



**September 2024**



## Attendance

**Year 6 – 96%**

**Year 5 – 91%**

**Year 4 – 88%**

**Year 3 – 97%**

**Year 2 – 90%**

**Year 1 – 96%**

**Reception – 87%**

**Well done to Year 3 !**

## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you had a relaxing summer break. This term is already flying by – It is hard to believe that we are starting our third week of this term! It has been really lovely to see the children return, full of enthusiasm for their learning and displaying excellent behaviour. I would also like to welcome our new nursery and reception children, as well as our other new starters. I look forward to getting to know you and your child – please do introduce yourself on the gate.

As is the case at the beginning of the academic year, there are no photos in the newsletter whilst we wait for the photo permission slips to return. However, there are plenty of photos for you to enjoy on our Instagram page – please do follow us!

This year we have introduced Year 6 playground ambassadors - Anjola, Ella, Eric, Anxhelina, Husna, Khalijah, Fathia and Hayley. Their role is to set up the playground equipment, help resolve issues and encourage children to play. They are doing a fantastic job ensuring that the playground is a happy place!

Warmest wishes

Julie Ireland (Head teacher)

## Class presentations

On Wednesday, we are holding our “meet the teacher” presentations. This will give you a chance to find out more information about your child’s learning for the year. These presentations will start at approximately 3.45 and shouldn’t take longer than 20 minutes. It will also give you the opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

## SLT

As you are aware, Bellenden and Pilgrims’ Way are in a federation with SLT members working across both sites. Mrs Powell-Davies is on maternity leave this year. Please see below for which days members of SLT are on site.

Monday	Miss Gittens-Obika, Mrs Ireland and Miss Crandon
Tuesday	Miss Gittens-Obika and Mrs Ireland
Wednesday	Miss Gittens-Obika and Miss Crandon
Thursday	Miss Gittens-Obika, Mr Doey and Miss Crandon
Friday	Miss Gittens-Obika, Mr Doey and Miss Crandon

## Term-time holidays

There are still a small number of families who are taking holidays or travelling overseas during term time. These can have a really detrimental effect on children’s learning and can also mean that a pupil’s attendance is less than 96% - children of school age who are registered at school, must, by law, attend school for at least 96% of the time. Absence due to holidays or travelling overseas interrupts the continuity of teaching and learning and interrupts the educational progress of children. Therefore, we strongly discourage and will not authorise any holidays or visits abroad ( including seeing family members) during term time. Please also note that we have to send our attendance figures to the local authority each day, and poor attendance may lead to the involvement of the education inclusion team.

## School council

We will once more begin the process of electing our school council for 2024-2025. I would like to take the opportunity to thank the current school council for all of their hard work last year. If your child is in Y3-Y6 and would like to apply to be a school council member, they need to complete an application form and hand it in to Miss Crandon by **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September**. We will be holding elections next week, and I will inform you of the new school councillors in the next newsletter.

## Values

We have introduced a new values system this year whereby we will focusing on one value each half term. These are the values:

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Responsibility	Collaboration	Respect	Honesty	Kindness	Courage

This half-term, we are focusing on responsibility – this is something which we do or the ability to act independently.

Please do encourage responsibility in your child – this may be dressing themselves, packing their bag for school or keeping their bedroom tidy.

## Dates for your diary

This term is already filling up fast with our special events and class trips. We really need parent volunteers to attend trips, so please do let your class teacher know if you are able to attend a trip with them.

18/9 – Y4 visiting London landmarks  
18/9 – meet the teacher presentations @ 3.45 - Years 1 - 6  
20/9 – Y1 and Y2 multi-skills workshop in school  
23/9 – Y4 swimming every Monday this term  
25/9 – Y6 @ the national Portrait Gallery  
26/9 – Y2 @ Horniman Museum  
1/10 – Y1 and Y2 multi-skills workshop in school  
16/10 @ 9.00 – support for secondary school applications for Y6 parents  
24/10 – International evening  
25/10- Break up for half term @3.30  
4/11 – children return to school

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