



## Headlines

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our March edition and hopefully some sunny spring days! Our woodlands and grounds really come into their own as the new buds and leaves open and we can enjoy the wildlife around us and hopefully spend some time outdoors! March is a very exciting month in school. We start by celebrating **World Book Day** with special workshops from author Abie Longstaff on Wednesday 2 March followed by World Book Day itself on Thursday 3 March when children can dress up as their favourite book character and enjoy sharing a book at our **Family Reading Breakfast**. Please join us from 9am to 9.30am in your child's classroom, reading together with a drink and a croissant. We ask that each child has one adult guest only and no brothers or sisters. Thank you. *(Swift and Robin class parents are invited on Tuesday 1 March for their breakfast due to Thursday morning swimming lessons. Separate invitations have been issued for this).* We have the Friends of Coldfall to thank for funding the author visit and organising the breakfast. The Friends have also purchased class sets of some terrific children's modern classics which we will all enjoy.

Our **Times Table Bee** and a visit from a 'Mathemagician' take place on the morning of Friday 11 March when the children will be dazzled by the mathematical genius of numbers! Get practising those times tables with your children until they become completely automatic...it's an essential life skill we can't do without. You will have heard that from the next academic year all Year 6 pupils will be set a national times tables test, so please set aside 5 minutes a day for a little practice! Thank you.

We plan to sing our hearts out with Mrs Vetch later this month and will be recording a new Coldfall CD between 16 and 18 March. Songs will be based around our school values and there will be tracks by every year group, the choir and Coldfall staff may even 'raise their voices' too.

Lastly, one of the published aims of our school is 'to be a centre of **EXCELLENCE**'. Our value for March is **Excellence**. For our children and staff it is about always aiming to do that little bit more, not to settle for being mediocre or second best but as our school motto says:

To go further than we thought,  
To run faster than we hoped,  
To reach higher than we dreamed,  
To become the best that we can be!

Wishing you all a wonderful March and a happy Easter holiday time.

*With best wishes, Mrs EB Davies*

## TERM DATES, HOLIDAYS AND SCHOOL CLOSURES

### SPRING TERM

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

### SUMMER TERM

SCHOOL OPENS  
MONDAY 11 APRIL 2016

**POLLING DAY  
SCHOOL CLOSED FOR  
CHILDREN ON  
THURSDAY 5 MAY**

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

**TEACHER TRAINING DAY  
SCHOOL CLOSED  
MONDAY 6 JUNE**

SCHOOL REOPENS  
TUESDAY 7 JUNE

**EUROPEAN REFERENDUM  
SCHOOL CLOSED FOR USE AS  
POLLING STATION  
THURSDAY 23 JUNE**

**FRIDAY 8 JULY  
TEACHER TRAINING DAY  
SCHOOL CLOSED**

**BREAK UP FOR SUMMER  
HOLIDAYS FRIDAY 22 JULY  
AT 1.30PM**

When you decide to keep your children off school because they are ill, please remember that we need to know on the first day of absence. Ring the school absence line (option 1) or ring the office to let us know. Part of our safeguarding duty is to ensure our registers are accurate. If your child is ill, it is helpful if you can leave a brief description of what's wrong, in case we need to alert other parents. Your cooperation would be very much appreciated.



### FUNDRAISING NEWS

We raised almost £600 for Educaid on Valentine Dress Up Day and at the stationery sale. As ever, thank you very much for your contributions. The Fair Trade tuck-shop continues and every chocolate cookie sold for 20p contributes a tiny bit more to Educaid's valuable work in Sierra Leone, as well as making Friday morning playtimes a little bit special!

**SPORTS REPORT** ....We have had a busy February competing both in gymnastics and cricket against other Haringey primary schools. After holding trials and a number of training sessions during lunch times, the gymnastics competition produced some outstanding individual performances in both age groups. This week we also finished 5<sup>th</sup> overall in the Haringey cricket tournament finals, this was after qualifying with the second highest run rate in the qualifying rounds before half-term.

### Gardening volunteers needed in school grounds on Saturday 5 March!

Please help at the school allotment on Saturday 5 March between 9am - 2pm to dig a trench for our new hedge plants which the children will plant the following week. Entrance through Coldfall Avenue; the allotment is to the left of the main hall, behind the climbing frame.

Any help is appreciated - even 15 minutes.

Tools and gloves provided. Contact Eva on

07905 768 642 for more information and to

register an interest in other allotment

volunteering.

### Parents' Evening is on Thursday 10 March

4.00pm-9.30pm

Please sign up using the online system. Go to [www.coldfall.parentseveningsystem.co.uk](http://www.coldfall.parentseveningsystem.co.uk) or follow the link on the school website. If you would like to make an appointment with any of the Senior Leadership Team (Mrs Davies, Mr Hassan, Ms King, Mr Marshall, Ms Robinson), then please call the school office for an appointment time.

### Class assemblies spring term

Hummingbird	Friday 27 February
Goldfinch	Friday 4 March
Swift	Friday 18 March

### CHESS NEWS...

We're very proud of Lucas Mottram, Talia Herberg, Zaki Bawany, Frankie Badacsonyi, William Richards, Ziba Ogunbiyi, Arthur Baker, Leo Orr, Max Bird, Max Pollack, Harry Collins and Sammy Bird who represented Coldfall at this week's Division 1 match in the Barnet Junior Chess League. We'd also like to thank the parents who give their time to transport the children.

We are very glad to welcome Mrs Christine O'Neill to our support staff team as the new Cleaning Supervisor!



Year 3 enjoyed a visit from a traditional ceilidh band on Wednesday.

Nightingale class dancing jigs and reels.