

DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS

Welcome to the second newsletter of the academic year.

We are so proud of how well the children have settled into their new school routines. Enjoy reading their thoughts about their reading and phonics learning so far.

This week, teachers will give parents the curriculum information guide for what your child is learning this term and will explain how you can help at home, including homework expectations. You will all see that home reading books have gone home. Please make sure that the home reading records are signed to show that children have practised their reading at home. Reading every day is the most important thing that children can do!



Her Majesty The Queen Elizabeth II

In our Collective Worship this week, we looked back at Queen Elizabeth's long and fruitful life. We talked about her hobbies, her charity work, her extensive travelling to many countries across the world and her love of family.

We also talked about her incredible sense of duty and work ethic, musing that while most people retire at around 60+ years of age, The Queen kept working for over 30 more years and right up until the week she died. She truly exemplified our school Christian Value of **Determination**.

Next week, Rev Jamie will pick up the story and talk to us about The Queen's funeral and the succession of King Charles III.

As you are aware, next Monday the 19th September will be The Queen's State funeral. This will be a bank holiday in the UK and the school will be closed.

**Best wishes,
Mrs Rebecca Harris Headteacher.
Miss Taryn Jackson Deputy Headteacher.**



Rev Jamie and everyone at St George the Martyr Church
would like to
welcome you to watch the Queen's funeral at the church on Monday.

This will be a solemn, historic occasion and we will be
maintaining a respectful, reflective atmosphere throughout.

The funeral is scheduled to begin at 11.00am.
The church will be open from 10.30am.

Reading and Phonics

In **Nursery** we are learning to explore and understand storybooks. We are looking at the pictures and talking about what we can see, commenting on the illustrations and repeating words and phrases. We enjoy selecting our favourite book, sharing it with an adult or a friend. For our Phonics learning, we are learning to sing some of our favourite Nursery Rhymes, copying different sounds, finger movements and other gestures.

In Literacy, **Reception** have been learning to retell the story of Owl Babies, using the key refrains from the story. We have also begun our new Phonics programme and have learnt the sounds "S", "A", "T" and "P".

Year 1 have enjoyed re-capping phase 2 and 3 words this week. 'I really enjoy challenging myself when I write the sentence at the end of phonics lessons' (Aisha). We have been reading the story of the Three Billy Goats Gruff as a class. We have all enjoyed doing the actions for 'trip trapping over the bridge' and 'I am going to gobble you up!' We've been reading books in groups every day. Safwan has learnt a new word - 'lurk' - from reading about fish in the deepest part of the ocean. 'It means to hang around and sort of hide'.

Year 2 have been working hard on their reading Mohammed said " *I enjoy learning tricky words*" whilst Henry said that he likes practising the sentences because " *it makes my work better*".



In **Year 3** reading group sessions children have been reviewing all phase 4 sounds and some phase 5 sounds, they enjoyed working in small groups showing engagement during the sessions.

Year 4 have really enjoyed the start of Destination Reader. This week we have been looking at clarification techniques. Saffy said " *I like that we get to read in partners because we can talk about our ideas.*" Whilst Destina commented that she likes Destination Reader because you are able to carry on reading independently and you don't have to keep stopping.

Year 5 have enjoyed reading a thrilling crime new book called "The Switch" - a dark and mysterious adventure from the number one bestselling author of the Alex Rider series.

Roisin and Ciara, **Year 6** also shared their thoughts about reading: "I like reading in Year 6 because it is less scary than I thought it would be. When I don't understand something in my book we (the class) talk about clarifying the word." "Reading is easy. When I can't read a word, I sound it out." Ciara, year 6

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



To clarify something is to try to understand the meaning of what you are reading.

There are 2 parts:

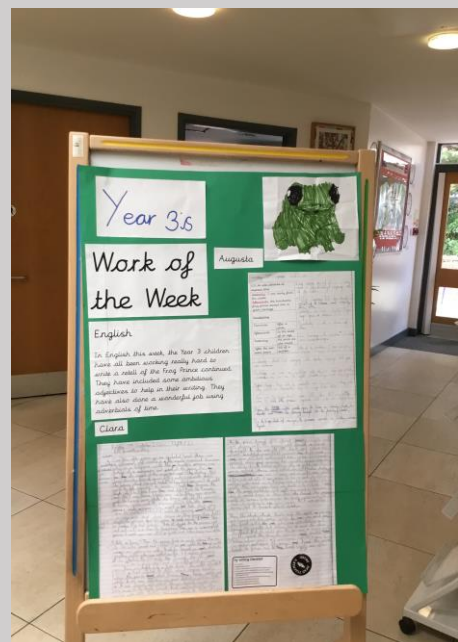
- Identifying or admitting being stuck on a word or idea.
- Working out how to solve the problem.

To help your child at home, ask them to demonstrate this strategy when they read to you at home. If you have any questions about reading, please speak to your child's class teacher at the end of the day.

Year 3

Work of the Week

In English this week, Year 3 children have all been working really hard to write a retell of 'The Frog Prince Continued'. They have included some ambitious adjectives to help in their writing. They have also done a wonderful job using adverbials of time.



Drop off and collection arrangements

- Thank you so much for all your patience and support at the start and end of the day. We are settling into good routines, which helps the children to have a good start to their learning each day.
- **Please continue to drop off your child between 8.45 and 8.55am. The gate will close at 8.55am and the registers at 9.00am. After this time, your child will be marked in as late.**
- If you are late, please bring your child to the John's Mews entrance where they will be signed in as 'late' and collect a red card.
- At 3.30pm, the teachers will dismiss each child from the class line after they have said goodbye to them individually. Thank you for helping us at the end of the day to keep all our children safe by not removing your child from their class line before this has happened.
- Please collect your child promptly at 3.30pm.
- Any messages for the teacher should be phoned through to the school office.

Our staff are here to help you at the start of the day. A member of the office team will be in the playground to take messages and answer any questions, alongside our Deputy Headteacher, Miss Jackson and myself.

School uniform and shoes

- Plain black shoes or plain black trainers should have a rubber sole suitable for playing and being active. School shoes which do not have grip or slide easily will be unsafe for children in the playground.
- On PE days, children come into school wearing their PE kit. Please remember this includes black trainers.

School Christian Value

This half term our school Christian Value is **Determination**. This week in Collective Worship we talked about The Queen's great **Determination** and how she worked right up until the very end of her life..

Our reflection for the week

Determination

"If at first you don't succeed try and try again". Sometimes things can be difficult but if you persevere and show determination the rewards are plentiful and you will achieve success and excellence.



**Attendance
Matters**

Every student. Every day.

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.



Draft Local Area SEND Strategy - consultation

Have your say on our draft strategy by 22 September

Respond via the link below or email us at sendstrategy@camden.gov.uk



camden.gov.uk/sendstrategy



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

May we thank you Lord for blessing this past week and the following week. Let us pray that you give us the determination to excel to our highest potential in order to achieve excellence in all that we put our minds to.

Amen

Information for Parents

Packed Lunch Policy

May we take this opportunity to remind parents of our packed lunch policy. Over the last few months it has come to our attention that children are bringing in food that does not meet our packed lunch policy. Children on packed lunches should be given a healthy and balanced packed lunch as per the table below. We are asking that packed lunches comply as follows please:

- Water or milk - (no fizzy or sugary drinks)
- Plain biscuits
- No confectionery, including sweets and chocolates
- No coconut, nuts or nut products (due to children having allergies)
- No fried food (burgers, chicken nuggets, chips)

If your child comes to school with a packed lunch that does not meet these requirements we will give them a school meal and you will be charged on ParentPay. If you would like a copy of the full policy please ask the office or see the school website. We must make sure we keep in line with our healthy school status and thank parents for their help with this.

Moving on to secondary school

The high quality teaching and supportive environment at Camden's secondary schools aims to help every student reach their potential. Whether your child's aim is a place at a top university, an excellent apprenticeship or landing a great job, Camden secondary schools are high achieving and ambitious for all students.

The next round of Year 7 applications for 2023 entry begins from 1 September 2022. You need to apply before the deadline of 31 October 2022.

Link to apply:

<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>

Parents Workshop at St George the Martyr

NEILA HIRANI AND DEBORAH KAISER WILL BE RUNNING A SERIES OF WELL BEING WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS AT THE SCHOOL ON THE FOLLOWING DATES.

All sessions will start at 9:00 am.

- **Tuesday 1st November**
- **Tuesday 8th November**
- **Tuesday 29th November**
- **Tuesday 6th December**
- **Tuesday 17th January**
- **Tuesday 7th February**



Information for Parents

Moving on to Secondary School event Monday 26th September at St George the Martyr

St George the Martyr is hosting a "Meet the Parents" event on **Monday 26th September from 5.30 to 6.30pm**. Please come along and join the discussion about local Camden secondary schools. There will be a panel of children and parents/carers representing their school bringing an up-to-date and honest account of their education experiences. You are encouraged to ask any question that is important to you when choosing a secondary school for your child.

St George the Martyr Year 5 and 6 parents are invited to join any one of the "Meet the Parents" autumn events-see below.

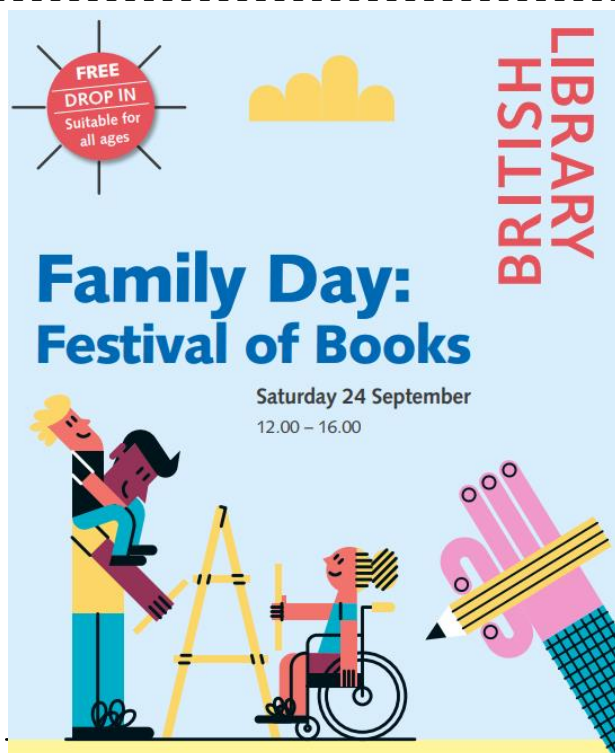
Registration will be in advance by Eventbrite.

<https://StGeorgeMTP26thSept.eventbrite.co.uk>

Moving on to Secondary School event Wednesday 28th September at Arlington House, Camden Town

Find out more about how to apply to Camden secondary schools and the admissions process at our Moving On event for parents of Year 5 and Year 6 pupils at Arlington House, Camden Town, on **Wednesday 28th September, from 4.00pm to 6.30pm**.

You will be able to speak with Headteachers, student ambassadors and staff from Camden secondary schools, as well as talking to the Camden Admissions Team. Please register at Eventbrite.co.uk - search for 'Camden Moving On 2022'.



Take part in an exciting Family Day inspired by books and storytelling at the British Library. Join us to make, touch, sign and explore, as we create, share and celebrate stories.

This event is fully accessible for families.

Information for Parents

Please see below key dates for your diaries this term:

Friday 16th September: Curriculum newsletters sent home.

Friday the 30th September: Academic Review Day for parents. The school will be closed for children this day and a creche will be available as usual throughout the appointment times.

Week beginning 17th October: Whole School Equalities Studies

Tuesday 22nd November. Phonics workshop for Reception and Year 1 parents.



Can you play some tunes on the recorder?
Are you in Year 4 or above?

Then join **Camden Youth Recorder Group**

Thursdays in term-time 4.30 - 5.45
Regent High School, Chalton Street, NW1 1RX

Cost: £61.10 per term - possible to pay in instalments
(£3 per week if having free school meals)

SGTM WEEKLY AWARDS

Attendance

CLASS	PERCENTAGE
Nursery	93.8%
Reception	86.0%
Year 1	99.4%
Year 2	97.2%
Year 3	96.0%
Year 4	94.6%
Year 5	97.2%
Year 6	97.9%
Whole School	95.4%

**WELL DONE
YEAR 1!**

Star learners / Christian Value certificates

Class	Star Learners	Christian Value
Nursery	Inayah	Aaliyah
Reception	Emily	Nael
Year 1	Zain	Theo
Year 2	Ela	Harry
Year 3	clara	Nader
Year 4	Destina	Ahyan
Year 5	Mohab	Isma
Year 6	Adam I	Eda