



Together Towards Success

## 'Tap Out' Pupil Dismissal at 3.15

In response to concerns raised by our parent governors regarding the safe dismissal of pupils at the end of the day we have introduced a **'tap out'** system for KS1 and KS2. Here is how it works:

1. Classes gather in their allocated areas at the end of the day.
2. Parents stay back away from the classes (Y5 parents stand back behind the yellow line so they do not block the gate). This allows pupils and teachers a clear view of waiting parents.
3. When a child sees their parent or carer, and the teacher acknowledges the adult and then the child **'taps out'**. This high-5 style contact ensures teachers have safely confirmed the dismissal of every pupil in their class.
4. When pupils have been dismissed parents can approach teachers if they wish to pass on a message or discuss any matter.

*Remember: please be patient, and avoid approaching teachers before they have dismissed their class.*

**Y6** are dismissed from the bottom of their stairs. Can I ask that parents keep this area clear so the pupils can dismiss safely, and that other parents can pass through. Please wait outside the main entrance door.

## New Dismissal Area for Y5

You will have noticed that Y5 pupils are now dismissed from the pitch area of the playground. This is to improve safety and avoid congestion around the middle doors. However, can we ask that parents avoid blocking the gateway through the playground fence and stand behind the yellow line.

## Saturday School - Free Places Available for Y5 & Y6

This will be our 3rd year of running a **Free** Saturday school service in conjunction with Paiwan Association at Whitefield School. Registration forms have gone out to those pupils who attended last year and more will be distributed next week. If your child is in year 5 or 6 and you are interested in having them attend ~ there are a few places remaining; please speak to Ms. Gignac after school near the year 6 exit.

## Universal Free School Meals for ALL Infant Pupils

All pupils from Reception to Year 2 can now receive a free school meal. This is automatic unless you tell us otherwise. Parents who wish for their child to continue to bring in a home packed lunch are welcome to still do this. Please complete the opt-out form distributed earlier this week to indicate this preference. Further copies are available from the Office. Please be aware that you will need to give 2 weeks notice if you then wish your child to re-join the free school meal service.

## Just Read at Grahame Park Library - Saturday 13th at 2.00pm

This week, the Reading Agency and ITV's Good Morning Britain are running a joint national campaign – **Just Read** – to encourage parents to read for pleasure to their children at home. The campaign is running all this week, with live broadcasts from selected libraries, culminating in the big give away this **Saturday (13th September)**. 200 libraries across the country have been chosen to give away copies of Jeff Kinney's *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* and Grahame Park Library is one of these! The Library will be running a special activity afternoon on Saturday involving games, quizzes and crafts from 2-3pm and have 50

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## School Premises Improvements

We had another busy summer of improvements to the school premises and infrastructure. In addition to the major kitchen refurbishment we have also repaired and improved the Butterfly Garden, installed new sinks and wall fans into KS2 and partitioned the reception classrooms to enable more focused phonics sessions. Thank you to our caretakers Pat and Patrick for overseeing the summer works and carrying out other essential maintenance.

## Diary Dates & Term Dates

A full list of diary and term dates has been published along with today's Newsletter.

### Year Group Curriculum Evenings - Next Week

Every year group is hosting a curriculum evening next week. The meetings will last around 1/2 hour with additional time for parent questions. Each year group is meeting at a different time and will be hosted in one of the year group classrooms except Year 4 who will be meeting in the small hall.

These evenings provide you with an opportunity to meet the teachers and find out about key information at the start of the year. It is not a meeting to discuss individual children.

Please make every effort to attend.

<u>Year Group Curriculum Evenings Schedule</u>	
Monday September 15th	4.00pm Y1 5.00pm Y2
Tuesday September 16th	4.00pm Y3 5.00pm Y4 (small hall)
Wednesday September 17th	4.00pm Y5 5.00pm Y6

## New Woodcroft Kitchen Update

Work is now nearing completion and is looking fantastic. It now just needs to undergo final safety checks and training for the kitchen staff. Barnet Catering hope to begin serving hot meals towards the end of next week. We will keep you updated with progress.

## Royal Response



Last term our Reception pupils wrote letters and cards to the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge; Prince William and Kate. Wishing Prince George a happy first birthday. This week they each received a reply from Kensington Palace thanking them for their wonderful cards and passing on the warmest thanks from the Duke and Duchess.

## Y4 Swimming

Pupils in Year 4 will begin their swimming lessons next week. We now swim on Tuesday's, so please ensure that your child has the appropriate kit, towel and swimming cap.

## Burnt Oak Multicultural Parade - Saturday 20th September

We hope that you are all planning to support Burnt Oak's first ever multi-cultural parade on Saturday 20th September. The procession plans to leave Edgware Hospital at 11.00am and make its way to Montrose Park via Watling Avenue. Our very own Rock Challenge dancers are planning to take part. See the attached flyer or visit [www.betterburntoak.org.uk](http://www.betterburntoak.org.uk)