keep up the good work!

**Year Two:** Isabella has had another fantastic week. Your shape work in maths this week has been amazing. You consistently try your best and produce wonderful work. Well done!

**Year Three:** Congratulations Lacey! You are our Star of the Week for trying to go above and beyond in all subjects. Your attitude towards learning has been exemplary so far this year. You have also been a great friend to all in Year Three – especially this week! Well done and keep up the excellent work.

**Year Four:** Tess has had a great week. She has worked hard in all areas, especially her maths. She has set a great example to others in her behaviour. Well done on a great week, Tess!

**Year Five:** Vinnie has coped amazingly well this week with his (badly) broken arm. He has continued to work hard, try his best and persevere with tasks. He has got a fantastic attitude to his learning. Brilliant!

**Year Six:** Edie has had another fantastic week. She has worked hard in all subjects. Edie is always kind and a great role model to all

### **Welcome to Some More New Children**

Remi and Noah in Nursery, Jahanara, Rayan and Bianca in Reception, Ella in Year Three, Fei in year Four and Zhen in Year Five. Welcome all!

With love and best wishes, Miss Woodford