



Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019

# Newsletter 251

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Dear parents/carers,

## Bring a Parent to school

We will be hosting our morning classroom/'Electronic World' sessions during the week of 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> February. The focus for our sessions will be centred around our ongoing work on 'Online Safety'.

Bring A Parent to School Morning Timetable		
Date & Time	Year Group	Teacher
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb 9.00 - 10.00	Nursery	Hilarie
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb 11.30 -12.00	Reception	Katy
Tue 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb 11.00 - 12.00	Year 2	Genevieve
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb 9.00 - 10.00	Year 6	Shelley
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb 11.00 - 12.00	Year 4	Angela
Thu 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb 9.00 – 10.00	Year 5	Ian
Thu 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb 11.00 – 12.00	Year 1	Steph
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb 9.00 – 10.00	Year 3	Lauren

## Rocket Fund

Thank you so much for the generosity shown so far for our computing project. We are yet to reach our target so please continue to share our page with friends, family, colleagues and businesses!

<https://rocket.fund/p/gillespieipadprojects/>

## Bi-lingual Parent Advisor Coffee Mornings Thursdays in Lab\_13

I'm delighted to inform parents that now our ESOL class which was running in the Autumn term has come to an end, our parent advisors Hinda & Reba will be hosting coffee mornings for parents on a range of topics. **The first one will be on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January between 9:15-10:30 and focussing on reading with your child.** In our next newsletter we will provide a full timetable of coffee mornings themes coming up for the rest of the term.

## Class assemblies 10:15am in the Top Hall

The office will open the doors to the foyer at 10:10am ready for a prompt start in the top hall at 10:15am.

Thu 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 6
Thu 14 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Year 3
Thu 21 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Year 2
Thu 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Year 4
Thu 4 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Year 1
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Year 5

## Governor Vacancy

The term of office of our parent governor who is the Chair of the Safeguarding committee is coming to an end in the next few weeks. If you would like to put yourself forward for parent election please contact the office or speak to Mark by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February.

## NSPCC Stay Safe, Speak Out

### Number Day – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018

Every year Gillespie School participates in a number of workshops and special assemblies to promote the 'Speak out, Stay safe' campaign led by the NSPCC. In the next two weeks classes will be participating in workshops led by the NSPCC. Then on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Feb, Katrina will be leading our Number Day where pupils will be completing a number challenge and collecting sponsor money to raise money for the NSPCC. Below are some useful links and information about the 'Speak out, Stay safe' programme.



### Talking PANTS with your children

The NSPCC's work in schools will help encourage conversations about staying safe – and they have a number of child-friendly materials to help you carry on the conversation afterwards. That includes 'Talk PANTS', a simple way for parents to help keep children safe. The guide uses the rules of PANTS to teach children that their body belongs to them and them alone. You can find out more and download the free resources at [nspcc.org.uk/pants](http://nspcc.org.uk/pants) or [nspcc.org.uk/parents](http://nspcc.org.uk/parents)

## School term & holiday dates 2018/19

Spring Term 2019	
18 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Half term
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Last day of term
Summer Term 2019	
Tue 23 <sup>rd</sup> Apr	INSET DAY
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> Apr	First day for pupils
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday (sch closed)
27 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Half term
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jul	Last day of term for pupils
Tue 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jul	INSET DAY

## School term & holiday dates 2019/20

Autumn Term 2019	
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sep	INSET DAY
Tue 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sep	INSET DAY
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Sep	First day for pupils
21 <sup>st</sup> - 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Half term
Thu 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last day of term
Spring Term 2020	
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	INSET DAY
Tue 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	First day for pupils
17 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Half term
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Apr	Last day of term
Summer Term 2020	
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Apr	INSET DAY
Tue 21 <sup>st</sup> Apr	First day for pupils
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday (Sch closed)
25 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Half term
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Last day for pupils
Tue 21 <sup>st</sup> Jul	INSET DAY

Yours sincerely, Mark Owen Headteacher