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Welcome Back!!

The summer has gone so quickly and we are all very excited about the new year at London Fields!! Over the summer we have refurbished some of the classrooms and had work done on the roof. Unfortunately, this work hasn't finished and will continue over this term at weekends—hence the scaffolding. This year we are having a whole school focus on developing oracy across the curriculum. We will be maximising opportunities to develop children's vocabulary and confidence in public speaking. Obviously, there are crucial links between talking and thinking. We have long advocated the advantages of partner and group work in learning and now we want really enhance what we already do and use it even more strategically to help the children become active and critical thinkers. We will also be continuing on our journey to achieving Artsmark Platinum. This will involve developing our Arts curriculum and maximising opportunities to make links with other Arts communities and schools. A major focus for the year will be engaging with sustainability and ecological issues and initiatives—specifically mounting problems with plastic waste and its effect on the environment. We want to reduce the amount of waste the school produces and teach the impact of needless waste on the environment. We also hope to join an initiative from the Mayor of London which will involve a school run market/food bank that will offer food donated by supermarkets to the community. As you may know, we are introducing regular cookery slots into the timetable. Each term there will be a different focus. In the Autumn we will be teaching how to make healthy breakfasts, in the Spring, healthy lunches and the Summer will be devoted to healthy suppers. Children will develop their own recipe book over the year so they can try out some of the recipes at home with you!

We are also working hard on the mental health and well-being agenda for both staff and children. We are very lucky to have been selected to work with Hackney on a year long project that will place a Children and Adolescent Mental Health Worker (CAMHS) in school with us. He will work closely with all staff to help us become more aware of how we can support the well-being of all members of our community. In line with this, we are starting a family group, run by Sam Bass, which will explore some of the potential issues and concerns around transition to secondary school. This group will work with children and families based on models from the Anna Freud Centre. More details of this very exciting project will follow.

Hopefully, this has given you a brief overview of the year ahead. As you will know, as the year unfolds we will be sharing further details on the above and all the other exciting opportunities that will crop up. As always, we hope you enjoy the year and do catch up with us in the playground or make an appointment if you would like any further information or have any queries or concerns.

Parents and Carers' Evening

Our first parents' and carers' evening will be on 20th September. This is a chance for you to meet the teacher and for us to tell you about the year ahead. Please do make sure you can come. Appointment details will be sent out shortly. Please also check the dates page carefully each week for details of various different subject meetings. These will not only give you more detail on how and what we teach but also how to help at home.

Dinner money

Dinner monies should be paid weekly. Please do not allow a large debt to build up. We can not continue to let families accumulate a debt of higher than £60. Once the figure goes beyond this you will need to meet with the school to discuss a repayment plan. We ask for your co-operation in this matter as you will know that school budgets are very tight now and we can not afford to carry a high level of debt.

Dates for your diary

Dates for 2018/9		Dates for 2019/20	
13th September	Y2 to Museum of London	2nd September	FIRST DAY AUTUMN 1
14th September	Y3 to Horniman Museum	18th October	LAST DAY AUTUMN 1
20th September	Parents' and Carers' Evening	28th October	FIRST DAY AUTUMN 2
26th September	Y2 to The Waterworks Nature Reserve Y6 to Imperial War Museum	19th December	LAST DAY AUTUMN 2 —SCHOOL
3rd October	Y3 to Science Museum	6th January	FIRST DAY SPRING 1
3rd October	Maths curriculum meeting @3.45 – 4.15pm	14th February	LAST DAY SPRING 1
5th October	Y4 to Museum of London Docklands	24th February	FIRST DAY SPRING 2
19th October	LAST DAY AUTUMN 1	3rd April	LAST DAY SPRING 2—SCHOOL CLOSES AT 2pm
29th October	FIRST DAY AUTUMN 2	20th April	FIRST DAY SUMMER 1
13th November	Y6 to Natural History Museum	22nd May	LAST DAY SUMMER 1
30th November	Y5 to British Museum	1st June	FIRST DAY SUMMER 2
1st December	WINTER FAIR	17th July	LAST DAY SUMMER 2—SCHOOL CLOSES AT 2pm
21st December	LAST DAY AUTUMN 2 —SCHOOL CLOSES AT 2pm		
7th January 2019	FIRST DAY SPRING 1		
17th January	Parents' and Carers' Evening		
15th February	LAST DAY SPRING 1		
25th February	FIRST DAY SPRING 2		
15th March	Y4 to Horniman Museum		
5th April	LAST DAY SPRING 2—SCHOOL CLOSES AT 2pm		
23rd April	FIRST DAY SUMMER 1		
20th May	SPORTS DAY		
24th May	LAST DAY SUMMER 1		
3rd June	FIRST DAY SUMMER 2		
11th July	Parents' and Carers' Evening		
19th July	LAST DAY SUMMER 2—SCHOOL CLOSES AT 2pm		

The Anna Fiorentini Theatre & Film School are looking for enthusiastic individuals who want to enhance their Performing Arts skills. If you're interested, book your place today for a Performing Arts taster day at Clapton Girls' Academy! This is open to all ages and abilities.

The sessions will take place on Saturdays 22nd & 29th September 2018.

To book, contact: hello@annafiorentini.com / 0207 682 1403

Remember to keep checking the website for updates on the year group blogs as well.

