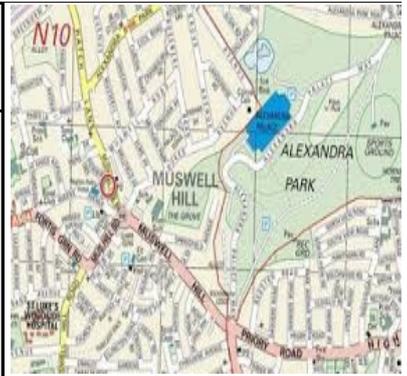




Headlines

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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for all your support this first half term of the academic year. It has been particularly heartening to receive so many positive comments and emails in response to my letter of 16 October—thank you very much indeed.

EDUCAID—it was a great pleasure to welcome Miriam, the founder of Educaid, to Coldfall on Monday 19 October. She led a wonderful assembly and then spent time talking to Years 5 and 6 children about her work in setting up and leading 10 schools in Sierra Leone. The children asked very thoughtful and pertinent questions. Listening to the struggles and challenges she faces certainly puts things into perspective and helps us appreciate how fortunate we are! We have also been privileged to host 2 of her Sierra Leonean teachers this week who have spent time in our classrooms learning about our teaching methods, standards and expectations. Very many thanks for all the donations you have sent in over the past year. These together with profits from Friday morning tuck shops meant that we could give Educaid a cheque for £1,000.

November is a busy and exciting month. We start on 5 November with the Friends of Coldfall **FIREWORKS EVENING**, always a firm favourite! Please come along, enjoy a drink and sausage and watch the spectacular display. Doors open at 5.30pm and the display is at 7pm. Tickets are on sale in the playground.

Please see the important notes overleaf about **PARENTS' EVENING** which is on Thursday 12 November from 4-9.30pm and exciting musical events and dates.

MAKE A NOISE ABOUT BULLYING AND KILL THE SILENCE is the theme for Anti-Bullying week which runs from 16—20 November. We will be talking to our children about the importance of telling someone if they feel bullied...and that bullying cannot be tolerated, whether in or out of school, whether verbal, physical or online. **KEEPING OURSELVES SAFE** is an important part of Personal, Social and Health Education (PHSE) with children so this month, with the darker evenings, we remind the children about road safety and stranger danger. We are always grateful when parents can re-iterate these messages at home too!

UNIFORM SURVEY—Many thanks to those who have taken the time to complete this. The survey closes today (Friday 23 October); if you would still like to take part, go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/P3QJPBH>. We will let you know the outcome in next month's Headlines.

WISDOM is November's Value of the Month, so we will be encouraging the children to try to make good, helpful decisions and to think carefully before acting! We end this month with a quote which reminds us both of Anti-Bullying Week and our Value:

'Be strong, but not rude;

Be kind, but not weak;

Be bold, but not a bully;

Be proud, but not arrogant.'

Thank you very much for all the Harvest contributions which go to our local soup kitchen. Every little bit makes a difference! Wishing you all a very happy half term.

With best wishes, Mrs EB Davies

TERM DATES, HOLIDAYS AND SCHOOL CLOSURES

**FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER
SCHOOL CLOSED FOR
TEACHER TRAINING**

**BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS
HOLIDAYS FRIDAY 18
DECEMBER AT 1.30PM**

**SCHOOL REOPENS MONDAY
4 JANUARY 2016**

**SCHOOL CLOSED FOR
TEACHING TRAINING FRIDAY
29 JANUARY 2016**

**BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM
HOLIDAY ON FRIDAY 12
FEBRUARY AT 3.30PM**

**SCHOOL REOPENS MONDAY
22 FEBRUARY 2016**

**BREAK UP FOR EASTER
HOLIDAYS THURSDAY 24
MARCH 2016 AT 1.30PM**

**SCHOOL OPENS MONDAY 11
APRIL 2016**

**BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM
FRIDAY 27 MAY AT 3.30PM**

PARENTS' EVENING THURSDAY 12 NOVEMBER

Parents can sign up for an appointment online via the school website, however the timetable for Canary class parents is a paper version and can be found in the Nursery. Parents of children new to our Reception classes have received a letter explaining how the system works. Go to the 'Children and Families' tab and scroll down to Parents' Evening, follow the link to the booking system. If you are unable to access the online system or have any problems, please call the office where staff will be happy to help. The booking system will be open from 10.00am on Monday 2 November until 10pm on Wednesday 11 November. There will be sessions for parents on the English and Maths their children are learning between 6pm and 6.30pm. You do not need to book for these, just come along. Follow the signs on the evening.

Our Community Police Officer, Donna Coyne, will be available between 4.30pm and 5.30pm for any parents who would like to talk to her.

GREEN LUNCH BOXES



Please can we suggest that children bring snacks and packed lunches in reusable containers and don't bring plastic bags (they cost 5p now!) or cling film into school? It's a good idea to limit the use of tinfoil if possible too. Thank you.

MUSIC RESOURCES

Resources are now available on the school website to enable children to practice and explore the music they have been working on in lessons at home. There are also links to organisations that offer exciting musical opportunities to children and families. Please follow the link below and click on the Learn@Home section.

http://www.coldfall.haringey.sch.uk/?page_id=3104

Some tips from the Met police about how to have a safe and happy Halloween:

Young people should never go trick or treating alone, adults should always accompany them.

- Children should only visit the homes of people they know, don't knock on strangers' doors and never enter a stranger's house.
- For older children, set a time for them to trick or treat and plan a route so you know

where they'll be.

- Keep to well-lit areas and never take short cuts through alleyways or out of the way places. Remember road safety, wear bright or reflective clothing and carry a torch.
- Unless pre-arranged, children shouldn't visit elderly and vulnerable members of the community as it may frighten them. If they see a 'no trick or treat' sign tell them to

respect it and move on.

- Don't throw flour and eggs – it can cause damage and misery. Keep tricks within the law – anything that results in damage is an offence and will be dealt with as such.

To report anti-social behaviour, call 101, the 24-hour Metropolitan Police Service non-emergency number, or visit our website www.met.police.uk. If you feel in immediate danger or in an emergency, call **999**. **HAPPY HALLOWEEN!**

UPCOMING EVENTS AND DIARY DATES

Thursday 5 November	FIREWORKS EVENING
Thursday 12 November	PARENTS' EVENING 4-9.30PM
Monday 16 November	ANTI-BULLYING WEEK
Saturday 21 November	CHOIR IN PRECIOUS MOMENTS CONCERT ST JAMES CHURCH. 7PM. IN AID OF NOAH'S ARK CHILDREN'S HOSPICE, TICKETS ON SALE AFTER HALF TERM HOLIDAY.
Wednesday 25 November	ESAFETY TALK FOR PARENTS. 4.30PM DETAILS TO FOLLOW.
Saturday 5 December	WINTER FAIR 12-3pm
Wednesday 9 December	EAGLE CLASS NATIVITY AT 9.15AM, CHAFFINCH CLASS NATIVITY AT 2.30PM.
Thursday 10 December	DOVE CLASS NATIVITY AT 9.15 AM, KINGFISHER CLASS NATIVITY AT 2.30PM.
Friday 11 December	KESTREL CLASS NATIVITY AT 9.45AM, KOOKABURRA CLASS NATIVITY AT 2.30PM.
Monday 14 December	YEARS 5 AND 6 CHRISTMAS CONCERT IN AID OF 'MUSIC WITHOUT BORDERS'. AT 6.30PM IN SCHOOL.
Tuesday 15 December	REPEAT OF YEAR 5 AND 6 CONCERT AS ABOVE.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Pelican class	6 November
Peacock class	20 November
Nightingale class	27 November
Owl class	4 December
Magpie class	11 December