

## CANNON LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### School Newsletter – Issue 2

Our first week back at school seems to have flown by and we have been delighted with how the children have settled into their new classes. Our new Reception children have come into school really well and are clearly enjoying being part of Cannon Lane.



Some of our new Reception children enjoying their first week in school!

The construction team have continued to work on our building and the project is nearing completion. We are hoping that all of the new classrooms and offices will be completed and handed over by the end of next week.

### Meet the Teacher



As published in our 'Term Dates' that were sent out in July, there is an opportunity for parents to meet with class teachers next week. This is intended to be a very informal meeting (a chance to put a face to the name) and there is no expectation that parents attend – especially if you have already had a chance to say hello to the teacher at the school gate or on the playground after school.

There will be a very brief introduction from one of our Assistant Head Teachers (the phase leader) followed by refreshments. This is simply a time for you to introduce yourself and have a quick chat with your child's class teacher. It is not a progress meeting as this is scheduled for later in the term. This will take place from 5.00pm-5.45pm in the downstairs hall on the following days:

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September - (Year 1 and Year 2)

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September – (Year 3 and Year 4)

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September – (Year 5 and Year 6)

## **Consultation on our Home Learning Policy**

The issue of homework or Home Learning is often a contentious one and parents may have different views on what they consider to be an 'appropriate' amount for their children. At Cannon Lane School, we feel that Home Learning is a valuable way of both consolidating and extending the learning that takes place in school and therefore our teachers will set children tasks to carry out at home.

Our intention is to make Home Learning enjoyable and not a burden for children. Having said this, we are committed to challenging children in order for them to achieve their best and to develop a sense of independence and responsibility for the future. Our aim is for Home Learning to be set consistently and for children to be clear about what is expected of them.

Your views about Home Learning are important to us. We will post a draft copy of our Home Learning Policy on the school website (Information/Policies/Home Learning) at the beginning of next week and we would welcome any feedback that you have to offer. It would be helpful if comments could be provided in writing (or email) via the school office clearly marked 'Home Learning'. Thank you.

## **Pinner High School Presentation for Year 5 and 6 Pupils – Parents welcome**

The newly appointed Head Teacher of Pinner High School (the old Heathfield site) will be coming to speak to our Year 5 and 6 children on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 11am. The session will last for around 45 minutes and will provide information on the admissions process and will outline plans for the future. Parents of children in Year 5 and 6 are welcome to attend although there will also be a meeting at Pinner High School on the evening of 5<sup>th</sup> October which may be more convenient.

## **Parking**

The beginning and end of the school day are very busy times and the roads around Cannon Lane School become very congested. Please help us to keep children safe by walking to school if you are able to or parking a safe distance away in order to reduce the congestion. If you need to drive to school, please be considerate of our neighbours and do not obstruct driveways.



Please avoid driving to the end of Chestnut Drive (near the school gates) as this is a dead-end and U-turns at busy times are dangerous when there are lots of children around. Please be reminded that there is **no stopping on the zig-zag lines** before or after school. This is illegal and unsafe. Thank you.

## **The Pupil Premium Grant**

You may be aware that the Government provides schools with a Pupil Premium Grant of approximately £1300 for children whose parents are in receipt of any of the following benefits: Income Support; Income Related Jobseekers Allowance; Income Related Employment Support Allowance; The guaranteed element of Pension Credit; Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999; Child Tax Credit.

In addition to this, funding is available for Looked after Children, children adopted from care under the Adoption and Children Act 2002, children who have left care under a Special Guardianship or Residence Order or children from Service Families. In most cases this funding is

