



Snowsfields News

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4th December 2015



Important Dates

- 15th December KS1 Christmas Show - 2pm
- 16th December EYFS Winter Concert - 10am
- 16th December Christmas Dinner
- 17th December Class Parties
- 18th December Break Up at 1pm

NSPCC- ChildLine Assembly

Thank you so much to the ChildLine team who visited year 5 and 6 this week.

There is lots of information (including games to play) on the ChildLine website for the children to share with parents.

www.childline.org/buddy
0800 1111

Nursery and Reception Places

We are now taking applications for Nursery places for September. Please fill in an application form available from the school office. Make sure you let family and friends know!

If you would like a place in our Reception class you **MUST** apply through Southwark, using the online application form. If you need help or support with this please ask in the school office. Forms must be completed by **January 15th 2016**.

Parent Workshops

We would like to invite the parents and carers of our **Year 3** and **Year 4** children to a maths workshop on **Monday 7th December** between **9:15** and **10:00**. We will be focussing on the progression in **fractions** and how this concept is taught in the new maths curriculum. You will also be provided with a pack full of ideas and strategies to help you support your child at home.

On Monday evening our choir joined with the choir from Tower Bridge Primary School to lead carol singing as Team London Bridge turned on the Christmas Lights! Our Year 5 children worked on the fantastic lanterns that accompanied the parade.



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 our super writers in KS2 who have had some fantastic work chosen to be published in a book called 'poetry emotions' by Young Writers UK. They worked with Kara to produce their writing. Well done to: **Lisa, Seryn, Ameyer, Imtiyaz, Dayo and Nasrin.**



Congratulations to the children receiving certificates this week!

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 23rd November 2015 **96.7%**

Class	Number of absences	Number of lates	Points
Red 1	16	14	175
Orange 2	1	12	500
Yellow 3	2	9	850
Green 4	18	16	450
Blue 5	6	8	625
Purple 6	13	2	1325

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

I'm writing to tell you about a new learning activity at Southwark Libraries called **Maths Challenge!** which might be of interest to you.

The Maths Challenge is a series of free mathematical workshops delivered at **Camberwell Library** by vetted volunteers from **Kings College London Maths School**. The workshops will be held on **Saturdays from 11:30am – 12:30pm starting on Saturday 28th November 2015** for ten weeks in the first instance. The purpose of the Maths Challenge is to spark a mathematical interest and curiosity in KS2 and 3 students (aged 10 – 14) by exposing them to a variety of problems in different and unfamiliar contexts. Students will also have the opportunity to receive help and support with their homework. The contents of the problems within the workshops will be tailored to as many areas of the National Curriculum as possible. Students attending the sessions will learn about various types of mathematics and how it can be applied. They will also develop problem solving skills by discussing mathematical problems with the volunteers and each other.

Homework Clubs

In addition to the Maths Challenge they provide weekly Homework Help Clubs throughout their libraries. The location and times of the clubs are listed below.

Library	Day & Time
Brandon	Tuesdays & Thursdays 4pm – 6 pm
Camberwell	Thursdays 4pm – 6 pm
East Street	Mondays 4 – 6pm
Grove vale	Thursdays 4 – 6pm
John Harvard	Wednesdays 4pm – 6 pm
Newington	Thursdays 4pm – 6 pm
Nunhead	Tuesdays 4 – 6pm
Peckham	Wednesdays 4pm – 6 pm

The Homework Help Clubs are accredited with the **QiSS quality mark** at the **Established** level. The Homework Help Clubs operate on a drop in basis and are completely free. Children are entitled to free photocopies and use of computers and all subjects are covered. The Homework help volunteers are polite and experienced in helping learners with their homework. They are also DBS checked. Please contact Marlon McFarlane via email if you would like more information about the Maths Challenge or Homework Help Clubs.

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Parent Questionnaire Responses:

Thank you to the parents who returned their questionnaires at our recent parent and pupil review meetings. You can see the very positive responses below. As always we are very happy to discuss any issues with you- please make an appointment with your child's teacher or a member of the leadership team. Thank you!

Question	Yes
Staff are approachable	100%
Parents are made to feel welcome	99%
The school deals quickly with any issues I raise	97%
My child enjoys coming to school	99%
My child is safe at school	98%
I think that behaviour in the school is good	97%
My child is learning and making progress	100%
The school helps me to support my child's learning	99%
My child completes their homework	97%
My child reads every day	93%
Parents are kept informed of school events	98%
I know how to help my child stay safe online	96%
I am aware that my child should not have a facebook account	97%
I would recommend this school to another parent	99%