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A Message from the Principal Jason Marantz

Dear Parents and Carers

One of the best parts of my week is standing at the door of the school whilst the children come through the door every morning. One of the real positives of the new system is that I get to say hello to every child coming into the building. It is a genuine pleasure to see all of the happy children looking so smart in their uniform.

When the children enter the building they go straight into class and start learning activities such as maths questions or responding to marking. If your child is at school from 8:40am, then they are getting an additional 15 mins of school every day. That translates to one hour and 15 mins every week.

I have also enjoyed watching teaching and learning improve. One of the observations I have made, is that those who come to school everyday can often make visible day to day progress.

So let's see you here, on time, every day. Attendance does matter.

Have a good weekend.

Mr Marantz
Principal



ATTENDANCE NEWS

Winners of this week's attendance awards were:

- 1st place: Trinity – Year 6 100%
 Portsmouth – Year 4
- 2nd place: Reception 99.5%
- 3rd place: St Andrews- Year 4 99.0%

Our whole school attendance for this week was:

95.5%

Our attendance for the year to date is **94.7%** and our target for this year is **96%**, so we need to keep working towards this. Please send your children to school, **every day and on time.**

**Remember,
good attendance is linked to good progress.**

Our morning procedures have changed...

Please note that the **gates do not open until 8:40.** Please do not arrive at school until 8:40.

8.40	Gates open Children go straight in to class
8.55	Gates closes
9.00	Register closes Anyone arriving after this is marked 'Late'

Year 3 Visit to London Zoo



On Thursday Year 3 went to London zoo! The children were particularly interested in animals from Africa as this has been our topic all term. We saw tigers, lions, monkeys, giraffes and even reptiles such as snakes and lizards.

Summayyah from Goldsmiths class was quoted as saying, "The zebras are wearing striped pyjamas and the giraffes have necks like cranes!"

Asmaa in Southbank class was quoted as saying "I just can't believe this day is real! I love the zoo! "

School Uniform

Please ensure that your child(ren) are wearing the correct school uniform. This includes wearing black school shoes instead of trainers. See attached flyer about the new online system being introduced.

Dates for your diary

13 th March, 3pm	St Andrews Class Assembly
13 th , 14 th March	Classroom visits
17th March	NO SCHOOL – Staff Training Day
20 th March, 3pm	Goldsmiths Class Assembly
29 th , 30 th March 3-6pm	Parents' Evenings (information to follow)
31st March	Last Day of Term



Parents of children participating in class assemblies are invited to come and watch.