

NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2018



I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you back after the Christmas break and wish you all the very best for 2018.

Enabling Enterprise At Vicarage Primary School

At Vicarage Primary School we are in our second year of working with Enabling Enterprise to develop our pupils' enterprise skills such as *Working in a Team* and *Staying Positive*. This is championed by Ms Shelly Ann Clunis (Assistant Head Teacher/Inclusion Lead).

Visits to Corporate Organisations

A group of 30 Year 4 and 5 pupils are eagerly anticipating an interesting trip to the JLL Canary Wharf and The Westfield Business Centre, Westfield Stratford on the 8th March 2018. During the visit the children will learn about the vision of JLL and Westfield Business Centre, a world-leading, sustainable professional services firm creating space and buildings.

The Challenge: Crime Scene Investigation

On the 12th January 2018, the entire school will take part in a challenge day entitled **Crime Scene Investigation**. This challenge day will allow children to have the experience of becoming a detective and solve a crime. The day will consist of various rooms set up as a crime scene for pupils to visit as a pre-requisite to the day's activities. Throughout the day the pupils will have to use their *Working in a Team* and *Problem Solving Skills* to make fair and quick decisions. This will support not only speaking and listening but provide an excellent stimulus for creative working.

The challenge day will lead onto our whole school Enterprise project week starting on the 15th January which will involve various topics that each year group have chosen. Our project week celebrations will take place on the 26th January, whereby parents will be invited to attend an assembly to find out more about Enabling Enterprise, after which parents can visit their child's classroom to see the work that children have produced throughout the project.

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School Uniform

You can now purchase Vicarage Primary School uniform from Tesco Direct. If you go onto the Tesco website www.tesco.com, click on F&F Clothing, school uniform, uniform embroidery and type in Vicarage Primary School, you can purchase uniform items suitable for our school.

Just a reminder that children must wear black shoes for school and not trainers.



Mental Maths 5 a day

On Monday 8th January at 2:30pm, there will be a workshop led by Lorraine Cooper (the author) of a book which we have purchased for every family at Vicarage. The book is titled 'Mental Maths 5 a day' and it is a great tool to support the teaching of mental arithmetic. Lorraine will explain how by working with your child for 5 minutes a day on the activities in the book will help them improve their mental arithmetic skills.



Parental Involvement

We are excited to inform you that we will be offering a number of courses and workshops for parents which will be held here at the school. They are as follows:

- Family Literacy for Year 3 and 4 parents - starting 10th January 2018 for 12 weeks - 1pm-3pm
- ESOL classes - starting 11th January 2018 for 12 weeks - 1pm-3pm
- Developing good bed time routines - Tuesday 16th January 2018 - 9:15am-11:15am
- Keeping children safe workshop - Thursday 19th January 2018 - 9:15am-11:15am
- Parents Coffee Morning for parents whom English is an additional language (Bengali speaking parents/carers) - Thursday 25th January 2018 - 9am-10am

Please contact Mrs Ali, our Family Support Worker, if you are interested in attending any of these workshops/courses.

The monthly coffee mornings with the Head Teacher will continue this term with the first one of 2018 on Friday 26th January at 9:15am.

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Bikeability

As a part of our healthy school initiative and also recognising the benefits of cycling for our children, we have organised a number of exciting events that will be taking place in the forthcoming months; as follows:

Bike Breakfast:

22nd February - Years 3-6

28th February - Reception, Years 1 and 2

Children who cycle to school on a regular basis will be provided with a free healthy breakfast in the playground.

13th March - Dr Bikes

All bicycles will be given a **FREE** basic maintenance safety check over the course of the day by **Dr Bike** (a trained bike mechanic). Parent's bikes are also welcome.

19th-23rd March-Walk to school week:

Children, staff and parents will be encouraged to walk to school. There will also be a competition called the 'Jambusters' where each class will be competing against each other to show which class have the most children walk to school.

21st/22nd March - Bikeability for Year 4

A number of pupils in Year 4 will take part in a training programme over the course of two days. The training is great for boosting confidence and fitness, developing cycle skills and road awareness - a great addition to every child's skill set which we hope they will find enjoyable and useful.

Dates for your Diary



Friday 26th January - Parents Coffee Morning at 9:15am

Friday 9th February - Last day of Term 3

Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February - Half Term

Monday 19th February - Back to School - Term 4



Mrs S Khan
Head Teacher