

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very productive start to the school year and routines are becoming properly established. This week 188/240 children completed their 'Mathletics' by this morning's assembly. The staff would really like to get this to over 200 certificates a week so if you have a problem with a computer at home can you please try to get this resolved? We have seen that 'Mathletics' is really helping children become more confident with their maths and getting children into good habits with regard to homework is very important. Congratulations to Miss George's class, 3G, who were the top class in the UK on the 'Mathletics' leader board this morning.

1. Year 6 secondary transfer meeting.

All parents with children in Year 6 should take note that applications for secondary school are due to be completed by **Friday 23rd October**. We will be holding a special meeting for Year 6 parents about secondary transfer on **Monday 12th October at 6pm**. In the past these meetings have been very well attended and our Year 6 teachers Mr Stephenson and Miss Hunt, who will lead the meeting, are well informed about the process of applying for secondary school. If you would like help with completing an online application please ask either of the Year 6 teachers to help you. We do provide facilities (by arrangement) for parents to do these applications in school. Again, if you require this sort of help please ask the teachers.

2. School shop

The school shop is now open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in the atrium area in school. We sell a number of items, approved by the school, at cost price. New this year is a PE bag, with straps for carrying as a backpack when children go swimming, on sale for **£2.40**. There is space to write children's names on these bags thus avoiding the confusion when a number of children have their kit in a Sainsbury's bag. I must thank parents for the excellent response to our request for children to wear the approved kit during PE time. I saw a class on the field yesterday and all of them were wearing the proper kit. Your support is much appreciated.

3. Harvest festival

Harvest festival will take place next **Friday 9th October at 11:00am** in the junior hall. All parents are welcome. We are asking for gifts of tinned food or toiletries for this assembly and these will be redistributed to the needy in Croydon by the Salvation Army. Please remember to buy these kind of items when you do your shopping this weekend.

4. Dates for your diary

Wednesday 7th October—Year 5 to the British Museum

Friday 9th October—Harvest Festival 11:00am

Monday 12th October—Meeting for Year 6 parents regarding secondary transfer

Monday 26th October—Friday 30th October **Half term**

Wednesday 18th November and Thursday 19th November—parents' evenings

Friday 20th November— 'Blue Friday' - culmination of anti-bullying week.

Wednesday 2nd December—Christmas Bazaar after school

Best wishes