



Snowsfields News

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20th November 2015



Important Dates

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| 15 th December | KS1 Christmas Show |
| 16 th December | EYFS Winter Concert |
| 16 th December | Christmas Dinner |
| 17 th December | Class Parties |
| 18 th December | Break Up |

Match Report

On 4th November both the boys and girls football teams played against the Tower Bridge school's teams. It was an exciting event!

Although the Snowsfields teams lost, we have learnt some valuable lessons such as not all football matches can be won but we have to play as a team and more importantly constantly pass the ball!

By Lily Emery Sports' Leader in Purple Class



Term dates for 2015-2016

Autumn Term

Thursday 3rd September – Friday 23rd October 2015

Half term - 26th October – 30th October 2015

Monday 2nd November – Friday 18th December 2015

Spring Term

Tuesday 5th January – Friday 12th February 2016

Half term - 15th February – 19th February 2016

Monday 22nd February – Thursday 24th March 2016

Summer Term

Tuesday 12th April – Friday 27th May 2016

Half term – May 30th - 3rd June 2016

Monday 6th June – Friday 15th July 2016

INSET DAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED

Monday 4th January

Monday 11th April



Congratulations to the children who received postcards in assembly this week!

Nursery Parents

There will be a coffee morning for Nursery Parents on Monday 30th November to discuss the applications for primary school places for **Reception** in September 2016. We will be able to offer support in making the applications so that parents do not miss this important deadline.

A message from SE1 Parents Group:

We are looking for parents of children currently in years 3, 4 and 5 to sign and support a new secondary school on the site of the old fire station on Southwark Bridge Road. Signing and supporting, does not commit parents to sending their child there eventually, it simply signals the need and support for a new secondary school in Borough. More information can be found here www.haaf.org.uk/se1-secondary-school as well as the sign-up page for support. We have 2 weeks left to gather the signatures needed, so please help us achieve this!

Whole school attendance:

Our target for attendance is **96%**

We need your support in making sure your children are in school on time and every day!

Week beginning 9th November 2015 **96.5%**

Class	Number of absences	Number of lates	Points
Red 1	24	12	150
Orange 2	5	7	400
Yellow 3	5	9	725
Green 4	6	8	450
Blue 5	9	6	425
Purple 6	2	2	1175

Classes earn points for the best attendance or punctuality.

1st place = 75 points (100 for no absence or lates)

2nd place = 50 points, 3rd place = 25 points

Children in Need

Last Friday we were raising money for Children in Need. Everyone dressed up as heroes or wore their 'onesies'. Children took part in special activities and an assembly, where they found out more about the charity. We also held a cake sale at COSTAIN and after school. Altogether we raised over **£600**. This is fantastic- thank you to everyone who donated money and cakes. Thank you to Steph and all the staff for organising a fantastic day!



Parent and Pupil Review Meetings

Thank you to all the parents who attended the review meetings on Monday. The attendance was excellent. Teachers and parents were able to share their child's successes and areas to work on.

Many parents know we have now moved away from using '*levels*' to assess the children. As we explained at the recent parent workshop and at the meetings on Monday, we are now using '*steps*' to show where the children are and the progress they are making. Feedback about this new system from parents and teachers has been really positive.

EYFS Phonics Stay and Learn

All the parents of Caterpillar and Butterfly classes are invited to attend a **phonics** workshop on **23/11/15** between **9:15 and 10:00**. Phonics are an important skill in helping children to learn to read.

Research indicates that children who learn phonics do better in all aspects of reading, including word identification, fluency and comprehension. So join us for this important workshop and let's give the children the best start in their reading and learning journey!

Year 2 SPaG Stay and Learn session

Thank you to all the Year 2 parents who have attended our Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar Stay and Learn session! They have found the workshop really useful and were eager to try out all the games and activities at home. These are some of the comments they have made, '**It has been very helpful not only to help my children but it has also helped me a lot to learn new things.**'

'Something I learned today was how pupils need to differentiate between Standard English and the slang they use and how to make grammar fun using games.'

