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“Study the science of art. Study the art of science. Develop your senses – especially learn how to see. Realise that everything connects to everything else.”

Leonardo da Vinci



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope everyone enjoyed the Easter holidays and the sunshine. The children have returned refreshed and ready for learning as we embark on this busy summer term. This term we will continue our focus on active citizenship, engaging in whole school campaigns, sporting and community events.

#Mind in Motion

Our whole-school project will focus on the **quintcentennial of Leonardo da Vinci's death, which took place on 15th April 2019.** A pioneer in many fields, Leonardo da Vinci is a great lens through which to view our STEAM education focus. The children will learn about his life and works, which will also inspire the **Year 1 and Year 5 STEAM project this term;** The Future is Solar! All STEAM curriculum projects will culminate in the **Camden STEAM Hub exhibition on the 10th July at Central St Martins School of Art and Design.**

The Future is US

We will also be celebrating the diversity of our community through a range of learning projects and community events. We look forward to enjoying food and cultures together at the **Summer Fair on the 6th July.** A special **Eid assembly** will take place on the **5th or 6th of June** and we invite you to an **Eid Party for the whole community** to mark the end of Ramadan on the **14th June.** There will also be a **PTA football and BBQ** community event on the **24th May** in support of the **Women's World Cup 2019** (7th June – 7th July) and **UNICEF Day for Change 2019 Soccer Aid.** There are lots of opportunities to come together and enjoy the summer.

Sports

There will be a focus on sports and outdoor learning this term. The children will be participating in the **Daily Mile** and receive expert coaching from **Middlesex Cricket Club** and David Easton our tennis coach. We will of course enjoy our annual **Wimbledon tennis tournament and Sports Day.** We want to see **every child participating safely in PE** sessions so please ensure your children have the appropriate PE kit in school and are wearing sensible footwear and clothing. You will receive a letter shortly informing you about the school PE kit requirements.



New Access to KS2 Building

Following advice from Camden LA regarding school safety and security, **we have improved access arrangements to the KS2 building**. The double doors leading to the KS2 hall are operated by an **access control system, preventing unauthorised visitors from accessing the building**. All parents and visitors must continue to report to the main office and wait to collect their children in this area.

Attendance

We continue to focus on **improving attendance** in the summer term. Our aim is to achieve **96% attendance** for the academic year 2018-19. **In line with Camden's procedures, we are unable to authorise leave during term time, unless it is for exceptional circumstances, which will require evidence.**



This year's **Send My Friend to School** campaign focuses on unlocking education for all children across the world; removing the barriers preventing children from attending school. **262 million children are currently out of school**, and for those that are in school many are not actually learning. The situation is heightened for those groups that face increased and intersecting barriers such as marginalised groups, children with disabilities, girls and those living in conflict situations. We will be urging the UK government to ensure world leaders make the right decisions to **Unlock Education for Everyone**.

Term Dates and INSET days

The updated term dates **for 2019-20 are published on the school website**. Please do refer to the term dates when **arranging holidays** as leave during term time cannot be authorised in accordance with the school's Attendance Policy. Please note that there will be an **INSET day for the school's annual self-evaluation event on the Monday 24th June 2019**. The children will return to school on **Tuesday 25th June 2019**.

School closes on at **2.00 pm on the 23rd July**.

Extra-curricular Clubs

After school clubs commence on the 29th April. Please can you advise the school office if your child is unable to attend an after school club session. This ensures that we know the whereabouts of all children, pupils going home or arranged collections. The summer curricular timetable is accessible on the school website.

Curriculum Letters

Curriculum letters, providing further information about learning this term, including trips and swimming arrangements, **will be sent out on Wednesday 1st May**.

I hope the term is an exciting and successful one for our children.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Bruckdorfer

