

## NEWSLETTER 12-January 2018

### Week ending 5<sup>th</sup> January 2018

<b>Class of the week:</b>	4-for their choral contribution to the Candle Mass
<b>Cleanest class:</b>	The cleaners-for getting all the cheese and cake out of the carpet in class 3 after the Christmas party
<b>Lunchtime class:</b>	
<b>Staff star:</b>	Miss Flower
<b>Highest Attendance:</b>	Class 2 – 100%
<b>House winner:</b>	Uriel

### Week ending 12<sup>th</sup> January 2018

<b>Class of the week:</b>	1-for their fantastic writing throughout the week.
<b>Cleanest class:</b>	2-for keeping their classroom nice and tidy!
<b>Lunchtime class:</b>	3
<b>Staff star:</b>	Mrs Newton / Mr Partridge
<b>Highest Attendance:</b>	Class 4 – 100%
<b>House winner:</b>	Michael

Dear Parents,

How very quickly the children have settled back into school. Next week we have our PACT sessions going on in classes 1-6, so please make sure you have signed up.

As you can see, on the reverse, we held our first parent voice meeting. From this we have a request: old white PE T-shirts-if you have one/some sitting in the cupboard that you are happy to donate back to the school we would like a range of sizes to use for inter-schools team events. Please send them in with your child and we will do the rest! Please make sure that the T-shirt has the school logo on. Many thanks. We will be collecting these until February half term. Thank you, in advance ☺

You should have also received a yes/no survey regarding the possibility of taking a two week October half term. Please can these be returned by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January. Thanks.

### Sue's School Wear

Just to let you know that Sue's School Wear will be selling uniform, on the school playground from 2:30pm on the following dates: 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan, 19<sup>th</sup> Feb, & 12<sup>th</sup> March.

### Children arriving late

Can I please remind parents that if your child is arriving to school late, after the bell has gone/the children have left the playground, please **DO NOT** leave them at the gate. **You NEED to bring them into the school, to sign them in at the office.** Thank you ☺

**In light of all the new devices that your children may have received for Christmas here is a few things to keep in mind...**

<b>8 tips for keeping your family safe when using internet connect devices</b>
1) Read the manual
2) Be app aware
3) Consider buying brands
4) Use parental controls
5) Check your connections are safe
6) Be password protected
7) Talk to your child about on-line safety
8) Ask for advice-NSPCC

Stay safe ☺

Yours sincerely



Miss S Jones – Headteacher

*Milestones: providing reference points to mark accomplishments.*

### Parent Voice Meeting

<b>Date:</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> January 2018</b>
<b>Agenda</b>	<p>1:15-Tea/coffee  1:20-Welcome/explanation of parent voice meetings  1:30-discussion / key focus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outside sporting events</li> <li>• Holiday dates</li> <li>• Suggestions for further meetings</li> </ul>
<b>Number of attendees:</b>	8
<b>Minutes:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School could be involved in more competitions: netball/football/rugby festival/cricket – it was shared that the school doesn't have the capacity to always do this. We had put a plea out to parents in the past and we have been trying to use the SSP coaches, but the number of children signing up for the clubs have been limited. A parent is now sharing netball so that we can build up a school team. Football is being led by SSP coaches and a team has been created. Clubs are being set up for us to create an inter-school team for competitions, it will depend on the up-take. It was also suggested that the children could practice some of these skills in PE lessons and then teams created. This will be discussed with staff and dependant on the PE curriculum.</li> <li>• Children chosen for the Borough Olympics: can this be more varied, so it is not always the same children? It was explained that this differed last year, and will be the same again this year-an athletics club is offered in the summer term for the children to sign up. They need to do this in order to be part of the Borough Olympics and additional children (if needed) will be taken from "run-offs" in PE lessons.</li> <li>• Uniform for sporting events: we already have a football and netball team kit. It was discussed that the children would look better in the old white logo PE T-shirts (I will be putting a letter out requesting a set of these to be used for sporting events). We also discussed having a school tracksuit as part of the PE uniform. The sweatshirt will have a logo on. Prices to be looked into from the uniform shops, with the possibility of OPT-IN part funding some of this cost.</li> <li>• Clubs: can there be more of a mix of clubs, such as art/tennis? There are less KS1 clubs and can it be considered about the age-range on offer? Clubs change termly and are often linked to the time of year, however, this will be put to staff to ensure a wider variety.</li> <li>• Holiday dates: it was discussed that many of the Thurrock schools are taking two weeks for the October half term. The impact of this would be that we could potentially reduce our lunchtime-this will make no difference to the children as they go back into class at 1pm anyway, but staff would return to class at 1pm and start lessons. This would mean that changes would not need to go out as a consultation as the beginning and end of the day will not change. Currently, this proposal is being discussed with HR and then will be taken to the governors. However, it was discussed that a survey would go out to parents to find a consensus of opinion. NOTHING, AT THIS STAGE IS GARANTEED!</li> <li>• Suggestions of further meetings: to send out an agenda prior to the meeting, set dates earlier-with more notice and to hold the meeting just before the end of the school day. Logistics of holding the meetings at the end of the school day is not possible-staff have meetings and clubs and the children would need to be supervised.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NEXT MEETING: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April @ 2:30</b></p>