



## For Information

- Please follow us on twitter @arkBDA\_primary
- Black History Month dress up day – 14/10/16
- Black History Month Gala – 5.30pm – 14/10/16 (**Reception & Year 1**)
- Half term holiday commences 21<sup>st</sup> October at 2.30pm. The children return to school on 31<sup>st</sup> October at 8.30am.
- Inset days this term - 14<sup>th</sup> November & 9<sup>th</sup> December
- End of term – 16<sup>th</sup> December 1pm

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome to our first email newsletter. As you can see we have added our 'Dear Parents' section where you will be given information about what your children have been up to each week.

Our next big event is the Black History Month Gala where Reception and Year 1 are opening the show. This begins at 5.30pm and is in the main hall of the secondary school. As you know we finish at 2.30pm on Friday, so if your child is taking part please can you bring them back to the primary school for 5.00pm in their school uniform. If you want your child to take part but have not sent the form back to school, please do so for next Monday. Parents are welcome, but seating is restricted, at the moment, to 2 per family. When we get definitive numbers we may be able to offer more, so please ask if you would like another ticket.

We also have dress as your flag day next Friday and I am really looking forward to seeing the range of countries our families come from.

Lisa Crispin  
Principal

## Dear Nursery Parents,

We have been talking about our families. The children brought in a picture and talked about some family members and what they like doing with them. We have introduced our parents reading rota and we have our first mum come in today to read to our children.

In Maths we have been practising quantities 1 to 5, the children asked to their partners for a number and their partners had to give them that specific amount using counting teddies.

In Phonics we have been reading and learning 'The tiger who came to tea'. They also enjoyed their music lesson yesterday, singing songs and using various percussion instruments.

Miss Martin & the Nursery team

**Dear Reception Parents,**

This week in Reception we have been learning about the seasons. We talked about Autumn and all of the changes that happen, and we went on an Autumn walk to collect leaves to make Autumn crowns. In Literacy we have been learning about the story The Snail and the Whale and creating different representations of the setting and the characters. In maths we have continued our learning of numbers within 5.

Miss Gunn, Miss Purcell & the Reception team

**Dear Year 1 Parents,**

This week we have been starting our new talk for writing on Jack and the Beanstalk. We were left a voicemail by the giant who was telling us about a horrible boy called Jack who stole his golden hen. In Maths we have been working on using the part, part whole model to help us solve addition and subtraction problems. In topic we have been looking at maps and what direction means in particular our wonderful sign post maps.

Miss Meade, Miss McKenna & the Year 1 team

**Black History Month – Dress Up Day**

On 14th October 2016 we are asking the children to come to school dressed in the colours of theirs or their parents National flag. Last year we had some fantastic costumes depicting colours of flags from most of the continents. We are looking forward to seeing the variety of countries represented this year.

**Admissions****Admission to Reception:**

**This is for Nursery parents only** – The online admission form is available now at [www.lbhf.gov.uk/eadmissions](http://www.lbhf.gov.uk/eadmissions) or you can request a paper copy from the admissions team at Hammersmith and Fulham. The closing date for online applications is 11.59pm on the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017. If you would like any help filling in this form or do not have access to a computer, please see either Miss Smith or Mrs Crispin.

**In Year Admissions:**

We handle in year admissions directly, if you know of anyone who needs a place in either Reception or Year 1 please point them in our direction.

**Parent Forum**

Our Parent Forum is now complete and the members are:- Odile Taylor-Ali (Potter), David Godfree (Blake), Sheraine Williams (Pullman), Aimee Anglin (Dahl) and Charmaine Lewis (Donaldson). Thank you all for putting yourselves forward for this and we look forward to working with you throughout this year.

### **Open Evenings/ Mornings**

The dates for the open evenings/ morning for prospective parents wishing to send their child to the primary school are:

**Open Evenings – 19<sup>th</sup> October & 9<sup>th</sup> November – 5pm**

**Open Mornings – 20<sup>th</sup> October & 10<sup>th</sup> November – 9.30am**

If you know of any parents who are interested in the primary school, please pass on these dates.

If you know of any parents who need school places this year we still have spaces in Reception and Year 1.

### **Uniform**

This week we are reminding parents to label all uniform please. The children are still taking off their jumpers during the day as it does brighten up and become warm. If you have labelled uniform can you just check that this has not come off in the wash – some permanent markers are not actually that permanent.

If you have lost any uniform and it has not been found by the class teacher, it is likely to be in the lost property box in the front office. Please come and check.

Uniform does also get mixed up during PE days in Reception and after the sports club on a Monday evening. Please check PE bags and if you do have uniform that does not belong to your child bring it in to the school office where we will hopefully be able to reunite it with its owner.

### **Newsletter Delivery**

I hope you have all managed to read the newsletter via email this week. If you know of any parents that have not received the newsletter please remind them that we do need an up to date email address for this to work.

### **Travelling Books**

The travelling book company is coming to school again this year, please see the leaflet in your child's book bag. They will be in school from 7<sup>th</sup> October to 13<sup>th</sup> October, and we will display all books in the reception area after school each evening. Please come and support this as the school benefits from the commission made from sales and we will use this to buy books for the class reading corners and our own school library.

### **Height and weight measurement**

All children in Reception will be weighed and measured as part of the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) which was set up to promote healthy weight in children. If you wish to opt out of this service, please inform us via email at [caroline.smith@burlingtondanes.org](mailto:caroline.smith@burlingtondanes.org)

## Lunch Menu

**Week Beginning 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Non-vegetarian</b>	<b>Vegetarian</b>	<b>Side dishes</b>	<b>Pudding</b>
<b>Monday</b>	Sweet potato topped shepherd's pie	Vegetable and butter bean pie	Thyme gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans & steamed carrots	Fresh fruit salad
<b>Tuesday</b>	Sticky BBQ chicken pieces	Spinach & tomato flan	Potato wedges & sweet corn	Jelly or yoghurt
<b>Wednesday</b>	Macaroni cheese	Macaroni cheese	Roasted carrots & cabbage	Lemon cake
<b>Thursday</b>	Chicken curry	Chick pea & butternut korma	Fragrant rice & broccoli	Fruity flapjack
<b>Friday</b>	Fish fingers	Mozzarella sticks	Chips & salad or peas	Fresh fruit salad

**Yoghurt, jelly or fresh fruit will be available each day as a pudding option**

If you wish to take up the vegetarian option on any day please email Miss Smith at [caroline.smith@burlingtondanes.org](mailto:caroline.smith@burlingtondanes.org) . If not we will assume you are opting for the non-vegetarian option.

**Every pupil matters: Every lesson counts**