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NEXT SCHOOL HOLIDAY: FRIDAY 20th DECEMBER 2019 – MONDAY 6th JANUARY 2020

CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 7th JANUARY 2020

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT HOLIDAYS SHOULD NOT BE BOOKED IN TERM TIME

Events happening next week

Mon 2 nd Dec	-Assessment Week for KS1 -Daisy's Y4 class out for a Science Workshop at Marylebone School No swimming this week -Groups of Reception children going to Forest School – pm
Tues 3 rd Dec	-No swimming this week -Christmas Bauble Sale: 3.00pm in KS2 Playground
Wed 4 th Dec	-No swimming this week -Y5 and Y6 football team participating in the RBKC finals tournament at The Westway Sports Centre -Y5 Performing their play: 'Oliver Twist at Christmas' to Y5 parents: 4.00pm
Thurs 5 th Dec	- Y1 classes out to the Toy Museum - KS2 Concert for parents and families: 9.30am -KS2 Concert for adults only (entry by ticket available from the school office): 6.30pm
Fri 6 th Dec	-Bi-lingual Book Club for Nursery Parents: 9.00am -KS1 children watching Y5 play -Group of children from Y5 and Y6 going to W11 Opera. Leaving school at 4.30pm

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

NB Clubs on Thursday and Friday finish this week (today) and the last clubs for Mon, Tues, Weds finish next week

KS2 CONCERT ON THURSDAY EVENING

We look forward to seeing parents at the first of our concerts next week. Please remember that the evening KS2 concert on Thursday 5th December is entrance by ticket only - available from the office for £3 each.
If you are unable to come, children in KS2 are expected back at school at 6.00pm and they will need to be picked up at around 7.45pm. No child will be allowed to walk home alone.

ATTENDANCE

18th -22nd November

The overall figure for last week was **94.9%**.
The classes in each Key Stage with the best attendance were:

Stephanie's Reception – 95.9%

Daisy's Year 4 – 97%

Congratulations to these classes.

News and Reminders

STAFF NEWS

We have two members of staff who will be retiring at the end of this term and as both have been at our schools for a number of years, I wanted to inform you now.

Mary Eadie has worked at St Anne's Nursery since 1999 and during this time she has introduced many young children to their first experience of school and been an important influence for them and their parents.

Maddy Luxon has worked at Avondale Park School since 1993 and if I have remembered correctly, I think she is one of those rare teachers who has taught in every primary year group including nursery. Without question, she too has impacted on the lives of many of our children.

We will be celebrating their retirements at the end of term with our current children but I ask that you let ex pupils and their families know so that they can send their own good wishes to Mary and Maddy.

CONGRATULATIONS

We were treated to a great assembly about the Digestive System this week from Pippa's Y3 Class. Children performed with confidence and were able to explain using scientific language how the digestive system works. We all thoroughly enjoyed the performance so thank you and well done to you all!

DATES FOR THE REST OF TERM

Tues 10th Dec – Toy, Book and Bake sale: 3.15pm

Weds 11th Dec: **Concert: for Y1 and Y2: 2.30pm**

Thurs 12th Dec: **School closed** – Polling Station

NB Y2 are still going to the Lyric Theatre

Fri 13th Dec: **Christmas Jumper Day** – pay £1 to wear red or green or clothes with Christmas theme

Mon 16th Dec: **Nursery Christmas Concert: 9.15am**

Y1 out to Father Christmas at the Lyric

Tues 17th **Nursery Christmas concert: 9.15am**

Christmas lunch for children

Weds 18th: **Reception Classes Christmas concert: 9.15am**

GOVERNORS MEETING NOVEMBER 2019

Report written by one of our Governors, Daniela Witte

The Governors met on Wednesday for their termly Governing Board meeting. The meeting began with training from Hilary Shaw, the Safeguarding Lead for Schools within the Bi-Borough on the safeguarding of children and the significance of safeguarding within the new framework of Ofsted inspections. Safeguarding is intrinsic within our schools in that alongside all that we do, our aim to ensure that children are kept safe from harm, neglect, abuse and any maltreatment. This concerns not just the immediate family or the school environment, but the wider community in which a child lives.

Governors discussed a number of other subjects including the new Ofsted inspection framework which will evaluate schools in respect of their provision of broad range of subjects rather than a focus on English and Maths. Both Avondale Park and St Anne's Nursery School have held onto the belief that a broad and ambitious curriculum is vital for our children and they are working hard at the moment to review and refine in order that we can make it even better.

Feedback was given regarding the extended clubs, which have become popular with many children. It is positive that this facility is beneficial to the Avondale and St Anne's community. While the school is as flexible as possible in regard to registration of attendance, payment should be made in advance.

Governors also discussed the fundraising drive of Avondale Extra, who continue to raise money and support extracurricular activities for our children. These funds are employed to pay for a plethora of clubs, books, outings, visits, trips for all year groups Avondale, broadening the children's learning and bringing to life these experiences. This term, funding has been agreed for sponsoring children to participate in W11 Opera, costumes for the Y5 production as well as a wide variety of trips for all children.

UPDATE RE GRENFELL TOWER

We have received an update from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government to share with our community

Wrapping replacement

As you are aware, the wrapping which covers Grenfell Tower requires periodic replacement. This is due to the deterioration of the wrapping material, and its normal lifespan. We are planning for the replacement of the wrapping to begin in **February 2020** lasting approximately 10 weeks, but this is weather dependent. I also have attached an FAQ sheet which provides more detail on the process and rationale for replacement and will also ensure that we keep you and the community well informed about progress of works, and any schedule changes.

Digital signs

As part of our wider communications strategy, we are developing a proposal to install digital signs around the Grenfell site. This will assist in improving the communication of key operational messages about the Tower to the local community. The proposal follows conversations with Grenfell United and Lancaster West Residents' Association, in which they both asked if we could explore the possibility of digital signage in the local area. We currently propose to install digital signage in three locations around the Grenfell Tower site in a 'pilot' scheme to test their effectiveness in the local community

- Station Approach site entrance
- Grenfell Road site entrance
- Grenfell Walk

Illumination of the Tower

Preparations are being made for the illumination of the Tower in green, to mark the passing of 30 months since the fire, on 13 and 14 December 2019. Precise arrangements are still to be confirmed, but we expect this will follow previous commemoration events when the Tower has been illuminated from dusk to 11pm.

Stars of the Week 18th Nov– 22nd Nov

A huge well done to you all!

Nursery	OAK CLASS. Well done to you all for working so hard, we love all of your rocket and planet work, especially your shape rockets. Keep up all of the hard work
Stephanie's Reception	SALMA- For growing in confidence, especially when talking and for being a great role model.
Kripali's Reception	NICOLE- For showing concentration and a great attitude to learning! You always follow our classroom promises and are always so kind- we are so lucky to have you!
Alexa's Year 1	WINDYSEL- For a huge improvement in your learning attitude! You are joining in so well!
Laura's Year 1	MOUNIR- For such fantastic focus this week and completing tasks independently- well done! We are very proud!
Katie's Year 2	JENNA- For gaining more confidence this term. You are now able to share your ideas and work well as part of a team. Keep it up!
Phoebe's Year 2	ROCHELLE- For showing care and concern when people around her are sad. Thank you for being a beautiful friend.
Pippa's Year 3	ZAHRA- For your focus and enthusiasm in class, you are always keen to answer questions and produce excellent work.
Connor's Year 3	AYUB- For putting extra effort into your handwriting this week. Your progress has been absolutely amazing and all of the adults are so proud!
Emma's Year 4	KATORI- For settling into Avondale school life with ease. You are showing great enthusiasm and taking pride in your learning. Keep it up and welcome!
Daisy's Year 4	TEGAN – For striving and succeeding at improving her place value understanding!
Julia's Year 5	THE WHOLE CLASS- For excellent learning in their spellings every child got 5 out of 5 on their test!
Francesca's Year 5	LACIE-MAE- For an astonishing amount of effort and determination in all subjects. Your progressing so much and we are so proud of you.
Tim/Mary's Year 6	THE WHOLE CLASS- For performing our class assembly so incredibly well.
Russell's Year 6	TIAGO- For valued contributions in lessons this week. It is always lovely to have such an enthusiastic learner.

"IN IT TO WIN IT" ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY AWARD

THE WINNER FOR LAST WEEK

Amin Bouaouda- Katie's Year 2

Michael Taher- Julia's Year 5

