



"We will work in partnership with you to continue to build the unique foundations for your child's learning"



PARENTS' NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2017



Happy School Bags

We have organised a collection for January. Bags will be sent home when we receive them. We would be grateful if you could fill the bag with the relevant items and help raise money for the school. We will need them outside the office by 9.00 on 17th January 2018.



Reception Applications

The closing date for applications is 15th January 2018. Royal Greenwich would prefer applications to be online, however if this is not possible, please come to the office where there are a few application forms available for you to take and hand in to The Woolwich Centre. If you need help in filling in the forms please see Gill Crowley. If you live in Bexley you must apply to Bexley council even if you want a Greenwich school.

100% Attendance

Congratulations to the following pupils who have achieved 100% attendance from
4th September 2017 - 20th October 2017

Callyrae Bigby, Owen Woodroff, Roman Magee, Abigail Sheriff, David Bica, Hepzibah Ogunbule, Adriana Vechiu, Simerpreet Kaur, Lukas Oladunni, Kairon Bagnall-Taylor, Samarah Bushay, Noah Cam, Alessia Enache, Lizzy Lebika, Oliver McMullen, Dominyka Petrylaite, Denisa-Andreea Apostol, Siron Dhungana, Lucas Chirita, Kiaan Gupta, Nia Gupta, Lydia Omolaso, Ronnie-Reggie Wade, Franklin Okechukwu, Dilaxi Sasiseelan, Destiny Bola Moka, Max Oswald, Nifemi Akinsete, Dennis Amitaye, Reuben Mansfield, Daniel Ogunbayo, Daisy Beaton, Angelina Kunicka, Ezekieli Makinde.

Van Cols

Photo orders collection date
Wednesday 29th November

If you would like to place an order please return to the office by 9.00am on this date as late orders incur an additional charge.

Cold weather

Now that winter has arrived, it is great that children are wrapped up warm. Please make sure that names are in scarves/hats etc. Also please make sure children have winter shoes on as they may be playing out in the puddles.

Children In

Need

Thank you all very much for helping us raise £71.00

Diary Dates 2017

Thursday 7th December Academic Review Day - your child will only attend for the meeting, please sign up for a meeting time in class

Wednesday 13th December School Fayre 2.30-4.00 - Donations welcome

Friday 15th December Christmas Jumper Day - Donations for Save the Children

Monday 18th December Visit from Father Christmas

Tuesday 19th December Christmas Party for Children

Morning session: 9.15-11.15, Afternoon session 1.15-3.15

Please can we ask for a £2 contribution towards party food.

30 hour entitlement children and those parents who pay for a fulltime place, your child can attend all day, and come to both parties or you can choose which party they will attend am/pm, please speak to Gill, asap.

Wednesday 20th December Last Day of Autumn Term

Reminder Dates 2018

Tuesday 2nd January INSET School Closed

Wednesday 3rd January Closed for home visits

Thursday 4th January Return to school



Free School Meals/Early Years Pupil Premium

Throughout the year we will ask you if your child might be entitled to FREE SCHOOL MEALS. This **does not** mean that they will get dinners here, but for each child who is entitled to free school meals, the school is given £100 each term. The more children who register the more money the school will get. This extra money will go towards resources for the children.

To be eligible for FSM you need to be receiving one of the following benefits:

- **Income Support**
- **Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance**
- **Income-related Employment and Support Allowance**
- **Support under part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999**
- **Child Tax Credit only (provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and your annual income does not exceed £16,190)**
- **Pension Credit Guarantee**
- **Universal Credit**
- **Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).**

If you receive any of the above benefits or would like more information please come to the office we are happy to answer any questions and can give you an application form.

Family Holidays

In line with the requirements from the DfE we are not able to sanction family holidays. If you choose to take your child out of school during term time it will be recorded as **unauthorised**.

The headteacher will only grant absences if there are 'exceptional circumstances'. Usually this will not be the case for family holidays (DfE Nov 2013)

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year, Clare Barber and Staff