OPEN FOR BUSINESS!

It’s open season for Open Evenings across the country and our turn is this week and next. Wednesday evening saw our annual Open Evening for parents with hundreds of ‘Year 4 families’ touring the school and finding out more about us. The evening was busy and well-attended and the feedback has been very encouraging. Lots of children came back to help out with stewarding or in class with teachers and governors and parent helpers were on hand to answer questions or relate their experiences of the school so far. To everyone who helped out a huge thanks! Open evenings are, of course, far from typical school experiences but next week – on Monday and Wednesday mornings – we are open for tours of prospective parents from 9.30am to 10.45am. Students will be guiding round groups who will have the chance to go into some lessons and see how it all works.

Admissions Policy – No Change

Our Admissions Policy for September 2019 has not changed from previous years. There seems to have been some confusion and misunderstanding here which the school is anxious to clarify. Some callers to our Admissions Officer reported it had been said and/or rumoured that a child’s baptism certificate. This is not so.

Admissions Deadlines

There are various deadlines associated with Admissions each year of course. This year applications on the CAF (Common Application Form) have to be submitted to RBWM by 31st October 2018. This form is submitted online to them. Our SIF (Supplementary Information Form) with evidence of Baptism Certificate, Medical/Social Need or other religious faith/church needs to be with the school by 23rd November 2018. Anyone applying for a place in Year 7 or other year group than Year 5 will need to submit an ‘In-Year transfer form’ which will then be processed according to the same admissions criteria as for Year 5 once any places become available.

Our Admissions Officer, Mrs Jacky Smith, will happily respond to any questions or queries you may have.

Head Girl Savannah Canning and Head Boy Ben Wagstaff speaking at Open Evening

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“There really is no such thing as bad weather, only different kinds of good weather.”

John Ruskin

REMEMBER

Year 8 French trip payment due 1st October. Final payment due 1st November and all outstanding balances are to be paid at this time.
** PSA NEWS ** ** PSA NEWS **

Thank you to all the parents who have joined Classlist over the last couple of weeks. If you haven't joined, go to www.classlist.com and choose the parent option and follow the instructions. Also if you are a parent, and want to join the PSA Facebook page, please can you answer the authorisation questions that you are asked, so that you can be approved. Please find attached information about our social evening on Wednesday 10th October; this was a well-attended and fun event last year. Also attached is the sign up form for the 50:50 Club, this is a great way to raise funds for the school and also gives ten opportunities per year to win a cash prize. The organisation for the Christmas Fayre is well underway. If you want to help with any of the planning, please get in touch with Catrina Newman via Classlist or the PSA Facebook page. Finally, many thanks to the parents who helped with the Open Evening on Wednesday.

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Lego

We are looking for any spare lego that you might like to donate to the school for our Lego Club. Thank you very much!

Green Fingers

Allotment club in full swing: harvesting onions, courgettes, cucumbers and runner beans this week.

Sports & PE Update

As we move through this first term, we have been putting all of our students through their paces in their fitness unit with the Bleep Test and Cooper 12 minute Run producing some excellent scores and some amazing shows of endurance!

Our football league and Cup fixtures kicked off last week with games for both years in the Upper School.

Last week saw the year 7 team start their league with a commendable 3 – 3 draw against a very strong St Peter's team, made even more impressive by the fact they were trailing 3 – 1 with only 10 minutes to go. Goals came through Will F, Joe W and Captain Bailey N. They followed this up with a solid 2 – 1 win in the Cup against Wexham School. Goals this time coming from Josh W and again, Bailey N.

This week, the year 8 team started against Grove Academy with a solid 2 – 1 win with both goals coming from Captain Ben W.

Our first group of year 7 Sports Leaders attended their training last week and are now ready to start helping in various clubs and activities around the school. So far they have helped run a year 1 and 2 multi-skills festival which attracted nearly 200 students from the local schools, and of course our very popular and busy Open Evening where they were testing the year 4's in Speed Bounce, and Sit and Reach as well as playing some table tennis with the young ones. Our next round of leaders will start after Christmas.

Next week sees our year 8 footballers in action again against Churchmead and our year 8 netball team will have their first round of league fixtures in a tournament at Furze Platt.

House Elections

Congratulations for the winners of the house elections which happened last week. The whole school had the opportunity to vote for house leaders in our polling station. For some of the votes there was one point between the candidates so well done to all who stood in the elections.


Victorian Day for Year 6’s

On Tuesday 25th September, Year 6 students from St. Edward’s Royal Free took part in Victorian day. Students and staff dressed up in their best Victorian costumes and some even brought in Victorian themed lunches. The Treehouse Theatre came to the school and organised a truly enjoyable and educational day for all involved.

Each year 6 form group had the opportunity to take part in a scene from Victorian times; the workhouse, the factory, the coal mines and being a chimney sweep. Students had the opportunity to put themselves in the shoes of young Victorian children and learn of the hardships they faced. Throughout the day, members of staff here at St. Edward’s Royal Free also organised educational Victorian themed sessions;

Mrs. Foskett spoke to students about Victorian food and showed them how to decorate their Victorian jellies, Mr. MacKenzie showed students what Victorian sewers were like and Ms. Bassett played the part of a strict Victorian teacher while students created artwork. All involved had a great day and feedback from the students was very positive.

Kiaona Webb from 6/1