



School News

Issue 12: Friday 23rd March 2018

Parents' Survey – The results are in!

Thank you for sharing your positive comments and great ideas for school improvement in the parents' survey.

Mrs Dyer and Narissa Bowles (Chair of Governors) will be sharing the results at a special coffee morning on Friday 20th April at 9am.

After the coffee morning, in each summer term newsletter we will respond to the concerns raised.

School - International Evening



You are warmly invited to an informal International Evening on **Friday 11th May at St Stephen's church.**

This will be followed by a family supper in our school playground. The event will be from **5-7pm.**

It would be lovely to see everyone in their national / traditional dress. There will be a buffet, refreshments and entertainment. We also ask that you kindly contribute a cultural dish – however small – towards the evening. Your dish can be sweet or savoury!

All food can be dropped off from 4pm on **Friday 11th May** in the ground floor hall.

Please understand that we cannot accept any food with nuts, coconut or almonds, because of food allergies.

Free School Meal (FSM)



If your child is currently in **Reception, Year 1 or Year 2**, please **CONTINUE** to complete a Free School Meals form and reapply for your child's FSM entitlement.

Also parents of pupils in Years 3-6 please continue to renew your FSM status, if you are eligible.

Although all pupils in Reception and Key Stage 1 receive a free school meal, **it is important that parents of pupils who are eligible for FSM status** continue to complete the forms **because the school receives extra funding for FSM pupils.**

In addition to a school lunch, the FSM funding enables the school to provide the following for FSM pupils:

Thought for the week



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- Free educational visits both for day trips and residential trips.
- Additional teaching resources and tuition.
- Free music tuition.

Please see **Ms Karen Baker** in the school office if you would like more information about FSM. She will also be able to assist you with completing the forms.

Writing at Burdett-Coutts!

Here are this week's examples of how you can support your child in improving their sentence writing.

This week numbers **21 and 25** are suitable for Key Stage One and numbers **21-25** are aimed at Key Stage Two children.

21. Short

Rule: 1 – 3 word sentences possibility with an exclamation mark.

Examples:

- Everything failed!
- The ship exploded!

22. Personification of weather

Rule: A type of weather; wind, rain, sun, hail etc... is given a human a mood.

Examples:

- The wind stroked the space shuttle gently before lift off. = caring.
- Norman was beaten by the hail. = attacked/aggressive.

23. ...ing,ed

Rule: The sentence must begin with a verb ending in 'ing' followed by a location of the action.

Examples:

- Dancing in the studio, she watched in the mirror as a ghost appeared.
- Skipping along the street, he stopped abruptly when a car screeched past.

24. Irony

Rule: An irony sentence deliberately overstates how good or bad something is. The overstated word is then shown to be false through the remainder of the sentence which reveals the truth.

Examples:

- Our 'luxury' hotel turned out to be a farm outbuilding.
- With dawn breaking, the 'beautiful view' which the brochure described, revealed itself to be a scrap-yard and a rubbish tip.
- The 'trip of our dreams' was, in fact, our worst nightmare.

25. Imagine 3 examples:

Rule: Sentence begins with:

- The word 'imagine'
- Then describes three parts of something
- The first two parts are separated by commas
- The third ends with a colon

Examples:

- **Imagine a place where the sun always shines, where wars never happen, where no-one ever dies:** in the Andromeda 5 system, there is such a planet.



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Clocks go forward

When do the clocks change in 2018?

This year, Sunday March 25th marks the start of British Summer Time (BST) and clocks go forward by one hour. At 1am, clocks go forward one hour signaling the start of BST.

The change ensures that there is more daylight in the evenings and less in the mornings.

Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) will resume from the last Sunday in October (October 28th) – when the clocks go back one hour again.

To avoid confusion, many use the phrase,

"Spring forward in spring, fall back in fall"
to remember when the clocks change.

Dates for your diary – Spring Term 2018

Dates	Events
March 2018	
26th - 31st March – Holy week	
Maundy Thursday 29th	Last Day of the spring term SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.30pm

Dates for your diary – Summer Term 2018

Dates	Events
April	
Monday 16th	First day of Summer Term 1
Wednesday 18th	Baroness Angela Burdett-Coutts' Day 11am, Special service at St Stephen's church – <i>ALL parents and carers are welcome to attend</i>
Friday 20th	9am, Results of the parents' survey – Q & A with the Chair of Governors
Monday 23rd	St George's Day
Thursday 26th	9am, History coffee morning for parents and carers

Dates	Events
Friday 27th	9.15am, Burningham class assembly – Year 1
May 2018	
Friday 4th	9.15am, Cowell class assembly – Year 3
Monday 7th	BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Thursday 10th	Ascension Day
Friday 11th	9.15am, Lewis class assembly – Year 5 NEW DATE: International Evening @ 5-7pm
14th – 18th May – KS2 SATs week	
Friday 18th	9.15am, Jeffers class assembly – Reception
Tuesday 22nd	School class photographs today
Friday 25th	STAFF TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June 2018 Half Term	
June 2018	
Year 6 residential – 4th – 8th June	
Monday 4th	First day of Summer Term 2
Friday 8th	9.15am, Fine class assembly – Year 2
Thursday 14th	Eid al fitr
Friday 15th	Eid al fitr
Friday 22nd	9.15am, King-Smith class assembly – Year 3
Friday 22nd	9.15am, Rowling class assembly – Year 4
Saturday 23rd	Summer Fair 11am-3pm
Monday 25th	STAFF TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Thursday 28th	Year 6 Leavers' service at St Margaret's Westminster YEAR 6 parents and carers are welcome to attend
Friday 29th	9.15am, Blackman class assembly – Year 5
July 2018	
Friday 6th	9.15am, Carle class assembly – Nursery
Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th	6pm, Year 6 production For YEAR 6 parents and carers
Wednesday 18th	10am, Year 6 Leavers' service at St Stephen's church
Friday 20th	Last day of the academic year SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.30pm.



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