

Welcome to the Autumn term 2018-2019!

I hope you had a good summer and are all ready to start the new academic year.

We welcome the children back to their new classes and our best wishes, thoughts and prayers go to our last year 6, now year 7, as they begin their secondary school careers.

Year 6 parents and carers are able to visit secondary schools over the next few weeks. Dates for visits have been issued and are on the Barnet website. Further information had been sent to year 6 families today.

Tomorrow, Wednesday 5th September at 3.30, please pop into classrooms to say hello to the class teachers and class teams.

The summer has been very busy here in school with a number of improvements:

- Thanks to grant funding we have been able to install a new boiler, a major piece of work carried out very efficiently by Argonaut Heating. Thanks to their team for doing such a splendid job. 10% of the cost of this is paid from the governors' contribution which families make each year. Very many thanks for all who have contributed to this.
- Water heater have been installed in all junior classrooms thanks to the same company. This will make washing hands, and painting equipment, amongst many other things, much improved.
- We are grateful to Shaun Church for repairing and painting the fascia of the school and the fences around the school.
- Much needed new flooring has been installed in the art areas for junior classrooms, funded by your governors' contribution.
- Thanks to a further grant via the Diocese of St Albans, we have installed a jogging track around the perimeter of the playground. 9 times round is a mile and we are encouraging children to try to run a mile a day. They have really enjoyed using the track so far.
- Mr Waller has done numerous repairs and upgrades, not least the train which has been loved by children for nearly 20 years. Thanks to his expertise there is a lot of life left in it and a lot of fun!

Work pending includes:

- Repairs to the dishwasher in the kitchen which decided not to work yesterday! As a result the children have had their meal today with disposable plates and cutlery as we were unable to sterilise the usual dining equipment. The repair will be done tomorrow morning and we hope to resume normal crockery and cutlery service tomorrow.
- Fire escape to the upstairs classrooms to be completed at half term, also grant funded with 10% from the governors contribution.
- Replacement of a number of the playground huts before half term. This has been the focus of Friends fund raising over the past 2 years and will improve play for the children.

Teachers are currently finalising curriculum letters and these will come to you by the end of the week.

Clubs will begin again next week.

Chess will start next Monday 10th from 3.30–4.30. If your child is in Y3–Y6 and is interested in joining there are a few places still available please speak to Mrs Stevenson for details.

Woody's Football begins on Tuesday 11th for 3.30–4.30. Children from Y2–Y6 can take part, please visit www.woodyssportsacademy.com for more details.

We've had a good first day, and have a good year to look forward to!