

THE EARLSMEAD NEWSLETTER

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Mobile Phones

You might recall from January's newsletter that we have been talking to parents, carers, staff and children to put together a new policy with guidelines on mobile phone use. The School Council has been particularly engaged in thinking about this and their views and ideas have very much been incorporated into the new policy. It is important that you read it. The main changes are: Children from Nursery to Year 3 are not allowed bring a phone to school at all. Children from Year 4-6 who walk to and from school without adult supervision are allowed to bring a mobile phone to school but only with the written permission of their parent. At school it will be stored in a locked locker in their classrooms and cannot be used anywhere on the school premises. This includes playgrounds. The policy outlines very clearly the ways mobile phones are misused and how the school, parents and carers can reduce this risk along with consequences that the school will apply if this is found to be the case.



Message from Ms Shah

Children have made an enthusiastic start to the spring term. Having our newly structured support staff team in place has been very positive. One of the most immediate changes it has enabled us to make is that not only do we have lunchtime staff on duty at lunchtimes but now, **ALL** other support staff have joined them - this includes experienced Teaching Assistants, Nursery Nurses and Learning Mentors. The big advantage they have is that they know the children really well as they work with them in their classes. This means they are very aware of the dynamics and relationships that exist between children so are able to preempt and resolve problems promptly and effectively.

We have had a number of successful and well attended workshops for parents and carers, most recently, one that was led by Mr Will Orr who is our Computing and e-safety lead. There were many interesting



conversations about what we can do at home and at school to continue to develop a supportive digital environment for children to learn and grow up in. We were all in agreement that we must take full advantage of the many benefits that new and growing technologies offer us but always ensure safety. A fuller summary of the discussions can be found on the school website. Please make a note of the changes to the Mobile Phone Policy. **This will be strictly enforced from Monday 19th February 2018.** If you ever have any questions or concerns around your children's learning or well being at school please do make sure that initially, you speak to your child's class teacher. If they cannot speak with you immediately they will always phone you or arrange an appointment to meet with you.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH

2nd Feb - NSPCC Number Day

6th Feb - Safer Internet Day

9th Feb - Rec Lavender assembly

8th Feb - 1 Amber Class visit to Westminster Abbey

9th Feb - 1 Green visit to Westminster Abbey

9th Feb - Year 6 to Rio Cinema

12th - 16th Feb - Half Term

19th Feb - Children back from half term break

19th Feb - Date from which new Mobile Phone Policy is enforced

27th Feb - Year 6 trip to The Hayward Gallery

1st March - World Book Day

Fire Brigade Visit

Years 5, 2 and 1 had a visit from the London Fire Brigade. The special sessions explained what the Fire Brigade do to protect us all and what we should do if we are near a fire. All the children were told to go home and tell their parents and carers to check their fire alarms weekly or buy one if they do not have one.



New addition to the team



Congratulations to Ms Ayesha Begum who we were very pleased to appoint as our new Office Administrator. One of her roles is to oversee all Care Plans for children who have medical conditions or allergies. Please make sure that you inform her of any changes concerning your child.

Brazilian Jijitsu Championship

Our very own, Mr Goolam Hossen (Mr. G.) entered the European Brazilian Jijitsu Championships in Portugal and was placed amongst the top seven in the whole of Europe. "It was such an emotional experience to compete against my heroes and world class fighters.



I had trained so hard, for so long and in that moment before I was called to fight I felt a mixture of excitement and fear but I knew that this was my moment. Although I didn't win a trophy or a medal, I achieved my personal best and I held my own." Congratulations from all of us at Earlsmead.

Year 6 Booster Classes

If your child is in Year 6 they will be in booster class for Maths or English, either before or after school or on a Saturday morning. These small classes are led by experienced teachers and are aimed at giving them targeted support in preparation for their SAT's tests in May. Please ensure that they attend regularly. If there are any problems please speak in the first instance with your child's class teacher. Good websites to help with revision include helpingwithmath.com and bbc.com/education

Thank you to everyone who came to the Workshop for Nursery Parents and Carers on reading and Language Development. It was great to share ideas.



Please speak to your child's class teacher if they are in either Reception Lavender or Reception Jade Class about reading with your child in school.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SCHOOL DAY ENDS AT 3:15PM (AND NOT 3:30PM) AND THAT YOUR CHILD IS COLLECTED ON TIME!



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