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**Summer Fair** Saturday 15th July

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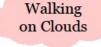






















Eid Mubarak to all of our Muslim

parents who celebrated last week.

**Happy** Independence Day to all our American families who celebrated on Tuesday.

#### **Dates for your Diary**

Monday 10 July Beano artist Y1-6 Tuesday 11 July Reception Pizza Express

Tuesday 11 July Nursery PC Charlotte

Saturday 15 July SUMMER FAIR Monday 17 July Nursery SCS Engi-

Tuesday 18 July Y1 Camley St Wednesday 19 July 7.30pm Y6 Groosham Grange

Wednesday 19 July Nursery Picnic on Heath

Thursday 20 July 9.30am Reception Graduation

Thursday 20 July 6pm Y6 Disco Thursday 20 July 7.30pm Y6 Leavers Assembly (to parents) Friday 21 July School finishes

#### Attendance for the week

School	96.44
Year 6	93.93
Year 5	98.67
Year 4	98.67
Year 3	97.33
Year 2	93.10
Year 1	96.67

Well done Year 4 & Year 5



#### SUMMER FAIR NEWS

Saturday 15th July, 12-5pm

#### One week to go for our biggest event of the year!

- This week we received two fantastic new prizes:
  - 3-night seaside stay in Margate, generously donated by one of our families and now OPEN FOR BIDS on Our auction
  - Huge beauty hamper worth over £200, kindly donated by Gary Ingham Salon and now added to our raffle.
- First ever Fitzjohn's Table Tennis Tournament This year, for the first time ever, our wonderful table tennis will be put to good use and open for play at the Summer Fair. At 2pm we will hold a tournament-style lightning round for the title of FITZJOHN'S TABLE TENNIS CHAMPION. Just show up and show off your ping-pong powers!
- Online auction has made over £800 in a week! Some really good items are still up for grabs, all generously donated by some of our families and local businesses, so all funding goes 100% to support our kids at school, SEE WHAT'S ON OFFER AND BID NOW ON: <a href="https://app.galabid.com/fitziohnsummer23">https://app.galabid.com/fitziohnsummer23</a>
- Raffle tickets Don't forget to return filled stubs + money to the office BY MONDAY for a chance to win one of our lovely prizes.

#### Most importantly come and have fun!

#### Thank you to these local businesses for their generous donations































	This week in class
Nursery	This week we have taken on the role of a Dentist. The children have shared their experiences of visiting the dentist and we've spoken about the importance of brushing our teeth, as well as eating health foods. We also know a great song about brushing teeth! This week we have also been playing number games. The children are very good at taking turns and subitising numbers on a dice. We had new maths keys to play with, so we've been doing lots of counting and making patterns with the colourful keys. We also used our fine-motor skills to thread beads onto string to make bracelets and necklaces. We're very excited about a special visit from PC Charlotte next week!
Reception	Reception have enjoyed going to the seaside this week. We have read the books Don't Worry Little Crab and One is Snail and Ten is a Crab. We love learning about crabs in Reception, we have danced to the Crab rave and learnt all about Hermit crabs. Phonics this week we have been looked at words ending in -ed, sometimes they sound like 'id', sometimes 't' and sometimes just a 'd'. In maths we were solving problems, we were trying to count legs and make different amounts using different creatures. We ending the week with a final session with our buddies. We made different seaside crafts- sandcastles and beach huts.
Class 1	This week in literacy the children have continued perfecting their writing with the use of adjectives and making their work more detailed. They have done lots of free writing and have written stories, riddles and even poems! In maths we have finished looking at place value to 100. The children had to compare numbers by looking at the tens and ones in the number and identifying if the number was greater, less or equal to another number and draw the correct symbols. In topic we had a class quiz. The children were split into teams and had to answer various questions about looking after the environment and the causes and effects of plastic pollution. We have also continued working on our 'Green Gallery' display in class. We will also be shooting our 'Going Green Movie' next week. Well done for another great week Year 1.
Class 2	It's been another action-packed week in Class 2, not least because we finally got to take part in a Circus Skills workshop at Primrose Hill Community Centre. Class 2 hadn't been able to go in Nursery or Reception due to Covid, so it was highly anticipated and did not disappoint. The children challenged themselves on the trapeze and hoop and worked together brilliantly to juggle, jump and spin plates and hoops. It was a really fun day. Back at school, we have continued to work on poetry, composing our own poems on the theme of 'There's a Dragon in the Classroom' by Charles Thomson. We have had many varied and slightly alarming creatures visit this week! In maths, we have circled back to revise some number and place value, counting in 2s, 3s and 5s and using part/whole models to recognise and add numbers up to 100. Please continue to try and do a little skip counting each day over the holidays (counting in 2s,3s,4s,5s and 10s) as this will really help with the transition to Year 3.
Class 3	This week in Class Three, we have reached the end of our final Maths unit and have begun to start revising all of the topics, key words and methods that we covered this year. In fact, Class three have really surprised themselves with how much they remember from as far back as September. We will continue to revise all of our Maths teaching and times tables until the end of the year. In Literacy, we have also been revising our knowledge of grammar and writing features. On Tuesday, Class Three made their way to Richard Cobden Primary School and joined other schools in performing the many songs that they have been learning with Ezra. I am so proud of how they all performed by being watched by so many people. Well done Class Three! Finally on Thursday, the children were treated to an afternoon picnic ( with sunshine) at Hampstead and it was also a fantastic opportunity to put their kite flying skills to the test.
Class 4	Year 4 have had another brilliant week. We have been studying triangles and quadrilaterals and their different properties. We are now able to identify the different triangles: right angle, scalene, isosceles and equilaterals, as well as different quadrilaterals: square, rectangle, rhombus, parallelogram, kite and trapezium. In Literacy, we have been presenting our impressive Rainforest information texts to the class. In Geography, we have been learning the effects of deforestation on local communities and the world. We have created powerful persuasive posters against deforestation.
Class 5	This week, Class 5 has learned in Maths how to measure volume in cubic centimetres, compare different volumes as well as estimate volumes and capacities of objects. In English, we've been writing our contributions for reports as well as writing letters to introduce ourselves to Pete - our teacher next year. In Science, we learned about the gestation periods of different animals and in Geography we researched information online and planned a trip to a city in Eastern Europe. In PSHE, we learned how to deal with feelings in relationships and in Computing we did coding on Scratch.
Class 6	Congratulations to Slime Shack ad Style Studio who were the two winning companies in the year 6 Our Business competition: we all turn our efforts to helping these two teams who will sell at a profit (we hope) during the Summer Fair on the 15/7. Class 6 also started reading 'Flour Babies' by Anne Fine as a prelude to undertaking their own 'parenting' experience in the last weeks of term. In RSE, we talked about puberty and started to learn about some of the physical and emotional changes that occur in our bodies and brain. On Wednesday, the class took a well-deserved break to Hampstead Heath and in the afternoon we visited the Hall school to watch a wonderful performance of Macbeth: thank you to all the teachers and parents from the Hall for letting us share in the performance. In our own play, the children are now off-book, and we are running the play, with music focusing on small nuances of character detail.

### For the attention of Y2, Y3, Y4 and Y5 parents (This has been emailed to you separately)

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians

In September 2023 all pupils in key stage 2 attending a state funded primary school in London will be entitled to a free school meal, under the Mayor of London's scheme to support families during the cost-of-living crisis. Funding for this scheme is currently only for the academic year 2023/24 starting in September.

To prepare for this increase in school meal uptake it is important that our school catering provider Caterlink start preparing now. Caterlink are expecting to receive an increased number of special diet requests for children who have allergies which will need to be processed in time for the start of the new term. As Caterlink hold a number of contracts across London this will include not only children from our school and others in Camden but also for a number of other primary schools across London.

Please be aware that it can take up to 6 weeks from the point you submit your special diet request form to Caterlink for a menu to be agreed that meets the needs of your child. This lead in time is important as all requests must be passed through Caterlink's central nutritionist team for approval. This time allows the nutritionists to properly evaluate your child's meal needs and recommend a menu. Whilst all efforts are made to develop menus in as short a timeframe as possible it is important that we take the time to do this properly. If you delay submitting your requirements this could lead to a delay in your child being able to access a school meal. The deadline for submission is 18th July 2023. If this date is missed Caterlink will do all they can to process your request as quickly as possible but an agreed menu for your child cannot be guaranteed for the start of the new term.

We appreciate your cooperation with this matter.

Kindest regards

Emma Louise Hennessy Operations Manager London borough of Camden

#### Caterlink

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#### **Birthdays**

As part of our Healthy Schools renewal and due to the time/costs involved... A heads-up that from September we will not be allowing cakes or baked items into school to celebrate birthdays. You may provide a **fruit platter** to share but we will not hand out cakes to celebrate. We will also be celebrating birthdays in classes/school in different ways.

Welcome back to Gill who has retuned this week following her recovery from a major ankle operation.

Next week we look forward to seeing Verity as she returns (part-time) from leave.

#### A reminder about snacks

A reminder that the only drink allowed is water—no juices, squashes or flavoured water and absolutely NO PRIME.

Daytime snacks should be fresh fruit or vegetables—please nothing else. No sweets, crisps, biscuits, rice cakes, etc.

You may provide a sandwich or something more substantial for the after school snack.

Please avoid giving any processed food or food in disposable wrappers as they are causing litter on the site.

Fresh fruit or vegetables only please.



#### Games

Please ensure that your child is appropriately dressed (including footwear) on the days that they have games. They should wear shorts. t-shirts, or a tracksuit and trainers. This will remove the need to change and will ensure that our lessons are longer.

#### Gym

On the days that they have gym the children will need shorts/t-shirts to change into.

Children who are not wearing appropriate clothing or footwear will be given a spare school set to change into.

#### Office Staff

As you are aware Linda is retiring at the end of the year. On Monday we appointed Nashima Khatun to be our new School Administrative Officer. We look forward to welcoming her and our new Business manager Emma Osborne in September.

The Thank a Teacher campaign recognises ALL staff working in UK schools and colleges; school leaders, teachers, teaching assistants, and all support staff such as lunchtime supervisors, caretakers and cleaners. If you're feeling shy you can send a card anonymously!

https:// thankateacher.co.uk/thank-ateacher/thank-a-

Please log on to your www.scopay.com accounts to check if you have any outstanding debits and pay for lunches, clubs, music, Nursery, etc. Please check your account.

As a school we cannot afford to have debts remain unpaid. Please check your account regularly to ensure you are up-to-date with payments.

#### **End of Term**

As the academic vear hurtles to an end it is vital (for our finances) that we are full. If you know that you are leaving then please let the office know now. This enables us to offer to children who are on our waiting lists.

Please also pay all of your debts for lunches, clubs, etc.

#### Creating a better world for our children:

We are planning a project to transition the school to a carbon-neutral energy source. We need parents to help us. Please reach out if you can help with anything from communication, digital, events, or project management."

Yael (Y2/Y5) - 07498-184564 Tali (Y1) - 07726-137710 Miri (Y1/3) - 07775-763097 Nitzan (Y4) - 07516-259328



#### School T-Shirts etc.

Take a look at this site <a href="https://shop.spreadshirt.co.uk/">https://shop.spreadshirt.co.uk/</a> FitzjohnsNW3 where you can order and create t-shirts, etc in a variety of colours and sizes (children's and adults). The logo is based on the iconic street signs around Hampstead.

Please note that you can "personalise" each item and choose any item from the site.

We receive approximately 20% (plus £3 for the logo) for each

A tip: To try to cut down a bit on postage charges why not club together as a class.



#### Applying for Free School Meals

Please check if you are entitled to Free School Meals (Nursery to Y6). Please send me the confirmation email if you are entitled:

- You or your child must receive one of the following to apply for free school meals:
- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Universal Credit your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including benefits)
- Child Tax Credit with a taxable income of no more than £16,190 and not in receipt of Working Tax Credit
- the Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- support from the National Asylum Support Service (NASS)

If you receive Working Tax Credit you will not be entitled to free school meals unless you have:

- stopped work in the last 4 weeks; or
- reduced your hours to less than 16 hours in the last 4 weeks
- Applications must be made in the name of the person who is receiving the benefit. https:// www.camden.gov.uk/free-school-meals?inheritRedirect=true







#### Summer holiday cycle training for children

Free cycle training sessions for children during the Summer Holidays 2023. The course is free of charge and is delivered over two days; however, booking is required to secure a place.

Aimed at children and young people aged 8 or over who can ride unassisted and want to improve their safe cycling skills. We also offer courses for children who are still learning to start, stop and balance.

Tuesday and Wednesday - August 1 & 2 Thursday and Friday - August 3 & 4 Tuesday and Wednesday - August 8 & 9



VENUE: Haverstock School, 24 Haverstock Hill. Chalk Farm. NW3 2BQ

For more information, or to book onto a course. https://www.camden.gov.uk/cycleskills

We also offer training for adults at weekends

Please ensure you bring your own roadworthy bike. There are some bikes available to borrow.









#### 75 Years of NHS

Congratulations to Emmy who won 1st Prize in the 9-12 group and to Joe, Lani, Clemency whose images were selected for display.

#### A Note from Foundling Museum

I wanted to reach out to you as schools local to us at the Foundling Museum, to offer you and the families of children at your school free tickets to our upcoming Summer Holiday family workshops. Tickets are usually charged a small amount per person; however, we would love local families to access our workshops and activities free of charge.

I have attached a flyer with info about the workshops we have in store for the Summer Holiday. Please do feel free to circulate this to families of children at your schools. Families can access free tickets by booking through our website and selecting the 'Golden Ticket' option when making a booking. The workshops are suitable for children aged 5 - 12 years old.

You can book spaces to these workshops through our website here: Summer Holiday Family Workshops - Foundling Museum

#### Summer Children's Workshops

Get creative this summer holiday with our fun family workshops. From sculpture to animation, there's something for everyone.





SCULPTING PLASTER PEOPLE
Tuesday 25 July
Learn how to create a plaster sculpture in this fun,
messy workshop, supported by young people in the

nesday 26 July e along to this creative stop-motion animation shop delivered by artist Lily Ash Sakula.

AYFUL SELF-PORTRAITS bursday 27 July

In this playful photography workshop with artist
esska McDermott and capture your own unique

iday 28 July reate a huge collaborative sculpture inspired by a mily tree with artist Laura X Carle.

orkshops run 11am-1pm & 2-4pm. ee for children, £3 for accompanying adults.

Golden tickets available: see website for conditions

For enquiries all 020 7841 3595 or email us at g@foundlingmuseum.org.uk



Dear Parent,

We are very excited to
ClassForKids platform! We are very excited to have our Summer Chess Camp coming up soon and bookings are open on our

We have been running chess camps for 17 years and we know what it takes to have a day full of fun an learning! During chess camp your child will learn tactics and strategy as well as enjoy our famous "jokes time" and have fun outside playing football and other activities. There is something for everyone from ages 5 to 12, whether your child is a complete beginner or tournament player.

Summer Chess Camp

Week 1: July 10 - 13
Week 2: July 17 - 20
Week 3: July 24 - 27 We have been running chess camps for 17 years and we know what it takes to have a day full of fun and learning! During chess camp your child will learn tactics and strategy as well as enjoy our famous "jokes

Week 3: July 24 - 27

Week 4: August 14 - 17
Week 5: August 21 - 24

Week 6: August 29 - September 1 (Tues to Fri, please note different days!)

Week 6: August 29 - September 1

(Full week bookings only - 4 days)

Choose between:
Half day: 9am - 1pm
Full day: 9am to 4pm

Pick from two locations:
Swiss Cottage Community Centre (
Kensington St Mary Abbots Centre

Swiss Cottage Community Centre (for all 6 weeks)

Kensington St Mary Abbots Centre (for the first 3 weeks and a nearby venue for the last 3 weeks)

An Elite Camp - for advanced/tournament players - will run at both venues.

Click the link below for bookings:
<a href="https://wallace-chess.class4kids.co.uk/">https://wallace-chess.class4kids.co.uk/</a>

If you need assistance with your booking or have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Have a nice day,
Clara Santos

PA Wallace chess Ltd.
PH: 0787 965 5581

www.wallacechess.com

#### FITZJOHN'S SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES: 2023/2024

AUTUI	MN TERM 2023
INSET Days - pupils not in school	Monday 4 & Tuesday 5 September
TERM BEGINS FOR PUPILS Half term holiday	Monday 23 – Friday 27 October 2023
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SECOND HALF-TERM BEGINS	Monday 30 October 2023
INSET Day – pupils not in school (Parent/Teacher Meetings)	Monday 6 November 2023
Term Ends	Thursday 21 December 13.30
SPRIM	NG TERM 2024
INSET Day - pupils not in school TERM BEGINS FOR PUPILS	Monday 8 January 2024
Half term holiday	Monday 12- Friday 16 February 2024
SECOND HALF-TERM BEGINS	MONDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2024
Term Ends	Thursday 28 March 13.30
SPRING HOLIDAYS	Friday 29 March – Friday 12 April
SUMME	ER TERM 2024
INSET Day - pupils not in school	Monday 15 April
TERM BEGINS FOR PUPILS	Tuesday 16 April 2024
Half term holiday SECOND HALF-TERM BEGINS	Monday 27 May - Friday 31 May Monday 3 June 2024
Term ends	13.30 Wednesday 24 July 2024
Christmas Day Monday 25 December	PUBLIC HOLIDAYS
Boxing Day Tuesday 26 December	
New Year's Day Monday 1 January	
New Year's Day Monday 1 January Good Friday Friday 29 March Easter Monday Monday 1 April	
New Year's Day Monday 1 January Good Friday Friday 29 March Easter Monday Monday 1 April May Day Monday 6 May	
New Year's Day Monday 1 January Good Friday Friday 29 March Easter Monday Monday 1 April	

8 March 2023

These are our term dates for 2023-2024. Please do not book holidays during term time.



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To The Manager			
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Please Pay			
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Payee Account Name	Fitzjohn's School Association		
Payee Sort Code	30-93-80		
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Payment Amount (circle)	£25 £50 £100 £250 £500 Other: £		
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Reference	Fitzjohn's Parents Appeal		
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GIFT AID IT—UK TAXPAYERS!			
For every pound you give to us we get an extra 28p from the INLAND REVENUE so please sign below if you are a UK taxpayer*  I am a UK taxpayer and under the GIFT AID scheme, I would like the Fitzjohn's School Association to claim back the tax on all donations until further notice Signature  *To qualify for Gift Aid what you pay in UK income tax or capital gains tax must be at least equal to the amount			
	rom the Inland Revenue. NB. Please notify us if you change your address. NB.		

PLEASE RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM TO THE FITZJOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL'S OFFICE.