

February 24th 2023

Dear parents and carers,

I am delighted to be able to write my first letter as the new head of school at Spa Camberwell. I feel extremely honoured and privileged to have been chosen to continue to build upon the success the school has already achieved under the leadership of Steph and the team.

It has indeed been a pleasure greeting many of you at the school gates – I will be at the gate before and after school each day. I look forward to meeting more of you in the coming weeks.

Coming up in Spring 2

This term we are looking forward to World Book Day. It will be held Friday 3rd March. We are inviting all staff and pupils to dress as their favourite book characters. Assemblies in KS2 and KS3 will explore the wonderful world of literature.

Our wonderful paddle of ducks will be in school from Monday March 13th as we explore 'Living Eggs.' Pupils will be able to learn about the world of duck eggs and watch as they hatch.

Red Nose Day is back on the Friday March 17th.

Coffee Mornings

It was good to meet KS1 parents on Wednesday. The dates for the next coffee mornings are below:

Wednesday March 1st: KS2 at 9.45

Wednesday March 8th: KS3 families at 9.15

Sensory Sundays

Our Yoga specialist Daniella has shared made us aware of Sensory Sundays which is provided by Lambeth Council. These are held at **West Norwood library and Picture House**.



You can book a free session here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sensory-sundays-nas-lambeth-registration-528296658527>

Sessions include movement therapy, sensory arts and crafts and more.

Southwark Climate Day: access free repairs, advice and inspiring talks at London Southbank University, in Elephant and Castle, You can book free tickets here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/southwark-climate-day-tickets-522515888087>

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Industrial Action

There will be further strike action Thursday March 2nd. Learning will be disrupted and it is very likely we will need to close some classes if we are unable to have enough staff on site to run the day safely. I will update you on Monday but do please start to consider alternative arrangements in advance.

Have a restful weekend.

Best wishes,



Ricardo Hylton
Head of School