



Welcome back, everyone! The term has begun very happily. It was good to see so many parents at the Meet and Greet sessions this week.

New Faces

You will have seen some new faces on the staff (as well as hearing a few new class names – as chosen by the children last year). I would like to welcome Ms Dang in Bumble Bee Class (Nursery), Miss Casey in Ladybird Class (Reception), Ms Begum in Tulip Class (Y1), Ms Harries in Beech Class (Y5), Mr Chan in Sycamore (Y6) and Mrs Matthias in Maple Class (Y6)

We also welcome Kate Murray who has taken over from Siobhan Moroney as our new School Home Support practitioner: Kate will be working in the Red House and is very keen to make links with parents, particularly in Key Stage 1.

She will be in school on Monday and Tuesday all day and Wednesday morning. She will be organising a range of coffee mornings, classes and support to parents/carers and their children. Just as Siobhan did, Kate will be working to make links between home and school; this may involve: listening to you; going to meetings to support you; promoting regular attendance and punctuality at school; arranging adult/parent learning courses and giving information on other services available locally. As well as dropping in, you can also call Kate on the school number **02072371180**. Please feel free to drop in for a chat anytime.

New Curriculum

The term has seen the launch of the new curriculum, though we will still be holding onto the things we think are important, e.g. arranging trips that make learning more exciting. Year 1 will be visiting the farm, Year 2 going on local walks and Year 5 the Planetarium in Greenwich. Year 6 will be soon heading off to Liddington on School Journey. We also welcome back Pete Sutherland who will be teaching music to children in Years 2 to 6 and Louise Shuttleworth who teaches drama throughout the school.

A new venture that we are trying out this term is Forest Schools where a group of children from the reception classes will be visiting the nature reserve next to the school every week for a few hours, learning such exciting skills as shelter building, tool whittling and fire making.

Clubs

We are very pleased to see lunchtime and after school clubs starting again. These include:

| | Lunchtime | After School |
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| Monday | The Band - KS2 | Hockey – Y3 |
| Tuesday | Chess | Football – Y5/6 |
| Wednesday | | Fitness – Y3 Cross Country Running – Y6 |
| Thursday | | Football – Y5/6 |

There will also be Dance for Years 1-4, Multi-media and Music Clubs beginning soon.

New School Building

The latest dates we have been given for moving back to our original site on Southwark Park Road are between 16th and 22nd December. When we have a date for the move that we are confident about, we will let you know.

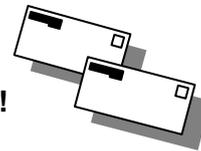


Coming dates for your diary

Parents' breakfast – Thursday, 9th October – Everyone is invited.

Parents' Evening – Thursday 23rd October

Remember to check book bags for letters!



Just a reminder that you can order the new uniform at [tesco.com/ues](https://www.tesco.com/ues)

Holiday Absence

Please think very carefully before taking your child on holiday during school time.

Across the end of the summer term and beginning of this term, the school lost 138 education days due to holiday. I am trying to resist parents being given fixed penalties but the sheer volume of this has a significant impact on the overall absence figures for the school.

Parking

Just to let you know that we have had complaints from residents of the block of flats beside the school about being blocked by other cars. It would be helpful if you didn't park in that small road.

Have a lovely weekend

Best wishes,

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Headteacher