



School News

Issue 1: Wednesday 4th September 2019

Our three school rules: Ready, Respectful and Safe

Welcome Back!

A very happy autumn term to the Burdett-Coutts school community family! I trust that you had a wonderful summer and are now ready to settle back into the new academic year. The children have come back to school with a renewed energy and readiness for learning, and it has been so lovely to see them all again and to catch up with their summer news.

We are looking forward to welcoming our new Reception and Nursery children, who will begin school over the next couple of weeks. I know that all of the older children will remember how they felt when they were that tiny and will do their utmost to make our newcomers feel welcome and safe.

Newsletters

Please could you make sure you let us have your email address so we can keep you up to date with what is happening in school with the class newsletters.

Other reminders

Coming back to school, it is always good to remind parents of a few expectations.

Uniform:

Plain black shoes or trainers only please. Earrings have to be a plain stud. Children will be asked to remove their earrings for PE lessons. No other jewellery, nail varnish or tattoos.

Please put a name label in everything.

We send bags and bags of unnamed clothes to the charity shop. Putting names on the ends of sleeves, facing out, rather than in the collars, helps the children to find their own clothes more easily.

Packed lunch

We strongly encourage water only to drink. If children are regularly given unhealthy food to eat then we will speak to you about this. Fruit is better than a fruit substitute like 'Fruit Winders'.

Meet the Teacher – a whole class parents' meeting – find out about expectations and the year ahead.

And lastly, an early date for your diary. There is a whole class parents meeting on **Thursday 5th September**. We request that all parents please try to attend these useful sessions. They start at **4pm** and are repeated at **4:30pm** for those who have more than one child.

We are indeed a joyous and caring community with the common goals of nurturing responsible, caring pupils and promoting high-level learning.

I welcome and value your positive energy and dedication to excellence in education and I look forward to working with you and your children.

Mrs Dyer

Goodbye Reverend Catherine



Thought for the week

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We are very sad that **Reverend Catherine Duce**, the Assistant Curate at St Stephen with St John's Church in Westminster, will be leaving our community to work at St Martin in the Fields Church. Our loss is their gain!

Catherine, you have been an absolute joy to work with: both the children and staff have greatly appreciated the interest that you took in our community; delivering assemblies, supporting transition, giving pastoral support, leading staff training sessions and being a superb school governor for the Parochial Church Council.

We wish you God's blessings as you continue your mission in central London.

Safeguarding – Child Protection

Every year staff receive **Child Protection training** to ensure that they have a clear understanding of the concept of child protection, relevant legislation and their related responsibilities.

Safeguarding can be summarised as:

- protecting children and learners from maltreatment
- preventing impairment of children's and learners' health or development
- ensuring that children and learners are growing up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care
- undertaking that role so as to enable those children and learners to have optimum life chances and to enter adulthood successfully.

Legislation states that the welfare of a child is paramount, and that **staff have a duty to report any concerns of a child being at risk of significant harm**. We have a:

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL):
Mrs Rosetta Dyer



Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (Deputy DSL):
Mrs Sascha Lee



Safeguarding Governor:
Mrs Sue Butcher



Safeguarding and Family Support Officer:
Mrs Lavinia Deary



If you would like a copy of any of our Safeguarding policies, please ask Ms Karen Baker in the school office.

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Staffing 2019-2020

This year our classrooms are named after Scientists:



- **Albert Einstein**
- **Galileo Galilei**
- **John Snow**
- **Sir Isaac Newton**
- **Jim Al-Khalili**
- **Mae Carol Jemison**
- **Marie Skłodowska Curie**

The children will be learning about their class scientist during this first week of term.

Classes	Teacher	Support Staff	Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA)
Einstein Class (The EYFS)	Ms Metha & Mrs de Kock		Ms Zohra Salim & Ms Gloria Diaz
Galileo Class Year 1	Miss Robert	Ms Collette O' Dwyer	
Snow Class Year 2	Miss Jorquera		Ms Caroline Hall
Newton Class Year 3	Miss Matthey	Mrs Gemma Rose	
Al Khalili Class Year 4	Miss Sweeney	Ms Corinne Russell	
Jemison Class Year 5	Mr Brickell		Ms Polly Cameron
Curie Class Year 6	Mrs Lee		Ms Debbie McCormack

Leadership Team

Headteacher: Mrs Dyer

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs McMullan (on secondment)

Assistant Headteacher: Mrs Lee

Assistant Headteacher: Mrs Camplin

Middle Leaders

Mr Brickell

Miss Matthey

Miss Roberts

Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENco)

Mrs Camplin

PPA & Curriculum Enrichment Teacher

Mr Carden

Office Team

Miss Baker – School Administration & Finance Officer

Ms Parfitt – Administrative Assistant

Mrs Deary – Family Support Worker

Mr Neil Cressy – Bursar

Lunchtime Team

Ms Caroline Hall – Senior Meals Supervisor

Ms Gloria Diaz – EFYS Meals Supervisor

Ms Dee Johnson – EFYS Meals Supervisor

Ms Zohra Salim – EYFS Meals Supervisor

Ms Collette O'Dwyer – KS1 Meals Supervisor

Ms Polly Cameron – KS2 Meals Supervisor

Premises Team

Mr Peter Barney – Site Manager

Mr David McKay – Cover Caretaker

Remember that you can meet your child's new class teacher on Thursday 4th September at 4pm or at 4.30pm.

Please try and come!

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New EYFS class – Einstein Class

Across Westminster, there is a surplus of pupil places in primary schools. This is due to the welfare reform, which has resulted in families who previously resided in Westminster and attended Westminster schools being rehoused in other London boroughs and the Home Counties.

This will affect Westminster schools for at least another 9 years.

Our Reception classes have been relatively small for the past two years and the Governing Body have agreed to take action to ensure that we are providing value for money for every child.

The impact of this for your child is that from September 2019-2020, we will be amalgamating the Nursery and Reception classes to create one vertically-grouped Nursery & Reception class.

One of our local schools, St Peter's Eaton Square, operate this model and have had a very successful vertically grouped Nursery and Reception group for many years.

Research has also shown that vertically grouped classes benefit both the older and younger groups of children. The younger children learn from the older children.

Similarly, the older children thrive and flourish because of their confidence about the routines and systems within their familiar school setting.

The new EYFS class will be called **Einstein class** and their class teachers will be **Mrs de Kock** and **Ms Mehta**.

Mrs de Kock and Ms Mehta will job share the role of the class teacher: Mrs de Kock will work **Monday – Wednesday** and Ms Mehta on **Thursdays and Fridays**.

In addition to the teachers there will be two full-time **Nursery Nurses: Mrs Zohra Salim and Mrs Gloria Diaz** permanently working in the classroom to support your child.

EYFS 2020

There will be weekly open mornings for parents and carers of children who will be in the Reception year group in **September 2020**.

These will be held on **Thursdays from 9.30 to 10am** on the following dates:

- **19th & 26th September 2019**
- **3rd, 10th & 17th October 2019**
- **7th, 14th, 21st & 28th November 2019**
- **9th January 2020.**

If you have friends, family members or neighbours with children who will be **Reception** age next year, please let them know about our fantastic school!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: AUTUMN 2019

Highlighted dates are when parents are invited into the school

Dates	Events
September 2019	
Monday 2nd	STAFF TRAINING DAY SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 3rd	The first day of term!
Thursday 5th	9am: Secondary Transfer meeting for Year 6 parents & carers @ 4 & 4.30pm – Meet the Teacher
Wednesday 18th	9am: Coffee Morning with DreamArts Drama Organisation – all parents welcome
Friday 27th	9.15am: Al-Khalili Class Assembly Year 4
Friday 20th	World Peace Day
October 2019	
Tuesday 1st	Start of Black History month Photographer in school for individual photographs
Friday 4th	Feast of St Francis of Assisi
Friday 4th	9.15am: Curie Class Assembly Year 6

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Dates	Events
October 2019 (continued)	
Tuesday 8 th	6.30pm @ St Stephen's church St Francis of Assisi Blessing of the Animals service
Wednesday 9 th	Whole school harvest service at church
Friday 11 th	9.15am: Galileo Class Assembly Year 1
Sunday 13 th	10am: Harvest family service at St Stephen's church – all welcome
Friday 18 th	STAFF TRAINING DAY SCHOOL CLOSED
HALF TERM BREAK Monday 21st – Friday 25th October	
Monday 28 th	Autumn term 2 begins – children back in school
November 2019	
Friday 1 st	All Saints Day
Friday 1 st	9.15am: Snow Class Assembly Year 2
Saturday 2 nd	All Souls Day
FRIENDSHIP FORTNIGHT Monday 4th – Friday 15th November	
Friday 8 th	9.15am: Newton Class Assembly Year 3
Wednesday 13 th	No Pens Day!
Sunday 24 th	Christ the King
Friday 29 th	Provisional date: 3.45-5pm – Christmas Fair

Dates	Events
December 2019	
Sunday 1 st	First Sunday of Advent
Wednesday 4 th	10am & 2pm: KS2 Christmas Play (for parents of children in Years 3-6)
Friday 6 th	Nine Lessons Service at St John Smith Square
Monday 9 th	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING
Wednesday 11 th	10am & 2pm: EYFS & KS1 Nativity Play (for parents of children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & Year 2)
Thursday 19 th	LAST DAY OF THE AUTUMN TERM SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.30pm

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