

Friday 6th December 2019

Hello parents,

1. End of term assessment and Home Learning Workshops in January
2. Updates from Y5 residential Y6 special assembly, Y4 museum of London trip
3. Winter Fair: Friday 6th December 3.45pm on Younger Years Site
4. Other festive events
5. Trip payment deadline: 10th December
6. Marylebone Project: donations of toiletries for homeless people in the local area

Welcome to advent! Now we are almost finished with termly assessments in reading and maths, we're enjoying writing final drafts of our critical essays in English and humanities and writing up experiments in science over the next two weeks. Don't forget your children in Year 1-Year 6 have all got Knowledge Organisers stuck into their homework books of everything they should now know in their science and humanities topics - do help them remember by quizzing them at home too!

We will share pupils' outcomes in [Home Learning Workshops in January](#). A reminder that we gave you printed copies of these dates at parents evening and you can find them on the website [here](#).

2a. Year 5 residential a huge success!

Lots of us have been missing the Class of 2028 this week - either on the OYS in school or at home for families! They've been having a brilliant time on residential at Sayer's Croft singing around a campfire, trekking up a hill, caving, rope swinging and map reading. I heard from Ms. Kumar that the disco last night was 'epic' and the children partied hard! You can see lots of photo updates posted throughout the week here: https://twitter.com/ksa_primary?lang=en

A special thank you to all the staff who made this trip possible: it is a huge thing to ask staff to leave behind their own families for a whole week to be working 24/7 and I know parents of Year 5 will join me in saying thank you so much to Ms. Kumar, Mr. Louis-Marie, Mr. Chandler, Ms. Fearon, Mr. Ahmed, Ms. Pinheiro, Ms. Ria, Ms. Cozzi and an especially big thank you to Mr. Howlett who organised the whole trip. We prioritise pupils going on a residential every year from Y5 through to sixth form because we think the opportunities to learn in a new environment are extremely special; I look forward to seeing children currently in Nursery -Year 4 getting to enjoy them in the future!

2b. Year 6 visit from a Chelsea Pensioner

Year 6 had a special visitor earlier this week to help them understand about what life was like in World War 2. You can see photos and read more about what they learnt [here](#).

2c. Year 4 ventured out to the Museum of London this week – you can read more about what they learnt and what they enjoyed on the website very soon, keep your eyes peeled!

3. Winter Fair

We are excited about the KSA Winter Fair which is **TODAY** at the Younger Years Site from 3.45pm. We hope all primary families will join us to enjoy Santa's Grotto, a bouncy castle, stalls and plenty of festive fun.



4. Festive events

Pupils on YYS who have singing as their music curriculum are hosting a festive sing-a-long where we would love parents to join the fun. Pupils in Year 5 and Year 6 learn strings instruments during their music lessons and we are looking forward to a performance in the Spring term.

The sing-a-longs are on:

11th December 2.30-3.15 for Nursery and Reception;

12th December 2.30-3.15 for Year 1 and Year 2;

13th December 2.30-3.15 for Year 3 and Year 4.

All pupils across primary and secondary will celebrate with a special Christmas lunch and crackers on Wednesday 18th December.

All primary pupils are having Christmas parties in their classrooms on Wednesday 18th December. Parents are welcome to join the fun and games for N-Y4 from 2.45pm and for Y5-Y6 from 3.15pm.

5. Trip payment deadline

We are proud of the way in which we enrich our curriculum through running a comprehensive programme of trips, visits and workshops for all primary children every half term.

The cost of this per pupil works out at between £40 and £50.

We ask parents to contribute £35 towards this cost as a one off payment in Y1-Y6. We are able to subsidise the cost for parents of children on Free School Meals so those parents only need to contribute £20.

In EYFS, we ask for £17.50/£10.

Parents are asked to pay by next week: Tuesday 10th December. It is possible to pay in instalments. All payments must go through Parent Pay or be paid in cash or with a card at either of the offices on the YYS or the OYS. For any enquiries about Parent Pay, please go to Cheryl Francis in the YYS Office or call her on 0207 641 4122.

6. Marylebone Project: donations of toiletries for homeless people in the local area

There is a box in reception at both YYS and OYS for any donations of toiletries for homeless people in the local area, organised by The Marylebone Project. They will take all toiletries which are full and unused such as shower gels, deodorants, sanitary products, moisturisers and even socks.

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