



Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2016

## Cannon Lane School Newsletter - Issue 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Parent – Teacher Meetings**



Our Autumn Term parent-teacher meetings will take place on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October (3.30-6.30pm) and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October (5.00-8.00pm). These are 10 minute appointments and an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress, attainment and well-being in school. In the vast majority of cases we find that 10 minutes is a sufficient amount of time for each meeting. If you feel that you need further time, class teachers are always happy to meet with you before or after school by appointment.

If you haven't yet booked your appointment, please do so as soon as possible. Staff in our school office will be more than happy to help you.

Your child's English and Maths books will be sent home on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October and should be returned to school on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October. Class teachers will be happy to discuss the content of books with you as part of the parent-teacher meetings. (No books will be sent home to Reception parents at this stage).

### **Hot School Meals**



I would like to take this opportunity to apologise for the issues that arose yesterday during our Pizza Party. I was very disappointed that many of our children did not enjoy this as much as we had hoped and I have personally taken this up with our catering company. Attached to this newsletter you will find a letter of apology from Pride and their assurance that this will not happen again. As a school we are committed to doing everything we can to ensure that children are looked after properly at lunchtimes and I feel confident that this will be the case as we move forward. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

### **Water bottles**



Please remember to send your child to school with a named water bottle. Teachers will ensure that water bottles are accessible in class and provide opportunities for children to have regular drinks throughout the day. Bottles should be taken home regularly to be cleaned. Thank you.

### **Harvest Festival**

Children and staff will be celebrating Harvest in school during the week commencing 17<sup>th</sup> October. As part of this, children are invited to bring into school any 'non-perishable' foods such as bags of pasta or tins of beans etc. All of our offerings will be donated to the Hillingdon Food Bank. We thank you in advance for all contributions which will be gratefully received. Please ensure that all donations are in school by Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October.



### **Update from the Friends of Cannon Lane School**

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend the Friends of Cannon Lane Committee meeting on Wednesday night. All parents are welcome to attend these meetings and your contribution is always very much appreciated. Please note the following events that are coming up over the next few weeks:

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October** – Friends AGM – 7.30pm    **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October** – Cake Sale after school



## Curriculum Workshops

We will be offering a number of Curriculum Workshops over the course of this year to provide parents with practical ideas for supporting children's learning at home.

This will be an opportunity to hear from the teachers about what children are learning in school and some of the methods that we are using to support the learning process. We will try to vary the content of these sessions and further events are planned for later in the year. Autumn Term workshops are as follows:

Target Audience	Date / Time of Workshop	Title of Workshop
Reception parents	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October 2pm-3pm repeated 6pm-7pm	An introduction to the Early Years Foundation Stage
Year 1 and 2 parents	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2pm-3pm repeated 6pm – 7pm	Supporting children's learning in mathematics
Year 3 and 4 parents	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2pm-3pm repeated 6pm – 7pm	Supporting children's learning in mathematics
Year 5 and 6 parents	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2pm-3pm repeated 6pm – 7pm	Supporting children's learning in mathematics

## Information on our School Governors

A new page has recently been added to our school website providing information on each of our school Governors. This can be found in the 'Community' section of the website. I hope that you find this useful.

## School Photographs

The photographer will be in school on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October** to take photographs of individuals and siblings together. Photographs will be sent home soon afterwards for parents to view and order if desired. No need to complete any forms or anything at this stage.

## Half Term Dates

Please be reminded that our half term break is from Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October (school ends at normal time), with children returning to school on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November**. Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October is a staff training day and the school is closed to pupils on this day.

## Scooting and Cycling on the School Site



Once again we would ask that there is no scooting or cycling anywhere on the school site. We have a very large number of children and adults here at the start and end of the school day and this rule is in place to keep everyone safe (especially smaller children). Please support us in this by reminding your children. Thank you.

With very best wishes,

Mr A Phillips

Headteacher