



Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Families,

It has been a very successful start to the academic year and we have very much enjoyed having the children back in school and welcoming our Reception families to the Federation. It was super to see our youngest children in Paddington Class return today. The children have settled incredibly well and are already demonstrating wonderful behaviours for learning – a great start!

### Bedtime Reading Challenge



Thank you to all of the families from Early Years and Year 1 who joined us last week for our Bedtime Reading event. Seeing children snuggled in their pyjamas with their favourite teddy in hand, ready to listen to a bedtime story was a lovely sight! The children are now challenged to complete the 19 day reading activities and this starts today – good luck all!



### SMART Singlegate

Please may we remind you that the children should be wearing school uniform every day. Please see our website for details of acceptable items. Please make sure that your child's shoes are in line with our school policy. Do speak with the office/FOSS team if you need support in accessing second hand uniform.

Please remember that children are **not** permitted to wear jewellery, beads or smart watches in school. Thank you for your support.

### Class Regulation Stations

Thank you to all families who contributed to the collection of fidget tools for the children to use as part of the regulation station. Identifying emotions can be difficult for children. Emotional regulation relates to recognising an emotional state, identifying it within themselves and then learning strategies to help them regain emotional control. The children use emotional 'check ins' each morning to help teachers understand where additional support may be needed.

### BeDifferent Snack Shack

The Year 6 children will be supporting Snack Shack sales next week. There will be a number of items on sale to include: Apples 30p, Easy peelers 40p, Bananas 40p, Fruit pot 60p or Sultana and raisin mix 30p



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### Attendance

Attending school every day is essential. Any absence is a missed opportunity for learning. Our attendance target this year is **94%**

Mrs Bull's **Winning Wednesday's** will return this week with all classes, who achieve 94.5% or above attendance on the Friday receiving alternating certificates or a BeDifferent pencil to keep and take home on the following Wednesday. The class with the highest attendance percentage on the Friday will enjoy an in-class Pizza Party the following Wednesday. Well done to the number of classes, who have exceeded the target this week!



Class	Overall Weekly %
Archway	98%
Bank	98%
Angel	96%
Oval	99%
Knightsbridge	96%
Borough	97%
Monument	99%
Victoria	97%
Pimlico	97%
Wimbledon	99%
Balham	94%
Southwark	96%
Kennington	99%
Piccadilly	99%
Euston	96%
Edgware	95%
Temple	97%
Barbican	97%
Westminster	98%
Embankment	96%
Colliers Wood	98*

### Absence

Please make sure that you report any absences **every day** to the school office. If your child has a medical appointment, you will be asked to provide the medical card. Please make sure that you have the BeDifferent term dates in your diary so that you **are not** taking any holiday at the beginning or end of term.

### Collection arrangements

Please may we remind you that families are not permitted to walk through the school/behind the Early Years playground, when dropping or collecting children. Please make sure that you walk around the front of the school site.

Please may we also ask that children are not permitted to use the equipment or apparatus in the playgrounds, when collecting your child/ren from school. We ask that once collected, you make your way home or to the local park. The playgrounds are used for our After School and extra-curricular clubs so need to have the site cleared as quickly as possible. We ask that you go back out onto South Gardens, when moving between the two buildings, rather than walking through. This supports site safety. Thank you for your support.



### Online Safety – Back to School

Important online safety information about Online Safety when back to school from The National Online Safety:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/>

Mrs Hart and Mrs Bull



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