10th November 2023

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Dear parents and carers,

It has been a wet, blustery and busy week this week. It was so great to see so many of you at our parent and carers' evening this week. Thank you for making the time to meet with your child's teacher and I hope you were able to see some of the fantastic work that they have been doing in class.

Many of our classes have been doing some cooking this week as part of their Design and Technology lessons. Year 6 made some delicious flatbreads, Year 3 have made popcorn and Year 2 have put together a layered couscous salad. The children have really enjoyed trying something different and are learning some key skills in the process.

It was school photo day yesterday and all the children were looking very smart and smiling very sweetly for the photographers! You will have received a QR code which you will be able to use to access and order the photos. The photos should be ready to view by the end of next week.

Today it was lovely to see so many children making such an effort to dress in outfits that represent their culture. We have been doing this along with the raffle and cake sales to raise money for The Sickle Cell Society so thank you so much for your generosity.

Next Friday is another fundraising opportunity for Children in Need. We will be asking for children to come to school on Friday wearing something spotty so I'm looking forward to seeing all the amazing outfits next Friday.

Just a reminder about The Nest parent workshop on Wednesday 15th November at 8:45am in the Community Space. We hope to see many of you there.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and we will see you on Monday.

This week's class attendance winner is:

100%



Attendance

Our whole school attendance target is 97% Our overall attendance this week is 97% Vell done to Green 2 achieving 100% attendance this week

Class	Attendance	Lates
Nursery	93.5%	3
Reception Red	93.5%	2
Reception Green	93.2%	5
Red 1	98.9%	4
Green 1	96.1%	5
Red 2	98.5%	5
Green Z	100%	3
Red 3	94.0%	3
Green 3	97.6%	5
Red 4	98.7%	4
Green 4	97.4%	6
Red 5	98.7%	7
Green 5	97.1%	3
Red 6	99.7%	0
Green 6	94.2%	4

Punctuality Reminder

School gates open at 8.40 a.m. every day. Children need to be in their class at 8.45 a.m. so that they can start their lessons promptly. Children who arrive late are greatly disadvantaged because they miss starting the day with their peers and the beginning of lessons.

It is also very important that children establish good routines and habits in preparation for the rest of their lives. Punctuality is a life skill that they need to develop whilst they are young.



Diamond Tickets This Week:

Azaiah R1, Halima G2, Hanan G2, Divine R3, Ianayah G3, Havyer G3, Jeveina G4, Iya G4, Naiara R5, Mina R5, Musa G5, Sahr G5, Ayan G6, Yousuf S G6, Sophia R6

Miss Rooney





The NEST Parent Workshop – Wednesday 15th November 08:45 – 09:30am – Community Space

John Donne are excited to share that we will be working with the Nest this academic year. The Nest provides workshops for pupils, parents and carers and for staff on wellbeing, personal care and good mental health and are based in Peckham Rye.

On Wednesday 15th November, the Nest will be running a free workshop for all parents and carers from 08:45 - 09:30am in the Community Space. The first session is an opportunity to share with you more information about the service and what they do and offer. This includes opportunities, experiences

and tools to enable young people to develop their physical, emotional and social capabilities. Please do come along to find out more about this great service and how they can support young people and families in Southwark.

KS2 Poetry Assembly – 2:15 – 3:00pm – Bottom Hall

We are inviting all parents and carers of children in Years 3 – 6 to attend the first Poetry assembly of this academic year. The children have been learning poems around the theme of Nature and will share these by performing them at our very special poetry assembly on Tuesday 19th December 11 from 2:15 – 3:00pm in the bottom hall. We can't wait to welcome you there with Miss Naomi our Poetry teacher!



Congratulations to GREEN 3 for being the top doodling class in the past week. Keep doodling everyone.

Homepage -DoodleLearning

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suffer with		
sleep issues?		
Do you struggle with your child's		
bedtime?		
Will your child		
not sleep in their own bed?		
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Term Dates 2023-24				
Term	Start	End		
Autumn 2	Monday 30th October 2023	Wednesday 20th December 2023 @ 2pm		
<u>Christmas</u>	Thursday 21st December 2023	Wednesday 3rd January 2024		
Spring 1	Thursday 4th January 2024	Friday 9th February 2024		
Half Term	<u>Monday 12th</u> February 2024	<u>Friday 16th</u> February 2024		
Spring 2	Monday 19th February 2024	Thursday 28th March 2024 @ 2pm		
Easter	<u>Friday 29th</u> March 2024	<u>Friday 12th</u> <u>April 2024</u>		
Summer 1	Monday 15th April 2024	Friday 24th May 2024		
Half Term	Monday 27th May 2024	Friday 31st May 2024		
Summer 2	Monday 3rd June 2024	Friday 19th July 2024 @ 2pm		
Bank Holidays- Monday 6th May 2024				
School Menu				



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