



# SCISSETT MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the half term holiday, I wanted to thank you all for your support throughout this half term. It has been fantastic to return to our 'normal' school timetable, allowing pupils to mix and socialise outside in the playgrounds and to reinstate our extra-curricular activities. Thank you for sending your child into school looking so smart in their uniform.

## Healthy Schools

As I have mentioned before it is vitally important that we do not have food in school that contains nuts or sesame seeds. We still have a number of pupils bringing very large amounts of sweets and biscuits into school and many who call at local shops on their way into school. Some pupils are choosing to go to the shop in the morning meaning that they arrive late at school. As neither you or we can check the contents of these packets of sweets or biscuits, we will ask any pupils we see with these to hand them in at the start of the day. They can then collect them when they are returning home. It is important for the health and safety of all pupils that these are not consumed in school or on the school buses.

## Equipment

As pupils have returned to school we have had to provide large amounts of basic equipment so they can complete their work. Please could I ask that you send your child to school with their own basic equipment? All items are available in our school shop; payment for these should be made through ParentPay. If your child is eligible for free school meals and needs equipment then we are happy to provide this, please contact Mrs Pocock [rpocock@themast.co.uk](mailto:rpocock@themast.co.uk)

## Extra-Curricular Activities

It has been great to see all our extra-curricular activities starting again in school and so many pupils taking part. If your child hasn't joined a club yet, please check the list on our website and encourage them to take part.

## School Council

Well done to all the pupils who have been elected to the School Council. We look forward to all the work they will be involved in as we return in November. We hope they will meet with our new catering team regularly, lead on school recycling and help with charity fundraising as part of their role. For pupils who were unsuccessful there are many other Leadership Roles available in school and I hope they will apply for one of these. Pupils can apply to be literacy and numeracy mentors or a reading ambassador. Thank you to Mrs Degnan and Mrs Wilson for all their hard work in running our school council.



## Matilda the musical

Auditions have been completed for our next school production of Matilda. 190 pupils auditioned in total for approximately 55 parts. Thank you to everyone who auditioned and to Mr Osborne, Mrs Dacres and Miss Johnson for organising the auditions and the production. This will be a large production so pupils may like to look out for other roles that we will need help with, for example sound/light technicians, making props and costumes etc.

## Additional Needs

This year we have expanded our Additional Needs Team in school. Mrs Onnis is our SENDCo, Mr Large our Assistant SENDCo and Miss Smith is SEND support. As a result, Mr Large will no longer be a form tutor for 6TL and has been replaced by Miss Johnson (our Drama teacher).

## Classcharts

Just a reminder that, as parents, you can access Classcharts and view the homework your child is set in addition to their reward and behaviour points. The code for access was sent home with pupils a few weeks ago but we know many parents have not yet accessed this. If you did not receive the code, please let us know and this can be written in your child's planner.

## Covid 19 Testing

Thank you for your continued support with Covid-19 home testing. Please can I encourage you to continue testing throughout the half term holiday, it is especially important to complete the test on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October before the reopening of school on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November. If your child needs another test kit these can be collected from the school office or can be ordered on line through the gov.uk website. Hopefully, by continuing with testing, we will be able to reduce the transmission of the virus and minimise the disruption to your child's education.

## Christmas Fayre

This year we are delighted to be able to hold our annual Christmas Fayre. This will be held in school on **Friday 26 November 2021, from 6 to 8pm**. There will be lots of interesting stalls where you can do some early Christmas shopping, refreshments and there will be the opportunity to see Santa Claus in his grotto. We really hope you can join us.

If any parents would like a stall please contact my PA, Mrs S Booth, [sbooth@themast.co.uk](mailto:sbooth@themast.co.uk) for details. We charge £15 per stall holder and you would then keep any profits made on the evening. I am sorry but we do not allow pupils to have a stall other than ones arranged in school. I have attached a flyer with details.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very enjoyable half term holiday.

Yours sincerely



Mrs A Large  
Headteacher

