

Friday 24th January 2020

Hello parents!

What to do if your child is too unwell to come to school

- Parents are asked to complete [the online form here](#) on the school website to tell us if your child is too unwell to come to school.
- It is no longer possible to leave a voicemail on the absence line. There are several reasons why we no longer have an absence voicemail service. Partly, this is due to technical upgrades to our communications system which means this function is no longer possible. We are not looking to replace it because we have taken feedback from staff and parents that voicemail messages are sometimes poorly communicated and this has led to misunderstandings and unnecessary concerns about whether children have been reported absent or not, for example when a parent thinks they've left a message but it is inaudible or the pupil's name is not clear to the staff member listening meaning further follow up is necessary.
- By completing the online form or by speaking to someone in person, we can be make sure we are communicating clearly.
- Parents should inform the school of a child's absence as soon as possible and before 8.30am by completing the online form
- If parents are unable to access the form online, they can call either YYS or OYS reception and speak to a member of staff or come in in person to report the absence
- We are delighted that so many pupils in the school are celebrating 98 to 100% attendance. It is unusual for a child to have more than two days of absence in a long term and parents can certainly expect to have follow up meetings with staff to discuss what we can do to help families with children who are missing out on too much of their education.

Secondary Winter Concert

Congratulations to everyone who performed in the Winter Concert last Friday and thanks to all the friends and family who came to support. You can read more and see some pictures in the news item on the website [here](#).

Primary Home Learning Workshops

Thank you to all the primary parents who have attended their Home Learning Workshops over the last two weeks: we are delighted to have had more than 90% attendance in every year group with

some classes topping 100% attendance without any follow up needed. We really appreciate your support in working together in this way.

We look forward to seeing primary parents again for Parent's Evening on **Monday 2nd and Monday 9th March** from **1.50-4.50pm**. Parents will be able to sign up for appointments at the end of this half term.

Year 11 and Year 13 mock exams

Year 11 and Year 13 have been working hard through the first week of their mocks – one more week to go! We take these exams seriously, practicing the whole exam season in the Sports Hall in formal exam conditions. Pupils in both Year 11 and Year 13 should be following a carefully planned revision timetable in the evenings and at weekends over the next few weeks to ensure they show off their very best in these exams. **Parents can see the exam timetable attached to this email.**

Coffee Morning

Next week's coffee morning is about Careers, led by Ms. Al-Hariri on the Older Years Site in preparation for our Careers Week across the school the week after - come and join the chat! You can see the coffee morning schedule for the rest of the term [here](#).

FREE 5-week Learning Unlimited course for parents and carers

We are pleased to advertise an opportunity from Church Street library to participate in a creative skills workshop over the next five weeks which started this week and runs until 12th February.

It aims to:

- Develop your creative skills
- Make fun games and activities to support your children's development
- Help create a community mosaic at the library
- Meet other parents and share experiences and ideas

The course is free. For more information, you can drop in and speak to staff at Church Street Library or call on 020 7641 6200.

Family Express Fourth Feathers and Dream Arts FREE activities (see attached flyer)

- Creative activities for parents and children together (must have one child 7+)
- Thursdays 3.45-5.45 for families who live or study near Church Street from January 23rd to March 26th
- More info from Annemarie@dreamarts.org.uk or on 07984 463 405

Message from Mayor of London for EU Citizens in London: advice and guidance

FORWARD THIS TO HELP EU LONDONERS

With Brexit around the corner, I'm fighting hard to ensure that European Londoners can stay in London.

One way I'm doing that is by offering free legal advice to anyone who needs help applying to the EU Settlement Scheme, **but I need you to help me get the word out.**

Please forward this to anyone you know who might be affected by Brexit.

There are two ways that European Londoners can get free advice in January.

1. BRING EUROPEAN FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO CITY HALL ON 31 JANUARY

We've been touring London with free advice pop-ups for Europeans worried about Brexit. For this final event in our series, we're here to listen to European Londoners and answer their questions, with free legal advice on the EU Settlement Scheme. It's also a chance to show your solidarity, on the day we leave the EU, with the Europeans in our community, here and abroad. (There'll also be food and drink from different EU countries!)

[GET THE DETAILS](#)

2. GET FREE GUIDANCE ON OUR WEBSITE

Our [EU Londoners Hub](#) is completely free to use, with information on a range of important topics.

Beyond January 31

Brexit is not over when we leave the EU - big questions about our country's future are unanswered. To understand the facts, what to expect, and what we don't know yet, [read our FAQ](#).

We may be leaving the EU, but I want to send a clear message that London remains a truly global city at the heart of Europe. We are outward-looking, open to people and ideas from across the world, and believe diversity and inclusivity are our greatest strength.

Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan

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