



End of autumn half term newsletter

21.10.16

The term has gone by quickly and we are rapidly approaching the half term holidays, the term has been very busy and the children have worked really hard and are looking forward to a well deserved break.

Building works

These will continue until the end of autumn 2 and we would like to apologise for the inconvenience that the works has caused, but we are looking forward to the outcomes at the end of a long refurbishment project.

Pupil Leaders

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been voted as pupil leaders for this year:

Head Boy- Tavari Ruocco Deputy - Jevaughn Rowe,

Head Girl- Demi Pearson Deputy- Habibat Ayodele

Home Learning over the half term break

Black History Month home learning projects are due in after the half term

Friends of Hollydale Black history Poetry Competition is due in on the 1st November.

We would like all pupils in Y3-6 to have a go!

We do still expect children to be reading daily in the lower years and at least three times a week in the upper years; which does need to be signed off by parents in the reading record.

Attendance and punctuality

100% attendance congratulations goes to Birch Class and Cedar Class this week.

Attendance overall this term has been much improved in all classes. However punctuality is still a concern with at least 10 children arriving at school after 9.00am. We hope to see improvements in both areas next term and would like to thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Educational Visits

Class visits Educational visits are an important part of children's learning journeys and we aim to regularly offer these throughout the year. Most visits have associated costs that need to be met; the amount asked for is a voluntary contribution and whilst not compulsory, we do need sufficient contributions to cover the cost of the visit. Any contribution however small, helps towards ensuring the visit can still go ahead, please note you can contribute more than the suggested amount. No visit is profit making.

Visits for the first week

Tuesday 1st November – Yr 2 Oak Class will be visiting The Horniman Museum

Thursday 3rd November – Yr 6 Willow class will be visiting The Science Museum

Secondary Transfer Deadline:

The deadline for submitting your on line Secondary Transfer application is Monday 31st October 2016

Half term Activities

- Tales on Moon Lane Bookshop is running a number of events through half term where authors and illustrators will be involved reading stories and running workshops. For more information and to book a place at one of these fun events contact the bookshop tel 020 7274 5759 email info@talesonmoonlane or visit www.taiesonmoonlane.co.uk/half-term-festivals
- Nimble arts Creative half term holiday club takes place at Heber School East Dulwich SE22 9LA from Monday 24th to Friday 28th October. It includes wraparound childcare and workshops where you can make masterpieces, learn new skills and make new friends, for more information and to book a place visit www.nimblearts.co.uk or email info@nimblearts.co.uk
- Horniman Museum and Gardens There are lots of interesting activities going on at the museum including Family Art Fun, storytelling sessions and on Wednesday 26th October Dino-land an interactive adventure for families to discover dinosaur life in the museum, booking is required for this event. For more details and information visit
- The Big Draw A creative day of art and science. Help assemble a giant cell, splice together a new species of dinosaur or swap your paints for bacteria to create your own living artwork. With talks, workshops and the chance to get messy there's something for everyone. Takes place on 22nd October 11am to 5pm at the Royal Society London www.royalsociety.org

I look forward to seeing you all refreshed and ready for the second half of the Autumn Term on **Monday 31st October at 8.55am sharp.**

Best Wishes for a relaxing half term break with your family

Ms Reid
Headteacher

