

Dear parents and carers

Coronavirus cases are rising in London, so we all need to keep following public health guidance to keep ourselves and others safe. You must also continue to follow the rules after having the COVID-19 vaccine, because while it will reduce your risk of catching or passing on the virus, it does not get rid of the risk completely. Please continue to make children, other parents and staff feel safe by distancing as you pick up and drop off your child. Please keep your children with you while waiting. Don't let them run around. Thank you.

Best wishes

Liz Hayward

Headteacher

### **End of the day on Friday 23rd July**

**Last day of term**

**Year 6- 12.45**

**Year 5- 12.45**

**Year 4- 1.00**

**Year 3 -1.00**

**Year 2– 1.30**

**Year 1 Cherry– 1.20**

**Year 1 Briar– 1.25**

**Year 1 Bramble– 1.30**

**Reception—12.00**

**Nursery 12.00**

### **Important dates for your diary...**

Friday 23rd July: last day of Summer Term

Wednesday 1st September: staff training INSET day

Thursday 2nd September: staff training INSET day

**Friday 3rd September: first day of autumn term, children return to school**

(different start days for children in Reception and Nursery)

Monday 27th September: staff training INSET day

18 & 20 October—Parent teacher meetings after school (via phone calls)

Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October— School closed for half term

### **Attendance**

Please make sure that your children attend school every day. You should not take your children out of school before the end of term unless you have written permission from the headteacher.

### **Extended leave from school**

Please note that we do not give permission for children to be out of school at the end of Summer term, or the beginning of Autumn term.



### **Road safety in Year 6**

Y6 Olive have been enjoying their Bikeability sessions this week.

Bikeability teaches the children essential practical cycling skills and an understanding of how to cycle on today's roads.



### Karl Nova visiting Year 6

This week hip hop artist, author and poet Karl Nova visited Year 6. This was part of their poetry unit in their writing lesson. Born and raised in London as well as Lagos, Karl worked with the children on different styles and structures of poetry as well as the effect of reading and the power of words.

### Disability and Difference workshops

These workshops for our Year 2 to Year 6 children have been inspiring!

The workshops are delivered by disabled adults.

Children get an insight into the daily life of the workshop presenter – what they can do and how they do it, just in a different way!

There is a discussion surrounding differences within the group

Children learn about the different categories of disability

### DT days

This week Year 2 made their own delicious and healthy soup, using some of the vegetables they have been growing in science.



### Positive News Stories

A big part of improving children's mental health is giving them a **sense of hope**. Even as adults, when we watch or read the news, the world can sometimes seem like a dark and depressing place. Our children deserve to hear about the positive things going on in the world and not be constantly surrounded by negative news stories (particularly at the moment with the current pandemic) and 'fake news' intended to spread fear and hatred.

Teachers choose a news story once a week to share with their class. We want this activity to help improve the children's perceptions of the media, as well as encourage and inspire them to find their own happy news and look for the kindness in the school and their community. We have also asked the children to bring in any positive news stories that they would like to share. Also if we use stories with diversity, children can see positive things happening for all members of the community, including people like themselves.