



The Messenger

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Dear Parents,



Music

I am delighted to inform you that we have been awarded the Gold kite-mark for music from Sutton Music Service. Many of you will be aware of the music offer we provide, particularly in KS2. Children have access to choirs on both sites, orchestra, private music lessons, drumming in Year 3 and Strings in Year 4 as well as a weekly music lesson for every year group. I'd like to express my congratulations in particular to Miss Boxall who leads this subject so passionately.



Communication

I understand that some parents have not been receiving emails this term. We think we have sorted out any issues now but if you know of anyone who does not receive letters, newsletters or emails please encourage them to contact either school office so that we can check our School Information System.

Staff News (K & M)

This term we have been very unfortunate with the number of staff who are absent for a whole range of issues. I fully understand that consistency of staff is very important in school and to this end wherever possible we try to cover with adults who are known to the children. Many staff have been very accommodating and have stepped into to various roles to support the ongoing functioning of the school and to ensure classes are well covered. I am grateful for the support and dedication from our staff. I would also like to thank the children and parents of the classes most affected for their patience and

understanding. I can assure you we are working hard behind the scenes to guarantee full staffing.

Some recent changes you may not be aware of:-

Jacque Webster is now working on Kingston Site in Year 5 and is no longer attached to Molesey Site.
Karen Moore is now a full time Midday Supervisor on Molesey Site
Linda Lam and Sarah Mowbray are SEND teaching assistants in Year 1



Christmas Cracker Smile (K & M)

In our October newsletter we mentioned that this year we are again involved with Christmas Cracker Smile run by Sutton Housing Partnership Ltd.

Their aim is to ensure that elderly/vulnerable residents feel less isolated at what can be a very lonely time of year for them.

We will be given about 20 tags. Each tag will correspond to a resident in the borough for whom we will then buy a present. Last year we had some young children, too. Each recipient will need to qualify under health and wellbeing or loneliness and isolation. They will be choosing people that may have no one at Christmas or those that are struggling financially.

If you would like to contribute to a class present (Year 1- Year 6), please send in a small donation in an envelope marked 'Christmas Cracker Smile' any time between **now and Wednesday 29th November**. The class teachers will discuss with their class what sort of present to buy.

A couple of children from our school council will then attend The Salvation Army on Friday 8th December where we shall distribute the presents along with children from other participating schools.

Many thanks for your support and generosity.



'Speed down save lives' in Road safety week 20-24 November (K & M)

We will be participating in the National Road Safety Week during the week beginning 20 November. The theme this year is 'Drive less, live more' The Eco Squad will be delivering a whole school assembly emphasising the importance of being seen and wearing seatbelts when travelling in cars.



On **Friday 24 November** we will have a 'Be Seen' mufti where all children can wear bright clothes which enable them to be seen in the dark. They can be as bright and wacky as you like!

We have achieved Gold Outstanding School Travel Plan for the 7 years and have been invited to London to receive an award.

Following our ongoing struggle with dangerous parking in the surrounding roads we have asked for enforcement officers to be in attendance, as part of a prioritised school enforcement roster, at the beginning and end of the day on a regular basis.



Reception Sponsored Scoot (M)

The total amount raised in the Sponsored Scoot Event was £2391.

This an amazing total and teachers have been busy purchasing lots of new toys resources in the Sainsbury toy

sale and over the half term period. The children have requested PJ mask toys, Thomas track and trains, work bench and tools, basketball hoop, football goal and many different types of small world toys. Many thanks go to all those children and families who raised the money.



Toys for Reception

If you have any of the following toys at home that your children no longer play with please send them into the Reception classes:- plastic tools, dressing up shoes and motorised trains for Thomas track master. Generally any donations always welcome!

Easy Fundraising

Many thanks to the families who have already signed up to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/cheamparkfarmprimary/> and started to raise money for Cheam Park Farm Primary. So far we have 56 supporters and have raised over £100. Every little helps!

National Child Measurement Programme

The following dates have been organised
Year 6: 16th & 30th November 2017

Reception: 26th, 27th, 28th February & 6th March 2018

Nasal Flu Administration Year 3, 4, 5: Wednesday 6 December

Year R, 1, 2: Wednesday 29 November

For your information we do receive very generic information following this survey.

The proportion of children, in our school who were overweight or obese in 2014/2015 & 2015/2016
 Year 6 27.1%, England 34%
 Reception 14.7%, England 22%

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This data would imply that the proportion of children who are overweight or obese at Cheam Par4k Farm is lower than in most other schools across England. In any population of children of all ages, it would be expected that 10% would be overweight and a further 5% would be obese. However current levels across England are far higher.

KS2 Workshops

We had intended to run maths and English workshops for KS2 parents in November. Flyers were given out last half term. Only a very few parents indicated an intention to attend wither of the workshops so we have cancelled them. The PPTs will be placed on the website for parents to access.



KS2 Lunches

You will be aware that we are still without a hall and the hall will now not be back in use until after Christmas on (K) site. We have been extremely lucky with the weather so far this term but as the temperature has now dropped we have moved all the children, who are eating packed lunches, back in side. They will now be eating their lunches in the classrooms until January.

Please remember school lunches should ideally be booked on a half termly basis; however if you would like to change the option from packed lunch to school lunch please do so with at least a week's notice and any changes will only be made at the end of a week.



Tuesday 21 November (K)

Year 3 Music Class performances to parents: **3G 1.30pm, 3A 2pm, 3E 2.30pm & 3C 3pm**. Parents should arrive 5 mins before the start time on Molesey Site for their class performance. Children in 3C should be picked up from Molesey Site on that afternoon at 3.15pm. Please come into

the main playground where Mrs Campbell will dismiss the children.

PTFA (K & M)

Here are the important PTFA dates up until Christmas

Thursday 2 November – deadline for Christmas Cards

Friday 3 November – Mufti – chocolates and sweets to be bought in

Tuesday 7 November – meeting
Friday 10 November – Molesey Fun Night

Friday 24 November – Mufti

Friday 24 November – Adult Quiz Night

Friday 1 December – Mufti

Saturday 2 December – Winter Wonderland 1-4pm

This year we are having one Christmas Celebration across both sites which means Winter Wonderland on Molesey Site will have stalls and treats for all children from 3-11 years old.

Please come along to some events to support the school and have a good time. All money raised is ploughed back into resources for your children to use.

Please see PTFA communication for further details.



Christmas Communication (K & M)

You will begin to notice many letters regarding Christmas events arriving in the bags or by email. This is certainly a busy time for all. Please let the school staff know if there is anything you do not understand or are having trouble supplying. I would also urge you to keep an eye on the website and digital signage on Rainbow House as we try to keep this as up to date as possible. I must stress to everyone that we do not expect parents to spend large amounts of money on costumes.

Christmas Festivities



Christmas is approaching really quickly and the EYFS & KS1 children are starting to work hard learning their songs and parts for the Christmas productions.



Christmas Postbox (M)



The post box will be outside Mrs. Day's office from **Friday 1 December**

On each envelope the full child's **name and class must be written clearly.**

Each year we have to throw away cards which are not clearly written. This is such a shame. Class lists will be emailed to parents but are also available from the office (not the teachers please). All children should bring their own cards in to post; parents do not have to accompany them to the post box.

Tuesday 5 December
Senior Citizens Christmas Tea Party,
1.15 pm – 4pm (M)

Thursday 7 December
KS1 and KS2 Choir and KS2
Orchestra performance 9.15
(parents), 10.00(KS1). Both performances will be on Molesey Site



Monday 11 December
KS1 choir invited to sing at local day
centre for elderly

Tuesday 12 December
Key Stage 1 production (M)

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at 9.15, 10.45 and 2.00pm
2 tickets issued per family.

Please make child care arrangements for babies and young children as no little ones will be allowed into the audience. Also check that child minders are aware of this.

Parents should queue outside Red gate prior to the performance

Thursday 14 December
Foundation Stage production (M)
9.30, 2.15

2 tickets issued per family.

Child care arrangements must be made for all babies and young children. No little ones will be allowed into the audience. Also check that child minders are aware of this.

Parents should queue outside Red gate prior to the performance



Wednesday 13 December
Christmas Lunch (M)

Hats will be made and worn for this special meal in school. All children are welcome to take part in this. Staff will be joining them to eat lunch

Thursday 15 December
Christmas Lunch (K)
Crackers will be provided and lunch must be ordered
(letter to follow)

Monday 18 December
Visiting Pantomime (M & K)

Friday 15 Dec
Attendance Assembly (K) 9.30

Tuesday 19 December
Merit Assembly (K) 9.30
VChildren's Carol Concert at St
Oswalds Church (M) 10.00



Tuesday 19 December
Christmas Parties.

Nursery am will be closed and all nursery children will come to school in the afternoon. More details available from the nursery.

Molesey site children can wear their own warm party clothes with sensible shoes all day

Kingston Site children should wear school uniform to school in the morning and bring party clothes in a bag to change into at lunchtime.

Wednesday 20 December
Christmas Singalong (K)
End of term assembly (M)

Wednesday 20 December
Last day of term
Pick up at 1.30 pm (M), 1.45pm (K)

Return to school on Thursday 4
January 2018



Look forward to seeing you at our Christmas events,

Best Wishes
Alison Day.