



**Respect Resilience High Expectations**

9<sup>th</sup> January 2015

Welcome back after the holidays. I hope that you all managed to get some rest in with the excitement of the festive period.

## Reading Week

We've had a really exciting reading week in school. Two different authors have been to visit and the children have spent time finding out what it takes to write a book! Most of the classes have also visited Roehampton Library and were able to borrow books. Reception and Nursery loved listening to a story-teller. We also had a dress up day, paired up the classes so older children could read with the younger children and held a special 'Book Time' where children could go and hear a different adult read a book. A great start to the New Year. Please help us by reading every night with your child at home! There is a workshop next week for KS2 parents to find out ways to support children at home with reading.

## Play Leaders

Some of our Year 5 children are now Play and Lunchtime Leaders (PaLLs). They help in Year 1 and Year 2 during play time and wet play. They also help Mrs Kiernan and Miss White in the dining hall. All the children had to apply for the position and need to show their leadership skills by setting a good example to younger children. Our current PaLLs are: Karina, Paige, Mohammed, Labiba, Kenzie, Iman, Kieran, Harvey, Julia and Anna Francis. Congratulations!

## Clubs

These start again next week in full so please look out for the letter. Thank you to Mr Lawrence for organising them all and to the staff who have kindly volunteered to run clubs.

## Website of the week

There are 15 children who have logged into Sumdog over the last 7 days so well done to those children! Keep it up! [www.sumdog.com](http://www.sumdog.com)

## School Improvement

On Monday, we were visited by 20 teachers from a Wandsworth school that is Requiring Improvement. The teachers spent the mornings in our classrooms looking at learning and I also showed them all around the school. We were able to share with them the things that we had done to move the school from Requiring Improvement to Good and it was also a validation of our work to be asked to act as a model for another school.

## Building Works

I really hope that by the time I write next week's newsletter the building work at the front office is complete. Thank you for your continued patience and I am sure that it will be worth the wait!

## School Closure

Can I firstly say thank you to parents who were so understanding about having to close the school on Wednesday. We knew the toilets in EYFS and KS1 were not working on Tuesday after school so we had made plans for the younger children to use the KS2 toilets. And then about 9.15am the KS2 toilets also gave up which really meant that we had no alternative. Please accept my apologies – it was not how I wanted to start the term!

## Attendance

Highest attendance: 3S with 98%  
 Whole school attendance since September: 94.5%  
 Most punctual class: 6P (again!)  
 Individual attendance winners: Waleed (2S), Samuel (1H), Jaylen (1H), Liam (2S) Liam (3S) and Samiullah (4F)  
 Well done to Jupiter for the most house points.  
 Smartest Class: 5F

	Events	Clubs
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> January		KS1 cooking KS1 football Y2 – Y6 songwriting
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> January		Y1 – Y6 dance
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	8.30 am Y4 to Pizza Express 9.30am Y5 to Polka Theatre	Y5/6 football KS2 ICT
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	2.45pm Reading workshop for KS2 parents	KS2 arts and crafts Y3/4 football
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Y5/6 swimming	Y2 – Y6 drama