

Cannon Lane School Newsletter

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Teaching Arrangements for 2017-2018

With just over five weeks left until the school summer holidays, we are busy planning the events that are coming up at the end of this term and making arrangements for the next academic year.

Within the next couple of weeks, I will be sending out a list of all the teachers and classes for the next academic year. Once again we will be having a 'Meet the Teacher' event early in the Autumn Term so that you (parents) have the opportunity to meet with your child's new class teacher. We hope that you will find this useful.

Transition Day

On Wednesday 5th July, children will be given the opportunity to move up to their new class for the morning to spend time with their teacher for next year. This is intended to be a fun time where children get to know their new teacher and take part in some enjoyable and creative activities together. Teachers who are starting in September will be joining us for the day and we are all very much looking forward to working with them. Many of our Year 6 children will be visiting their new schools for the day and we wish them all the best with this!

Staffing Update

As we approach the end of the school year, we are sorry to say goodbye to a small number of our teachers as they move on to the next stage in their careers. We are very proud of the staff we have in this school and are always sorry to say goodbye to valued colleagues.

Leavers:

Mrs Jolly - After almost 20 years at Cannon Lane, Mrs Jolly is leaving at the end of this term. She has been a dedicated member of staff and we wish her all the very best in her new teaching role.

Miss Rackham - will be taking up a new teaching position in Rickmansworth. Miss Rackham has worked hard to move forward the teaching of PE at Cannon Lane and has achieved great success with our cross-country team in particular. We wish her all the best for the future.

Mr Darker - one of our Year 5 teachers, will be relocating to Manchester in the summer holidays. We have very much enjoyed working with him and wish him every success in his next school.

Mrs Manazhy has been a very popular teacher and has provided excellent support to staff and children with our computing curriculum. She will be moving to live in Muscat, Oman in August and teach in a large international school. A very exciting change!

Ms Kauser - our Welfare Officer left Cannon Lane earlier this term. She provided excellent support to our children in the Welfare Room and we are very grateful for her contribution to the school.

New starters

We would like to welcome the following teachers to Cannon Lane School (starting in September 2017): Miss Klein, Miss Mangan, Miss Simpson, Miss Short and Miss Wilmott. They will be visiting school on and off over the next few weeks and we are all looking forward to working with them.

In addition to the above teachers, we would also like to say a warm welcome to Mrs Beckles who has been appointed as Welfare Officer to work alongside Mrs Alder. Mrs Beckles has worked as a practice nurse for the past 13 years so brings with her a wealth of medical experience and knowledge of First Aid. I'm sure that she will make a great addition to our staff team.

We would also like to welcome back Mrs Winkle who returns to Cannon Lane in the next few weeks after her maternity leave. She will be teaching part-time from the Autumn Term onwards.

Local Authority Review of Teaching and Learning

Earlier this week the Local Authority carried out a 'Review of the Management of Teaching and Learning' in school. This was a rigorous process that involved a number of interviews, observations of teaching and learning, a review of children's work in books, and discussions with the children. We are yet to receive our written report yet the feedback that we were given was very positive and included the some of following:

- Pupils clearly enjoy coming to school and feel valued by staff.
- There is a very calm and purposeful atmosphere. Pupils are highly engaged in their lessons and their behaviour in and around school is outstanding.
- The advisers commented on how well the whole staff team works together and how united we seem to be as a school (this was lovely feedback to hear!)
- The school provides a safe environment and safeguarding procedures are very thorough.
- Leadership at all levels is effective. There is a clear vision of where the school is going and a shared commitment to succeed.
- The school appears very neat and tidy. Displays around school are colourful and engaging and there is a very high standard of artwork.
- The children in the School Council spoke confidently about their role in school and were able to talk about the progress they have made in class.
- Advisers were quick to identify the exceptionally high pupil attainment in all year groups.

Of course there are still areas where we can improve as a school including some further work on the design of our curriculum and the systems we have in place for demonstrating the progress that pupils make. In addition to this, we will continue to look at new ways of providing challenge in our curriculum to meet the needs of all learners. We'll be working on these areas more over the next few weeks and months.

All in all this was a very helpful and positive process. I am very grateful to the staff for all their hard work and to the children for their excellent behaviour and good manners.

Year 5 Maths Challenge

On Wednesday 13th June, a group of our Year 5 children (Owen, Tussaaran, Sameeha, Leena and Tharun) participated in the 'Nower Hill Maths Challenge' against five other primary schools in Harrow. The event consisted of a number of rounds that required children to test their abilities in problem solving, reasoning and number.

We are delighted to say that the children came first place in the competition with 33 points in total. We are immensely proud of their achievement! Very well done!!



School Sports Day



Please be reminded that our **School Sports Day** will take place on **Friday 30th June**. (reserve date of Friday 7th July in case of rain). Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will participate in the morning (starting at 9.30am and finishing by midday). Children in Years 3-6 will take part in the afternoon starting at 1pm. Sports Day will combine a range of field events with races on the track. A separate letter will be sent out soon providing details of how Sports Day will be organised. We hope to see you there!

Year 6 residential visit

The majority of our Year 6 children will be travelling to the Isle of Wight next week for their end of year residential trip. This is always great fun with lots of activities including the 3G swing (terrifying!), archery, quad-biking, and abseiling. The children leave just after 9 o'clock on Monday morning so please be aware that the main entrance to school is likely to be busier than usual. Please try to park further away from school or walk to school if you are able to. Thank you.

Summer Music Concerts

Over the last couple of evenings, our musicians have been performing to parents and staff in our Summer Music Concerts.

This has been a really fantastic showcase of our children's talents and has included performances by the string orchestra, windband, steel pans and of course TMK (The Mini Kirwans!). I have been most impressed by the standard of music and the support that has been provided by the teachers from the Harrow Music Service.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to Mr Kirwan for the hard work that he has put in to developing music at Cannon Lane. This is now a real strength of our school and all of the children involved should be very proud of their achievements.

Parking

As you know, we pride ourselves on an ethos of tolerance and mutual respect both within and outside our school. This includes consideration towards members of the public and of course towards our immediate neighbours.

In recent weeks I have received several complaints from our local neighbours regarding parents parking over their driveways. I have also received reports about parents parking or stopping on the zig zag lines and on the pavement. All of these manoeuvres clearly pose a danger to our children and to pedestrians.

The school has worked very hard to foster good relationships with local residents and it is important that we are seen as an asset to the community. I am concerned that the lack of courtesy and consideration shown by a small minority of people is damaging this work and detracting from the good reputation of Cannon Lane School.

Please make every effort to park away from school – especially in this good weather when it is far more enjoyable to walk than it is to drive. If you are aware of drivers parking illegally or blocking residents' driveways please let the school office know (including the registration number) and we will report this to the Local Authority. Thank you.

Dates for your diary:

June

Friday 30th June – School Sports day (Reserve date 7th July)

July

Wednesday 12th July- 2FM and 2LH Stings Concert (9.30 start)

Wednesday 12th July – Year 6 Production matinee (2pm start)

Thursday 13th July – 2KH and 2O Strings Concert (9.30 start)

Thursday 13th July – Year 6 Production (6.30pm start)

Thursday 20th July - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly (1.45pm)

Friday 21st July – End of Term 1.25pm for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. 1.30pm for children in Years 3 – 6.

With best wishes,

Mr Phillips