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# Newsletter

# **Weather**

Thank you to all those children that made it in this week despite the challenging weather conditions. The school will inform you, at the latest 7.00 am, if we are ever in a situation where it would be difficult to remain open.

# **Christmas Show and Speaker from Go Matsya Project**

The children got to enjoy The Minster Infant School nativity story yesterday.

Our Nativity play will be on <u>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 14:45 to 15:15 in the Junior School Hall</u>. Please note that children that are angels can wear white top and bottoms. We don't expect parents to buy a costume. All parents, family and friends are welcome.

At (14:30 to 14:45), we have a guest speaker coming to give a short presentation about placing sets of Srimad Bhagwatam (Bhagwat Purana) in homes. This has been organised by our Chair of Governors, Asish Soni. Please note parents can come in from <u>14:20 to 14:30</u> by after which the gate will close.

<u>Non school uniform day</u> on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December which is the last day of the Autumn term. If anyone has a Christmas jumper, they are welcome to wear it this Friday, then the children that will be attending the Christmas party can stay in these clothes.

#### **Marketing Event**

On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December we had a Marketing Event in The Nest, for prospective parents. This event well and we hope to have reception applications before 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018. We have our last open day on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December so please spread the word and keep handing out our flyers to people even if our open day dates have passed. We have a few brochures if you need them. Awareness about the school existing in Croydon is important. Thank you to all the parents for distributing already. It is working as we have had several calls.

# **School Communications**

Letters that require a return slip back will be sent electronically as well as a named hard copy given at home time. As part of comprehension for children, staff will go through the parent newsletters so your child is aware of all the contents.

# Welcome to New SSC Member

Please see attached statement for Rena Ramnath, our newly appointed Parent Governor. Rena has volunteered for the School in the past as a Finance Assistant and we now welcome her on the School Stakeholder Committee. As Mrs Ramnath was the only parent who submitted an election statement, she is automatically assigned to the role. Congratulations and the school looks forward to continue to work positively with you.

# **School Trips – Volunteer selection**

Thank you to all the parents that have come on school trip so far. However, please be aware that staff and management have the right to select volunteers based on the needs of the children and school as a whole. Currently, we operate on a first come first served basis but sometimes we do need to make it fair and allow different parents to come along, that haven't previously had the chance. We would like to encourage more male parents to sign up for future visits.



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# After school routine

If you need to see a class teacher after school, you will be asked to wait until the whole class is dismissed. But please note that the School gate will close at 14:40.

# **School Books**

Please note that if books are damaged by children deliberately or otherwise, a letter will be sent home and the cost of the book will have to be recovered to replace it.

Over £800 was spent on books in year 1 alone this term and we are encouraging pupils to look after our new resources.

#### **PTA Funding**

Fokas Croydon have raised £130.23 from the Halloween and Diwali party last term. Some of this money has been donated to the school for Christmas decoration for the classroom this week and the rest will be reinvested to hold more fun and exciting fundraising events for the children. Please remember there will be a xmas party organised by the PTA this Friday from 14:45 to 17:00 for those that have paid.

#### Parent surveys

Thank you to all 42 parents for completing this useful survey. At an initial glance there is a mixed result of both positives and some areas of further improvements. The school will share the full data analysis in January along with the pupil surveys that are being carried out this week.

# **Parent Contribution**

Please see attached a letter from Avanti Schools Trust regarding parent contributions, if you would like to donate to the school.

#### **Update on After School Clubs**

We have 14 children signed up for Multi skills and 10 for Gymnastics. We would like to remind you that Sports and Health Academy require at least 15 pupils in each club to go ahead. Please note you can still sign up for your child for January 2018 (Spring Term) by 9am on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. We will email on Friday to inform you if the clubs are going ahead, depending on the uptake.

#### **Pupil Progress Meeting**

Parent consultations will take place on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018, which is on the first week back. Please sign up for a 10-minute slot for your preference posted on the class door from Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017. Only 10 mins per pupil will be given and parents will have an opportunity to look at their child's work to discuss progress since the November meeting. Starting at 14:45 and finishing by 19:00.

#### **Planning Holidays**

You all should have received the new term dates for academic year 2018/19. Please be mindful that next year we will not have 3 weeks for Christmas break as we have had in previous years. All Avanti schools are similarly aligned with next year's holidays. Please take this in to consideration when booking holidays abroad as we cannot authorise time off during term time.

#### **Update on Mr Burton**

The school will let you know as soon as it is informed, which we hope to be sometime this week.

# KAPSC staff would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year for 2018! Thank you for all your support so far and we hope that this continues for the new year.

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