

13th September 2024

Dear Parents



I am really looking forward to our open day tomorrow to celebrate our school's 70th anniversary. I am particularly looking forward to seeing Miss Borrett (now Mrs Matthews) again. By a strange coincidence, the very first Headteacher Mr Moffatt's daughter, Carmel is over from Canada and will be visiting as well. She herself was a pupil all those years ago! I know many of our parents were once pupils at the school and perhaps you would like to pop in and be reminded of your youth!

A huge "THANK YOU" to all of you who have sent in cakes, biscuits and sandwiches or plan to do so tomorrow. **School will be open from 10.30am in the morning if you want to drop anything off.**

I am delighted to have so many keen volunteers from Years 5 & 6 who have offered to act as 'meeters and greeters' and tour guides for our visitors. I am also looking forward to hearing the choir sing with Mr Charles-Nelson at 3pm. Thanks also to Carole from Centre Stage who has organised some past pupils to come and sing for us. Terry will be in the orchard to keep all those interested in football entertained. Everyone is welcome to come. New parents may wish to come and let their children show you around! It promises to be a wonderful afternoon.

Consultation re: Arnos Grove CPZ

When responding to the consultation regarding Arnos Grove and CPZ, please ensure you have familiarised yourself with arguments for and against. Concerns have been raised that parents and staff will not easily be able to access school if there is no parking on Cannon Hill and people cannot enter Cannon Road during the restricted hours. This will have an obvious impact to them. Having said that, fewer cars on the road will provide a safer and cleaner environment for our children. The decision regarding the consultation is yours.

World Afro Day – Did you know it's World Afro Day on Sunday? To celebrate the occasion I invited Natalie Powers and Stephanie Oke-Uyanneh in to lead workshops with Years 5 and 6. She explained to the children the history of afro hair. It was a fascinating session and taught the children to be respectful of whatever hair style you have. Watch a video about it [here](#).

Assemblies

Miss Anderson spoke to Years 1 and 2 about her favourite author, Roald Dahl who is celebrated nationally today. She read part of 'George's Marvellous Medicine' and challenged the children to read a Roald Dahl book by the end of the half term! We hope the children will love reading his books as much as Miss Anderson.

On Thursday, our new Reception children were all given a Year 2 buddy and taken into the Infant playground to play! The Reception children will remain only on the infant playground, until they are more settled and familiar with their surroundings.

Unwanted mobile phones

If any of you have an unwanted mobile phone and would be happy to donate it to the school, please would you send it to the office (ideally with a charger if it has one). We need lots of cameras for capturing learning moments and need to find an efficient way of doing this! Many thanks

Netball – Terry has organised Monday after school for netballers from Years 1-5 and Tuesday for Year 6 children who wish to play. Starting next week.

Wedding Bells! – You may have known that Miss Smith and Miss Sterlini both got married over the summer holiday. Miss Smith is now known as Mrs France and Miss Sterlini is Mrs Borrett. Congratulations to the two happy couples!

Congratulations! – It was lovely to read about the success of one of our past pupils Roisin McMullen. You can read all about it [here](#)!



Diary Dates

Saturday 14th September 10-12 – Afro hair workshop and story telling at Southgate Library (also Palmers Green 2-3pm)
Saturday 14th September – Celebration in school to mark our 70th anniversary! 12-4pm- all welcome
Friday 20th September – Happy Bag collection – see next page for all the details

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and hope to see lots of you at school tomorrow.

Kate Baptiste
Headteacher



I know lots of you are not walking/cycling/scooting distance from school, so if you are driving, please try and find somewhere to park away from Cannon Hill and walk in. Please, please do not park over or on other peoples' driveways. This causes such a lot of disruption to local residences and I really don't want any more complaint letters.

I have requested more attendance from traffic wardens, but they are very busy at all the other schools.

Thank you