

## CANNON LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Cannon Lane Primary School Newsletter – Issue 6



### **Cannon Lane Primary – an IQM Flagship School!**

I am delighted to inform you that following a recent inspection of our school, Inclusion Quality Mark UK confirmed Cannon Lane School's status as an IQM Flagship School. This is a wonderful achievement and identifies us as the only Flagship school in the London Borough of Harrow.

The assessment process looks at the principle of 'How inclusive is your school?' and explores all aspects of education within the school. Assessors look at all aspects of school including pupils' achievement data and the effectiveness of the support that is provided. The focus is on all pupils and the extent to which we as a school provide high quality challenge and support.

A summary report is attached to this newsletter for your information and a copy has been posted on the school website.

I would like to thank all of the school staff for their hard work and continued commitment to achieving the very best for all pupils at Cannon Lane. A great achievement!

### **Christmas Fair**

Many thanks to all of you who attended our Christmas Fair last Saturday. I thought it was a really great event and we are very grateful for the Friends of Cannon Lane for organising this and to all parents, staff and children who helped out.



### **Christmas Lunch**

We will be having a Christmas lunch in school on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December (letter was sent out previously and is on the school website). Lunches must be ordered in advance (by today – 4<sup>th</sup> December!) As in previous years, children are invited to bring a Christmas cracker to school.

## Sharing pupil progress information with parents

As a school we are committed to providing you (parents) with as much information as we can on your child's progress and attainment in school. This happens in a number of different ways including our parent – teacher meetings, an end of year school report (written by the class teacher) and informal discussions before and after school. In addition to this, at the end of each term, we provide access to an online report (from Classroom Monitor) which identifies your child's progress against a number of the National Curriculum objectives in Reading, Writing and Mathematics. As well as highlighting some of the objectives that children have met, the report will identify a number of 'targets' for further improvement. These are individual to each child and updated by teachers on a regular basis (made available to parents in the last week of each term). **Parents of children in Years 1-6 will receive an email from Classroom Monitor in the last week of this term with instructions on how to access this information.**

As many of you will be aware, the assessment system for children in Years 1-6 has undergone a significant change in the past year as all schools have moved away from the traditional National Curriculum levels (example 2B, Level 5 etc). Last summer was the last time children in Year 2 and Year 6 were assessed using this level system. At the end of the academic year, the school report will now identify whether your child is 'working towards', 'meeting' or 'exceeding' their year group objectives. Further information for end of Key Stage assessments will be shared with parents of children in Year 2 and Year 6 towards the end of the spring term.

When children are in the Reception class, we send home a Learning Journey to demonstrate the skills that children have developed over the course of the term. This provides an opportunity for parents to celebrate these achievements with their child. Our Reception children will bring their Learning Journeys home over the Christmas holidays and parents are invited to contribute family photographs or evidence of other achievements (further information to follow).

## Christmas Disco

The Christmas Disco organised by the Friends of Cannon Lane School takes place on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December**. Children can attend at the following times:

**Reception: 4.00pm - 5.15pm**  
**Years 1 & 2: 5.30pm – 6.45pm**  
**Years 3 & 4: 7.00pm – 8.15pm**  
**Years 5 & 6: 8.30pm - 9.45pm**



Entry to the disco will cost £3 per child. There will be no tickets issued in advance and children will be asked for their money on arrival (please ensure you have the correct money). Further information about the disco is available on the school website. If you haven't already done so, please complete the consent slip and return to school office as soon as possible. There are a few hard copies of the consent form at main reception. Many thanks to Mr Baldwin and his team of parent helpers for organising this!

## Christmas Post Boxes



Our Christmas post boxes will be in school for the last two weeks of term (from week commencing 7th December). If children would like to send cards to their friends or members of staff, please ensure that cards are clearly labelled with children's first name, surname and class. Thank you.

## **KS2 Singing by Starlight**

Once again our children in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 will be singing a number of songs and sharing Christmas readings outside on the school playground on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December**. This will be a very similar event to last year and will be supported by The Friends of Cannon Lane who will be serving refreshments (and selling glow sticks!!). All families are welcome including younger children, grandparents and friends. Please note, if it is raining on the day, the event will be postponed. A reserve date has been set for **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December**. We hope to see you there with your torches, hats and scarves! Children in Yrs 3-6 should **arrive by 5.15pm** (prompt) and enter the building through the front door. Parents and visitors can then go to the Yr 3 playground via the new driveway / car park. Refreshments will be served on the playground (outside the Year 3 classrooms) from 5.15pm. The performance will begin at 5.30pm and will finish around 6.15pm.



## **Working Parties**

We are currently working on a number of initiatives / projects in school. If there are any parents who are interested in joining our School Travel Team (led by Ms Shah - helping to promote safe travel to school and road safety awareness) or our Rights Respecting School team (led by Mrs Mistry - based around the UNICEF Rights of the Child), please contact the school office. Ideally we are looking for 2-3 parents for each working party. Thank you.

## **Harrow Band Festival – a message from Mr Kirwan (Cannon Lane School Music Teacher)**



On Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November a group of twenty six musicians from Cannon Lane School took part in the Harrow Music Service Band Festival at Hatch End Arts Centre. This event brought together young woodwind and brass players from across the Borough for a full day of music making! The children rehearsed a programme of ten pieces throughout the day, before playing to a sell-out audience in the evening.

The concert finale (an excellent arrangement of Lady Gaga's "Poker Face") was particularly well received by both audience and band members alike. It was a memorable experience for our pupils, as studying music is all about playing with and for others. Thank you to the parents who came along to support this wonderful event.

## **Lost Property**

Lost property will be left under the canopy on the Key Stage 1 playground after school on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December. Any items not retrieved by the end of term will be given to charity.

## **End of term**

The Autumn Term ends on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December**. Please note the earlier finishing time of **2.40pm** for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and **2.45pm** for children in Years 3 – 6. Children return to school for the spring term on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

With very best wishes,

Mr A Phillips  
Headteacher