

Dear Parents and Carers

I can hardly believe we have reached the end of the first half of the Spring term. It is lovely to see the snowdrops peeking through the school railings along the walk to school.

As you know, over the past few weeks, we have been exploring and thinking about our Christian value of **Friendship** both in class and in our Collective Worship.

Rev Jamie led the school beautifully on Monday, with a reminder of the difference friendship makes to our lives. Children stood up and read quotes, some taken from Winnie the Pooh, about the incredible effect that our friends can have on us. One quote, which is still in my pocket is:

"A day without a friend is like a pot without a single drop of honey left inside."
Winnie-the-Pooh

Please enjoy reading thoughts from our children about friendship.

As well as friendship, we have been reminded of the importance of music in our lives. Please enjoy seeing the photos of our wonderful Year 4 music concert.

They performed wonderfully alongside our school orchestra, ensembles and children playing individual instruments.

We are so lucky to be part of Camden Music Services Wider Opportunities programme, which enables every child in Year 4 to learn to play two instruments during the year.

Music teachers Lis and Murphy lead the programme. KS2 children attending the orchestra every Friday lunchtime and continuing to learn to play instruments after Year 4 is a testament to the programme's success.



Go shine in the world as Jesus did, with compassion, honesty and integrity.

Children's quotes about

Friendship

"A day without a friend is like a pot without a single drop of honey left inside."

Winnie-the-Pooh

"Without friends, it would be harder to do things like having fun and enjoying happy times."
James.

"Friends help me when I feel sad or if I fall over". **Aishah**

"Friendship is when we use kind words, kind hands and kind feet". **Layla**

"I share the toys with my friends and I wait for my turn"
Aizah

"You got to be friends with everyone because it is kind."
Albie

"We need friends because when you are being friends you can be kind to each other."
Jemma

"A good friend is always helpful and kind" **Ben**

"Friendship is about being kind, nice and loyal. Friends look after you had a problem"
Harry

"A good friend is someone who helps others and listens" **Millie**



Children's quotes about

Friendship

"Friendship means being kind and respectful. It also means being a community and is important because if you don't have friends you will be lonely" **Nader**

"Friendship is important because if you don't have friends you will be lonely" **Havana**

"Showing Friendship is amazing because you have someone to help you up when you are down" **Zaynab A**

"My friend has shown friendship to me because she always helps me when I'm down so I can get back on my feet" **Hana**

"Friendship is when two people make friends and help each other. They spread happiness and more people will join" **Atousa**

"Friendship is the bond between two people that cause them to support each other in life" **Mohab**

"Friendship is all about having loyal and trustworthy friend. You have a special connection with the person. Not just the person but with animals too!" **Aafreen**

"Friendship is kindness. I like having friends who treat me nicely" **Rayan**





GOLD STAR OF THE WEEK



MUSA



You have shown enthusiasm and dedication to your learning so far.

You are quick to share your ideas (especially in phonics) and you are willing to have a go at trying other things.

Each day you enter the classroom with a smile and you are ready to learn.

You thoroughly deserve to be recognised for all of your hard work.

Well done Musa!

School Music Concert



"On Friday 3rd February, we celebrated our students musical achievement with a spectacular concert. It was a varied event, with musical items from soloists and ensembles alike. It began with the whole of the Year 4 demonstrating their newly acquired skills on the guitar and recorder. There followed other items from the school ensembles – two guitar groups, two recorder groups and the magnificent school orchestra.

The soloists sounded amazing and performed with confidence and aplomb. The children played in a variety of styles – from Baroque to Blues, from Latin to Folk.

Well done to all the performers involved. Your hard work and dedication is paying off and the audience loved hearing you!"

Lis Stewart, Music Teacher



Year 6 had a fun and informative morning at the London Metropolitan Archives on Tuesday where they were taken back to the great World War II. This term, Year 6 have been learning all about World War II and the aftermath which affected Britain both socially and economically. The tour guide for our London Metropolitan Archives trip recapped on different topics of the World War. This included how it started, who was involved as well as learning about rationing and sheltering.

Looking back to almost 100 years ago, Year 6 were able to hold real life items used from World War II as shown besides. These included propaganda posters as well rationing books. The children displayed great fascination when seeing a real life rationing book as used almost 100 years ago. They took turns and collectively figured out how the book was used, why there were tears etc.

The children were given different discussion questions to ask one another, comparing our life today with the differences in the past, as well as considering if they could live with such small amounts of cheese!





Year 5 Workshop at Charles Dickens Museum.

The class spent the morning at the Charles Dickens museum, learning about different aspects of life in Victorian London. They had a chance to see many of the unique inventions and innovations designed to deal with the problems which arose from living in Victorian London.

Year 5 also had a chance to think of their own inventions to deal with problems we have now.



Messy Cathedral

Saturday 1 April 10.30am - 1pm

St Paul's Cathedral invites families to a **FREE** session of activities for all ages, including crafts, singing and storytelling, the theme being the days of Holy Week. All that fun will culminate in a Holy Communion.

Tickets on www.eventbrite.co.uk



Community Sports programmes for young people



Offering a wide range of fun, free / affordable sports & physical activity this Feb Half term for ages from 4-18yrs in Camden.

Please scan the QR code for our Camden holiday activities page to find out more about what is on offer, how to register and more.



Information for Parents

Do you have any questions about school life?

We are of course, really happy to answer any questions about school, no matter how small. Do phone the school office to ask questions or ask to arrange an appointment to speak to the class teacher. You can also speak to myself or Miss Jackson (Deputy Headteacher).

A member of the office staff will also be available in the playground in the morning. If you are worried about something, see us straight away. Don't let a little worry turn in to a big one. We also like to hear your good news. It helps to keep us going with a smile.



**Mrs Rebecca
Harris**
Headteacher

Prayer

Dear God,

*Thank you for our school.
We pray it be a safe place
of learning, fun and
friendship. Please watch
over all our teachers,
children and families. Help
us to have love for each
other, to have forgiveness
at our heart, and to build
kindness into every day.*

Amen



Please remember the importance of your child being at school on time and being in school every day.

Holidays during school term time will not be authorized.



Rev Jamie is happy to invite you to a free half-term event '**Fab Feb Fun**' at **St George the Martyr Church** from 11.30am - 2.30pm on Monday 13th February. This is a chance for kids to get stuck into some arts, crafts, games (and dancing!) plus make their own yummy lunch. Parents can chill in the comfy seats with hot drinks and biscuits or alternatively join in the fun!

RSVP



Scan QR Code for booking!

This week in **Destination Reader lessons KS2** children have been



Making connections is using what we already know from our experience, other texts or the world.

We make connections so that we can:

- ✓ Engage with our reading.
- ✓ Understand what we are reading.
- ✓ Make the text clearer in our mind.

Workshop for Parents

This week Naila Hirani, from Camden Learning held a parent/carer workshop on "Understanding child development to support wellbeing." This was a great opportunity for parents/carers to come together to share some common experiences and get to know each other better. One of the most positive outcomes from the workshop was that some of the parents shared their mobile numbers with each other and arranged play dates for their children.

During the workshop, we spoke about different challenges the parents face at home, specifically around managing friendships, supporting with homework and how to restore and repair with children following an argument. Finally, we explored the challenges some parents face who have children with additional needs, we discussed some of the stigma around that from different communities and how schools can encourage and support these parents through educating children and promoting inclusion.

Families For Life - Parents

Virtual Sessions
Sessions cover topics such as energy efficient meals, food exploration, lots of Q&A time, plus the following:

- Week 1: Eating Well at Home
- Week 2: Fussy eaters and hidden sugars
- Week 3: Understanding labels and portion sizes
- Week 4: Keeping Active and Screen time

Start date: 12th January 10.00 -11:00am

Fussy Eating strategies are discussed in each session

These sessions are taking place virtually through Microsoft Teams. Teams is free to download on a computer, phone or tablet.

Either visit your app store or go to: <https://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/microsoft-365/microsoft-teams/download-app>

CLICK HERE TO BOOK YOUR PLACE

Contact Camden's Health and Wellbeing Team if you've any questions: 020 7974 6736 healthandwellbeingteam@camden.gov.uk <https://www.camden.gov.uk/health>

Camden Learning

Camden

Free Tickets for all **SGTM** parents/carers for upcoming family workshops at the Foundling Museum during February half term.

Enjoy family workshops inspired by our current exhibition 'Tiny Traces: African & Asian Children at London's Foundling Hospital.'



14 February | Tremendous Traces
Transform your treasured possessions into giant works of art with artist Laura X Carle.

15 February | Future Makers
Build imaginary spaces for the future using recycled materials with artist Hamiet Hill.

16 February | Animated Portraits
Create a unique self-portrait in this sculpture and animation workshop with artist Reza Ben Gajra.

17 February | Fashioning Myself
Make a wearable masterpiece using natural inks and dyes with textile artist Charlene Sandy.

11:00-13:00 & 14:00-16:00

For booking enquiries, please email learning@foundlingmuseum.org.uk or call 02078413595.

Book your tickets at foundlingmuseum.org.uk

Free tickets are available when using the 'Golden Ticket' option on Foundling Museum website.

Weekly Awards

Star Learners / Christian Value certificates

Class	Star Learners	Christian Value
Nursery	Isaac	Inayah
Reception	Gabriella	Igra
Year 1	Safwan	Arham
Year 2	Eirnin	Stanley
Year 3	Nadirah	Nathan
Year 4	Harry	Arya
Year 5	Afreen	Isma
Year 6	Nathan	Lilia

Attendance

CLASS	PERCENTAGE
Reception	89.0%
Year 1	61.6%
Year 2	92.9%
Year 3	93.5%
Year 4	92.6%
Year 5	92.6%
Year 6	94.4%
Whole School	92.1%

Reading

CLASS	PERCENTAGE
Year 1	96%
Year 2	95%
Year 3	94%
Year 4	86%
Year 5	92%
Year 6	99%

Online Safety

Following the half term break, our children will be involved in our annual whole school Safety Studies week. There are 5 themes for Safety Studies– **Anti-bullying**, **Online Safety**, **Road Safety**, **People who help us** and **First Aid**.

We are very lucky to have Camden online safety adviser, Mary Rebelo who will be working alongside staff and children helping them to learn all about keeping safe online.

Online Safety Parent Workshops

Dates:

- Monday 20th February 2.45pm face to face in the school hall
- Wednesday 22nd February 6.30pm on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84923748903>

Even if you are a regular user of social media or have attended a session in the past, this session will be useful because of the speed with which technology moves on with new apps and services. You will have the chance to find out some of the services that your children might be accessing and contributing to online now and in the future and be shown some practical ideas and website resources to help you to keep your family safe. This will help you to support us in our efforts to teach and encourage our pupils to make good choices when online.

The talk will not be “techy” and there will be an opportunity for you to ask any questions, either during the meeting or afterwards.

The workshop will be run by Mary Rebelo who is an Online Safety Ambassador for CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection Agency) part of the Online Safety subcommittee for the safeguarding board of the London Borough of Camden, and a Parentzone Digital Parenting Facilitator. She runs regular Online Safety workshops across the southeast for pupils, parents and teachers.

The school would encourage as many parents as possible to attend the workshop as we know it will contain a lot of invaluable information on this important area.

Mary will be working with all the pupils from Year R to Year 6 during the week so will have found out the current trends and concerns your children are talking about to share with staff and parents

We are very keen for the message on Online Safety, from home and at school, to be as consistent as possible for all pupils.

Please see below key dates for your diaries this term:

February

- **Wednesday 22nd February at 9.30am: Year 3 parents - Ash Wednesday and Lent collective worship at Church.**
- **Friday 24th February 10:30 – 11:15am Year 3 School trip to Building Centre – workshop about sustainable materials to create new homes and buildings.**

March

- **Friday 3rd March: Academic Review Day for parents (crèche available).**
- **Wednesday 8th March 9:00 – 12:00: Oreo and Animals visiting EYFS and KS1.**
- **Friday 10th March: World Book Day - children to dress as a book character.**
- **Friday 17th March - Tempest Photography – individual, sibling and class photos.**
- **Monday 20th March: Year 2 School Trip to Nightingale Museum.**
- **Wednesday 22th March at 9.30am: Year 4 parents - Stations of the Cross and Easter Collective Worship at the Church.**
- **Friday 24th March Year 4 School trip to Tower Bridge.**
- **Tuesday 28th March 10:40 - 11:40: KS2 Concert at the Barbican.**
- **Friday 31st March: School breaks up for the Easter holidays at 2.00pm**