

Newsletter April (1) 2018

Dear Parents

Thank you for supporting our **charity breakfast** which raised £240 for Barnet Hospital. It was a lovely way to start the day and good to see so many of you there. Similarly you turned out in force to support the **PTFA cake sale** on the last day of term. Both of these events made a nice ending to the term.

Please remember to visit the **school website** regularly to find out about weekly homework tasks (see your relevant year group tab), to pick up important snippets of news in the Newsflash section on the home page, to see new photos uploaded to class galleries, to read newsletters and keep up to date with events via the school calendar. Don't forget that we are also developing the Learning Zone (accessible via the home page); this task is on-going and its construction will last at least a further two terms (thereafter requiring only monthly maintenance). In addition new pages are added from time to time; most recently the 'St. John's at 50' page; information about the new General Data Protection Regulations which come into force this summer and require your attention and finally an update on our **holiday and staff training day child care arrangements** (please let us know your requirements for summer half-term as soon as possible; places can be reserved from the first week back after Easter). And don't forget the PTFA page which is updated regularly by Louise Ryan (secretary to the PTFA) and includes information about all summer events (please note that the date for our Summer Fete has been changed to Saturday 16th June 2017).

We are currently busy planning our **sport enrichment programme** for the summer term. These wonderful events are made possible by the PTFA whose annual donation

of £2000 provides a substantial subsidy for the provision of such exciting activities for the children (at no cost to you).

Y4 recently completed their **sport enrichment** programme of coaching sessions at Finchley Tennis Club with professional LTA coaches Roberto and Sian who, as you can see from the photos (more at the end of the newsletter), had them playing like 'real pros' after just a few hours of instruction! Both Finchley Tennis Club and Ravens Tennis Club (our nearest neighbours) are keen to welcome new members, young and old. **A comprehensive list of all sports clubs**, links to their websites and membership information is available on the school website via the 'Looking for Inspiration' tab on the 'Learning Zone.' These clubs are within the London Borough of Barnet (archery, Gaelic football, table tennis – whatever you are interested in, you'll probably find it there). This term our sport enrichment schedule will include: Gymnastics at Hendon Leisure Centre for Reception and Y1, Taekwondo for Y2, Fencing for Y5 and Kayaking and bell-boating for Y6.

Please note the following forthcoming events at the start of the summer term:

- Tuesday 17th April – church assembly, 8.50 am; Reception to Y6
- Wednesday 25th April – Y5 School Journey meeting, 6 pm. **Parents only**





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