Friday 10 March 2017

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
Portsmouth – Year 4 100%

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.

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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**

- **13th March**, 3pm  
  St Andrews Class Assembly
- **13th, 14th March**  
  Classroom visits
- **17th March**  
  NO SCHOOL – Staff Training Day
- **20th March**, 3pm  
  Goldsmiths Class Assembly
- **29th, 30th 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.*