



Smithy Street School Newsletter

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News/Updates

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Building Works

The Reception and Nursery classes have moved into their new classroom this week. The new entrance to the school should be open very soon for everyone coming into the school.

Parent Governor

Following recent nominations for the vacant Parent Governor role, we had two parents wishing to take up the role. We held a ballot to 20th October 2010, from which Marie Jobber, parent of Jasmine in Reception, received the majority vote.

Eid

Absences

Please be reminded that parents must phone the school on 0207 702 7971 to report a child absence on each morning of

absence before 9am. If a child will be late, please also phone the school to advise the reason and inform the office of whether a school dinner needs to be ordered for the child.

We would also like to remind parents that children must not be taken for medical appointments during schools hours wherever possible. If, in certain situations this is unavoidable, parents need to bring a letter or appointment card showing the time of the appointment. Thank you for your co-operation.

Parents News

Parents Eid party

Parents exercise class

The parents exercise classes have restarted and take place on Friday mornings 9am-10am in the

top hall.

Thursday morning coffee sessions

While the building works continue and the Toy Library is out of use, instead, we will be having Thursday morning coffee sessions for parents each week in the bottom hall at 9am.

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Smithy Street Child Protection Policy

Smithy Street Child Protection Policy - Explained to Parents/ Carers

Why do we have a Child Protection Policy?

Smithy Street School recognises that it has an explicit duty to safeguard and protect children from abuse. All schools are expected to follow Tower Hamlets and national policies and guidelines.

What are our procedures?

We have a designated child protection co-ordinator who undertakes regular training (Edith). In addition we have a deputy designated member of staff (Annika).

All members of staff have been trained and have regular follow up training to develop their understanding of signs and indicators of abuse.

All members of staff know how to respond to a pupil who discloses abuse.

All records are kept confidentially and securely and separate from pupil records.

What do we do if we have a concern about a child?

- Staff member discusses it with the designated person- Edith or Annika.

The designated person (Edith or Annika) decides if the concerns are serious. If the concerns are serious, they will contact Social Services to make a referral. If the concerns are less serious, Edith or Annika will communicate with the parents/ carers regarding the concerns.

When is a concern serious?

The majority of concerns raised at Smithy Street School are related to physical punishment. If a child reports being hit with an object/ tool **or** has a mark on their skin from being hit, we are required to make a referral to Social Services.

How do staff question children?

- Staff listen to children, but they do not ask leading questions.

Staff will let children know that they cannot keep information secret, that they have a duty to tell Edith or Annika.

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Class Names

This year the classes have been named after countries. The children have chosen the following countries for their class names;

Teacher	Year group	Country
Jane	Nursery	Jordan
Christine	Reception	Canada
Gervase	Yr 1	Japan
Funmi	Yr 1	France
Shaheen	Yr 2	Spain
Alison	Yr 2	Argentina
Laura	Yr 3	Luxemburg
Ruji	Yr 3	La Reunion
Lisa	Yr 4	Latvia
Siobhan/Charlotte	Yr 4	Scotland
Momtaz	Yr 5	Morocco
Jessie	Yr 5	Jamaica
Andrew	Yr 6	Algeria
Abi	Yr 6	Arctic Circle

Black History Month at Smithy Street

Schedule of Events

This month is Black History Month and we have a number of events and activities happening in school to celebrate.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
27 Sep Launch of BHM assembly (Mary Seacole/ Amazing Grace)	28 Sep	29 Sep KS Assembly Inspirational person	30 Sep	1 Oct Homework set- famous people. Enquiry
4 Book Week	5	6 KS assembly Inspirational person	7	8 Book week assembly Characters from around the world
11	12 Origins the Game show- The Crew	13 KS assembly Inspirational person	14	15 African dance African drumming
18 Talk: Experiences of arriving in Britain African dance	19 Cooking day	20 KS assembly Inspirational person	21 Family Homework project for the Half Term	22

ADMIN UPDATE

LUNCHES

Please remember that school dinner money needs to be paid on MONDAY in ADVANCE for the week ahead, indicating on the envelope each day that the child will be having school dinners with a tick. School dinner prices are;

- 1 day- £1.90
- 2 days- £3.80
- 3 days- £5.70
- 4 days- £7.60

5 days- £9.50

Please remember that children who are having packed lunches must have a healthy packed lunch, consisting of items like a sandwich, a piece of fruit, a drink (no fizzy drinks or sugary/ chocolate items).

UNIFORM

We are pleased to see so many children wearing the new school uniform and we have had many requests for more school uniforms with the school logo. The

admin office will be placing another order of jumpers and t-shirts with the school logo on Friday 15th October.

If you would like to order uniform for your child, please complete the order form below, tear off and return to the school office with payment by Friday 15th October 2010 at the latest. We will then advise parents to collect from the school office once the delivery has arrived. Additional order forms can be obtained from the school office.

CALENDER REMINDER

School will be closed for IN-SET DAY on:

- Thursday 21st October 2010
- Friday 22nd October 2010

School will be closed for HALF TERM on:

- Monday 25th October 2010 to
- Friday 29th October 2010



SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDER FORM

Name of child _____
 Name of child _____
 Name of child _____

Class _____
 Class _____
 Class _____

Order Date (Please place order by 15th October 2010) _____

ITEMS AVAILABLE

Red Jumper with Logo	£6.00 each	Red T-shirt with logo	£5.00 each
Sizes Available	Ages 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 11-12	Sizes Available	Ages 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12

Item	Size	Quantity	Unit Price	TOTAL PRICE
			Total	

Signed (Parent) _____
 Telephone number _____

Date _____