

Newsletter 21st September 2018 Issue 20 News, information and events from Alexandra Primary

Our value of the month is Respect

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PARENTS EVENING

Parents Evening will take place on Wednesday 3rd October with the first appointment at 2:00 and ending at 7:00.

To book an appointment you will need to access the online booking system; a letter was sent out on Tuesday 18th September with the information for how to book an appointment. If you did not receive the letter please come to the office or speak to your child's teacher for another copy.

If you are having difficulty logging into the system or do not have access to a computer, please come into the school office, where a member of the administrative team can support you through the process.

Booking an appointment to see your child's teacher is very important. At the meeting you will learn how your child is progressing and what the expectations are for the end of year. You will also be able to speak to the teacher about how you can support your child's learning at home.

Please be aware that **school will close** at **1:45**; Kids Space will be open at 1:45 on this day for those children who usually attend after school.

ATTENDANCE

Having good attendance at school has a positive impact on learning outcomes and future life chances. We expect our children to be in school daily and on time. Research and national government figures, as well our own school data clearly show that children with better attendance have significantly better learning outcomes at primary school. This in turn has an impact throughout secondary school and positive GCSE outcomes.

The **outstanding** classes so far this term with the best attendance are **Espana 6**, **Venezuela 5** and **Mexico 4**.

We are hoping to see a significant improvement over the coming weeks from Argentina 3, Costa Rica 1 and Puerto Rico 5.

This year we will be celebrating attendance each term with bronze, silver and gold certificates. To get a bronze certificate children will need 100% attendance throughout one term; silver over two terms and gold with 100% attendance over three terms (the whole year).

Across the school many children have **100% attendance:-** Reception **-24**; Year 1 - **33**; Year 2 - **36**; Year 3 - **41**; Year 4 - **45**; Year 5 - **41** & Year 6 - **45**

A special mention to **Venezuela 5** who have **25 children** with **100% attendance** - well done.

CLASS ASSEMBLY

We had our first class assembly last week; El Salvador 6 set a very high standard in how to share your work and learning.

As always, the assembly was really well attended with lots of positive feedback from parents.

For each class assembly and events where parents are attending, we will have feedback sheets so that you can share with us your thoughts on the experience. This will be an opportunity to celebrate the things that you think we do well, but also an opportunity to tell us how you think we can improve what we are doing, to make the learning experience for your child even better.

NATIONAL POETRY DAY

National Poetry Day is on **Thursday 4th October**. Throughout the week children will be focusing on the work of the poet **Paul Delaney**. He will then visit the school to work with the children in class over the two days—Thursday 4th October and Friday 5th October.

At the end of each of these days parents will be invited in to see the outcomes of the work the children have produced. Look out for further, more detailed information following soon.

PARENTS WORKSHOPS

We have a range of workshops every **Thursday** designed to help you support your child's learning at home. They run from **9.25**, **after reading sessions** in class for **15 minutes**. Everybody is welcome and they are suitable for children across all year groups.

Over the next few weeks we will be running workshops on:- Supporting your child with homework, Celebrating Black History Month, Visiting Wood Green Library with parents and children, Ways to support your child learn their times tables. Look out for the posters advertising these workshops.

READING MORNING

Every **Thursday** we invite parents and carers from **nursery to year 4** into read with their children from **8:55—9:20** (followed by Parents Workshops). We had a really great turnout last week but would still love to see even more of you coming to

share the joy of reading with your children.

TRIPS

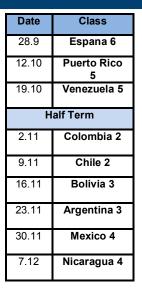
A number of trips have been planned for this term. Year 3 visited the Transport Museum and Year 4 had a London walking trip to see the many sites of London. Trips coming up include a year 2 London walking trip, reception to Alexandra Palace and Park, Year 5 to the Royal Albert Hall as well as an Anglo Saxon workshop visit.

Many **Yr6** children will also be attending the residential visit to **PGL** in Suffolk. A meeting for the parents of these children will take place on **Monday 24th September**; at this meeting medical needs will be discussed and kit lists will be shared.

DR BIKE

Dr Bike, free bike maintenance, will be in school on Monday 24th September. Please sign up at the office if you would like your bike to receive a free maintenance overhaul.

Best wishes, Manjit Dulay & John Coggin **Leadership Team**



Thursday 4th October

KEY DATES

Autumn Term 2018

Wednesday 3rd

October

Parents Evening

2:00-7:00

School closes at

1:45

National Poetry Day (including a visit from a published poet on 4 & 5.10)

WC 8.10 YR 6 Residential Trip to Suffolk

Thursday 18th October

International Evening

Half term school closed Monday 22nd October—Friday 26th October

> Thursday 13th December Pantomime Day

Friday 14th December

Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas dinner

Autumn Term ends Friday 21st December

Spring Term 2019

Return to school Monday 7th January





