## Excellence without compromise

# Newsletter

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The start of a new academic year is an intensely busy and exciting time in every school. I think most would be surprised at how much time is invested during the summer break to try to make the school the best it can be for all involved. Using the Olympics as our motivation both the INSET day and the first assembly were focused on how we as individuals, can be and help others to be remarkable. Our aim is to develop a school that is

full of remarkability. We are going to build on last years' immense and many successes to keep moving Kings Road forward. We look forward to working in partnership with governors, families and children to continue to create a world class school for the benefit of all involved. Welcome back!

#### Sept 16



# New Arrangements

As you will be aware we are trying a new route into school. I have to confess that there were teething problems on the first morning. However, things seem to be running smoothly now. All KS1 and 2 children (years 1-6) are to enter the school via the main entrance on Kings Road. Years 1 and 2 then walk over the playgrounds and onto their classrooms. Reception and Nursery hasn't changed. Parents of Reception and Y1/2 children may drop off their Y1/2 children at the door near the Reception classrooms, where they will be warmly greeted by a cheerful TA (or Mrs Leech if they're busy). Similar arrangements are in place for the end of the day.

Nearly everyone was very helpful on the first day. I did hear comment that some felt it was a long walk! (This did make me chuckle to myself) when I consider how far some children in the world walk to school in order to gratefully receive an education.

The reason for this change is to reduce traffic on Warwick Court which was getting to be quite a concern and was becoming very time consuming. So far, so good though! Thank you to those that have been positive about our efforts.

#### Supervision

As texted to all parents, we will no longer allow any child to walk home on their own unless we have written permission from their guardian. We also will not allow children to leave school with any other adult, again, unless we have been given permission from that child's legal guardian. I hope you can appreciate that this is only in order to keep all the children safe.

### Headwear

Your children look great! One of the wonderful features of our school is the diversity that it contains. We are blessed with a vast range of cultural experiences. We are of course one school, which is why, in the name of inclusion, we have brought headwear under the banner of school uniform. All children are now expected to wear headwear that matches the school uniform (navy blue and plain)

## Results

If you follow us on Twitter you will already know that at the end of last year we achieved the Quality Mark for our excellent provision in English and Maths, the gold Kitemark for sport and were announced as Trafford's school of the year for sport! I did report last year that over the past few years Kings Road's results dipped. We all worked tirelessly last year for excellence in all areas - we are happy to report that our end of year results were absolutely excellent. Nationally 74% of Y6 pupils achieved the expected standard in writing, at Kings Road was 82%! Nationally, for mathematics was 70%, Kings Road was 80%! Nationally 72% attained the expected grade in Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar, (SPAG), Kings Road was 80%! Our results for progress are even better. Due to language barriers some of our children struggled with the reading test, in which, we were below the national average, but closely matched it for progress. We don't have national data for KS1, meaning we can't compare. However, I can inform you that last year's Y2 results are also excellent. 88% achieved the national standard for reading, 67% for writing, 81% for maths and 76% for SPAG.

We developed an exceptionally thorough tracking and assessment system for last year. Using this we know that on average our children made 45% above the expected rate of progress during 2014-15. This breaks down to +26% for Writing, +45% for mathematics and +64% for reading.

Needless to say, we have already hit the ground running! Excellence without compromise.



Trafford School of the Year for Sport

# Congratulations

Simaab Sajid Head Girl







Congratulations to our Head Boy and Head Girl. Also, congratulations to the following children who have been appointed House Captains.

- Speke Ayaan Yasaar
- Lyme Nadia Khan
- Hare Hill Sawera Shah
- Styal Taimur Hur Aslam
- Dunham Ibrahim Abdullah
- Tatton Ramiz Ahmed

#### Other Items

- It is important to note that whilst we try our hardest we may get things wrong sometimes. We don't mind chatting with any parents and are proud of our open door policy. However, aggression will not be tolerated, as outlined in our policy (available on the website). We will treat you with respect and expect to be treated in a similar fashion. Should inappropriate behaviour occur we do log it, and may contact the police. We did report some incidents to the police last year. We do have the option to not permit those that behave inappropriately on to the school grounds.
- We cannot set the precedent of replacing clothing when it gets lost. This is also the case should an accusation of theft be made; if evidence can be found, then of course we will take action. With this in mind please label all clothing.
- Thank you to those that have paid for their child's ticket for the pantomime. We have made a huge booking, which is why we need to pay so early.
   Obviously, if too few pay for the trip we will have to cancel the visit. The deadline for full payment is

# Dates for the Diary

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Date	Event
5th Sept - 21st Oct	1st term (Autumn 1)
31st Oct - 21st Dec	1st term (Autumn 2)
3rd Jan - 10th Feb	2nd term (Spring 1)
20th Feb - 29th Mar	2nd term (Spring 2)
18th Apr - 26th May	3rd term (Summer 1)
12th Jun - 26th Jul	3rd term (Summer 2)
Tue 13th Sept	Reception Curriculum and Services
Wed 21st Sept	KS2 sports' day (reserve 28th Sept)
Thu 22nd Sept	KS1 sports' day (reserve 29th Sept)
Thu 29th Sept	Harvest Festival
Wed 12th Oct	KR Eisteddfod - KS2
Thu 13th Oct	KR Eisteddfod - KS1
Fri 4th Nov	Grandparents' morning
8th/10th Nov	Parents' evenings
Fri 11th Nov	Remembrance assembly (chn only)
14-18th Nov	Anti-bullying week
Fri 25th Nov	Kings Got Talent Final
7th/8th/9th Dec	KS1 Nativity
12th/13th/15th Dec	Trip to pantomime
9th - 13th Jan	Mantle of the Expert (Y1-6)
7th/9th Mar	Parents' evenings
8th - 12th May	Y6 SATS
12th - 16th June	Y1 Phonics Screening
26th - 16th June	Y6 Bikeability
12th—14th June	Y6 Lakeside trip
Fri 7th July	New classes announced
Fri 7th July	Difference Day
10th/11th July	Meet new teachers
Fri 21st July	End of year reports given out
Find Out What Your Child Is Leaning Sessions	
Mon 17th Oct	English and Art (9.15 and 5pm)
Mon 6th Feb	Maths and History (9.15 and 5pm)
Thu 25th May	Science and DT (9.15 and 5pm)
Mr Morgan's Tea Parties (2.30pm)	
Fri 7th Oct	Fri 9th Dec Fri 3rd Feb
Fri 17th Mar	Fri 19th May Fri 14th July

Provisional dates for class assemblies can be found on the website and Twitter. Parents will be informed nearer the time of their child's class assembly.