



School News

Issue 2: Friday 21st September 2018

Ready, Respectful and Safe

Parents and carers, it has been extremely pleasing and encouraging to observe the calm and focused way that the children line up and walk into the school building in the mornings. They are a credit to you!

Thank you to those parents and carers who attended the coffee morning last week to learn more about our continued approach to behaviour.

We will have monthly behaviour coffee mornings throughout this year so that parents can have a very clear understanding about the school rules and what they mean to the children. Our school rules are:

- Ready
- Respectful
- Safe

The next coffee morning about behaviour will be on **Wednesday 10th October @ 9am.**

Coffee Morning

Everyone Welcome



Following a lunchtime or playtime incident, parents have always received the letter of apology that their child has written to the other child / children / adult involved.

This term we have also sent home a **Reflection Sheet** so that parents can discuss the incident further with their child. We have listened to the views of parents and carers and we appreciate that parents and carers want to know more about how their child behaves in school.

The details of the incident will be clearly stated on the sheet. The idea of the Reflection sheet is:

- ✓ **To encourage the child to think about how they can resolve their issue and make amends.**
- ✓ **To allow the child to see each day as a fresh start.**

Somone from the Behaviour Management team eg: *Miss L. Deary, Mrs Dyer, Mrs Camplin or Mrs Lee* will be available at the end of the day to discuss your child's sheet with you, if you are unclear about the incident.

Meeting the teacher at the end of the school day

If parents and carers would like to meet with their child's class teacher at the end of the school day, **please wait until every child has been dismissed and they will then meet with you inside the school building.**

Alternatively parents and carers can make an appointment in the school office.

Thank you for your understanding and recognising that **teachers have to watch and dismiss every child safely at the end of the school day** and this is the reason that they cannot talk in detail with you in the school line.

Thought for the week

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Being the Head Chorister at Burdett-Coutts School

We have two Head Choristers at our school, usually a girl and a boy. They normally have the responsibility for one term, and then hand it on to someone else. They wear a special badge.

Mrs Dyer has chosen them for two reasons: the first is their ability to sing well, which they have shown already in the school choirs, and the second is the example they show both to their peers and to younger children, in their behaviour, and their willingness to help and to organise the way our choirs work.

Because we worship God with our best efforts every week they have a very important job to do. Normally Mr Carden will ask the HCs to ensure that the choir is ready to make its procession in and out of our church services. If there are solos to be sung the HCs will be asked first, and then their Deputies, and then other members of the choir.

They are often asked to lead different groups of singers during hymn practice as well. At Christmas time, when there are lots of solos to be sung the HCs help Mr Carden to share them out to the choir fairly.

The HCs also assist in distributing songsheets or service books in church to our adult guests. In recent years the HCs have been asked to lead some of our most important services during the school year including our Christingle Service, and our Easter Service.

Being Head Chorister at Burdett-Coutts is an honour which many children would like to have, but only very few are given the chance. The current HCs are **Tilly and Aaron**.

Mr Carden

Mrs McMullan's news

Greetings from windswept Kilburn!

All the leaves are beginning to turn and the playground is filling up with leaves. I expect your playground is too from the enormous plane tree in the Burdett Coutts' playground.



We had a mass at St Augustine's church for the beginning of term and we prayed for children starting a new term, so I thought of all of you.

Year 5 at St Augustine's are going to the Regents Park Mosque next week, how exciting for them.

I met Mrs Lee on the train the other day, she said you were all working very hard, well done everyone!

Mrs McMullan

Parent Workshop on Sleep Thursday 27th September 9-10am ~ Ground Floor Hall

We are delighted to welcome back our school Educational Psychologist, Alex Haswell, to run a follow-up workshop on sleep!

The workshop will look at the importance of sleep in education and learning; offer practical strategies to help parents establish good bedtime routines and healthy sleeping patterns; help you to get your children sleeping in their own beds and much more.

Everyone is welcome – whether you came to the first workshop or not.

Please see Mrs Camplin for more information.

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Black History Month
1-31st October 2018

**BLACK
HISTORY
MONTH**

Black History Month has been celebrated across the UK every **October** since 1987 and aims to promote knowledge of black history, culture and heritage; disseminate information on positive contributions by black people to society; and heighten the confidence and awareness of black people in relation to their cultural heritage.

We will be doing the ***Who am I?*** Project – celebrating and mapping everyone’s ethnic origin, and every class will also be learning about one black person and their contribution to politics, literature and history each month:

- October: **Jessica Ennis**
- November: **Usain Bolt**
- December: **Malorie Blackman**
- January: **Martin Luther King**
- February: **Dawn Butler**
- March: **Sheku Kanneh-Mason**
- April: **Dr. Mae Jemison**
- May: **Ade Adepitan**
- June: **Katherine Johnson**
- July: **Barack Obama**

Black History Month
Special School Meal

On **Tuesday 2nd October**, our school meal’s menu will celebrate Black History Month with an African and Asian inspired school lunch. School dinners are FREE in Reception and Years 1 & 2.

If your child is in the Nursery, Years 3, 4, 5, or 6, a school meal costs **£1.95**.

If you like the menu below and your child normally has a packed lunch, please see Karen Baker in the office, who will arrange for them to have a school meal on **Tuesday 2nd October**.

Menu

Jollof Chicken with Rice
Or
Lentil and Sweet Potato Curry with Rice

Sweetcorn and Carrots

Salad Bar

Chocolate & Mandarin sponge with Chocolate sauce

Or
Fruit Yoghurt and Fresh Fruit platter

Events at Church



On **Wednesday 3rd October**, we will be celebrating **Harvest Festival** at St Stephen’s church. We need your help with collecting donations on behalf of St Stephen’s church. Your donations will be used to help people in the local community as this year we are collecting for **the Westminster Food Bank**.

We would be most grateful for your donations of **non-perishable tinned items, tea, instant coffee, pasta, rice, jam, tinned fish/meat, combs, sponges, breakfast cereals, new adult socks, new adult underwear, toothbrushes, deodorant or toothpaste**.

Please bring your donations to the ground floor hall from **Monday 24th September to Monday 1st October**. Many thanks in advance for your generosity and support.

You are most welcome to attend the **Harvest Festival Mass at St Stephen’s church at 10am on Sunday 7th October**. Graham is looking forward to welcoming many families from Burdett-Coutts!

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Dates for your diary
Autumn Term 2018

highlighted dates are when parents are invited into the school

Dates	Events
September 2018	
Thursday 20 th	9.15-9.45am Reception Open morning for children starting Reception in September 2019
Thursday 27 th	9am: The Benefits of Sleep - Educational Psychology workshop for parents 9.15-9.45am Reception Open morning for children starting Reception in September 2019
Friday 29 th	9.15am: Colfer class Assembly, Year 4
October 2018	
Monday 1 st	The start of Black History Month
Tuesday 2 nd	Photographer in school for individual photographs
Wednesday 3 rd	No Pens Day! Harvest service at church 6pm at St Stephen's church St Francis of Assisi Blessing of the Animals service – please bring your parrot, cat, dog, gerbil etc.
Thursday 4 th	9am, Parent Gym (workshop for parents/carers) 9.15-9.45am Reception Open morning for children starting Reception in September 2019
Friday 5 th	9.15am: Fine Class Assembly Year 2
Sunday 7 th	10am, Harvest family service at St Stephen's church – all welcome

Dates	Events
October 2018 (continued)	
Wednesday 10 th	9am: Ready, Respectful and Safe – Behaviour focus coffee morning for parents & carers
Thursday 11 th	9am: Parent Gym (start of 6-week workshop programme) 9.15-9.45am Reception Open morning for children starting Reception in September 2019
Friday 12 th	9.15am: Donaldson Class Assembly Year 1
Monday 15 th	Year 6 Educational Visit to the Imperial War Museum
Thursday 18 th	9.15-9.45am Reception Open morning for children starting Reception in September 2019
Friday 19 th	9.15am: Morpurgo Class Assembly Year 6
HALF TERM MONDAY 22nd – FRIDAY 26th OCTOBER	
Monday 29 th	Autumn term 2 begins – children back in school
November 2018	
Thursday 1 st	All Saints Day
Friday 2 nd	9.15am: Blackman Class Assembly, Year 5 6pm, All Souls Day service at St Stephen's church – all welcome
5 th – 16 th	FRIENDSHIP FORTNIGHT
Thursday 8 th	9am, Parent Gym 9.15-9.45am Reception Open morning for children starting Reception in September 2019

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November 2018 (continued)	
Friday 9 th	Year 5 at St Paul's for a Remembrance Service
12 th -16 th	ANTI-BULLYING WEEK
Monday 12 th	Odd Socks Day for the start of Anti-Bullying Week!
Wednesday 14 th	9am: <i>Ready, Respectful and Safe</i> – behavior focus coffee morning for parents & carers
Thursday 15 th	9am: Parent Gym 9.15-9.45am Reception Open morning for children starting Reception in September 2019
Thursday 22 nd	9am: Parent Gym 9.15-9.45am Reception Open morning for children starting Reception in September 2019 3.40 - 7pm: Parents' Evening for all classes in the Hall
Friday 23 rd	9.15am: King-Smith Class Assembly, Year 3
Sunday 25 th	Christ the King
Thursday 29 th	9am, Parent Gym 9.15-9.45am Reception Open morning for children starting Reception in September 2019
Friday 30 th	9.15am: Jeffers Class Assembly, Reception 3.45-5pm CHRISTMAS FAIR
December 2018	
Sunday 2 nd	First Sunday of Advent

Dates	Events
December 2018 (continued)	
Monday 3 rd	Year 2 Educational Visit to Westminster Abbey
Thursday 6 th	9.15-9.45am Reception Open morning for children starting Reception in September 2019
Tuesday 11 th	10am & 2pm: EYFS & KS1 Nativity Play (for parents of children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)
Thursday 13 th	9am: <i>Ready, Respectful and Safe</i> – behavior focus coffee morning for parents & carers
Friday 14 th	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING
Tuesday 18 th	10am & 2pm: KS2 Christmas Play (for parents of children in Years 3-6)
Friday 21 st	Last Day of the Autumn Term SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.30pm

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