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Ark Franklin Newsletter

18th September 2015

Dear Parents,

What a busy week we have had, while children are still settling into the new school year, year 6 have completed their Willis Climb, while across the academy pupils have been busy writing and presenting their manifestoes in preparation for next week's school council elections, run by Brent's election team.

Some key dates for your diaries: parent's evening this term will be on 15th October and our Winter Fayre will be on the 10th December. Furthermore, preparation is already well under way for our Fork to Fork Food Festival for 2016, it will be on the 11th June, and we really need your help! Thomasina Miers of Wahaca and Laura Hinton-Harper of Caravan will be here on parent's evening to talk to all prospective volunteers about our amazing Open Air Classroom Project and how you can get involved.



Have a good weekend and we look forward to seeing you from 8.30am on Monday.

Warmest regards

Janine Ryan



Headteacher's thought for the week

Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass; it's about learning to dance in the rain.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance for this week is **95.2%**. Our target is 96% so we have much work to do.

Help: we still need shirts for art and board games for wet play...

Dogs

We love dogs, but they must be carried if on school premises and cannot be left tied to fences or gates unattended when children are passing in and out at the beginning and end of the day.

Lost property

Lost property, if named, will be returned to individual children, if not, it will be on display in the KS2 playground every Friday from 3.00pm.

Year 6 applications for a place at secondary school

A quick reminder that Year 6 parents are invited to attend a meeting outlining the process for secondary school applications next **Wednesday 23rd September at 9.30am**. All applications must be submitted by the 31st October 2015.

PE kit reminder

Please remember that children now wear their PE kit to school on their PE days, see the table below:

Monday	Years 2 and 5
Tuesday	Year 4
Wednesday	Years 1 and 3
Thursday	Reception and Year 6

Clubs starting next week

Enrichment clubs for pupils from Year 1 -6 will be starting as of next Monday. We are looking to ensure that every child has an opportunity to participate in an enrichment club if they wish to do so.

Key information

Letters have been given to children today to say what club/s they have secured a place in.

All clubs for pupils in Years 1 and 2 are currently full.

If you selected a particular club but were not offered a place in writing, we have placed your child on the waiting list and we will aim to allocate them a place next term.

Clubs for Reception children will start in January.

Clubs with available places:

KS2 girls -Football / Hockey club on Tuesdays

Glee Club for KS2 pupils on Fridays.

Please come to the school office to sign up for these clubs if you are interested.

An update re clubs that will not start until pupils return from the October half term break:

Capoeira club will not start until next half term due to a low numbers expressing an interest to join. Book now to avoid disappointment.

Collection from clubs

All pupils who attend a club must be collected on time. **The collection point for each club has been stated in the confirmation letter along with the cost of the clubs.** Please ensure that payment is received before your child starts the club. Our preferred method of payment is WISEPAY.

A big thank you goes out to all the staff who are supporting the children to take part in all these extra-curricular activities.

Introduction to English Course

A free English course for parents who are beginners in English will start at the end of this month. It is hoped that this will allow you to support your child/ren more fully at school.

If you are interested please attend the information and assessment session next Tuesday, 22nd September at 1pm, reporting to the main reception. There is additionally a short form for you to complete, available at our main reception desk.

Key dates

Please note the following key dates:

23rd September	Application to Secondary School meeting (9:30-10:30)
15th October	Parent's Evening (16:00-19:00) & Fork to Fork Volunteer meeting
26th October - 30th October	Half term
2nd & 3rd November	Staff training days
4th November	Pupils return
10th December	Winter Fayre

Our year 6 pupils at the very top of the Willis Tower!

