

9th December 2019

Dear Parents

Thank you for supporting the children's enterprise activities over the past weeks and it will continue to the end of term. If you have not had a chance to purchase items made by the children, please do speak to your child's class teacher. Totals raised by each class will be in my final newsletters at the end of term.

On Friday, 13th December we are fortunate to have identical twin brothers, Mr Tosin Awoyinka and Mr Dolapo Awoyinka, visiting the school to work with children from years 2 to 6. It is part of our careers development programme, linked to enterprise. These young men have similar backgrounds to many in our community and through hard work, the support of their families and higher education, have found success as investment managers for multi-billion dollar private equity funds, Helios (investing in African businesses) and Collier Capital (investing in technology and software businesses). They will run workshops for the children, focusing on presentation skills, developing self-confidence and aiming high. We will be holding an assembly in the morning at 9.15 a.m. and would like to invite parents to attend. It will give you the opportunity to meet our guests and find out how you can support your child to be ambitious and aim high.

It is never too early for children to start preparing for their future careers. If they work hard, are resilient and above all believe, then they will achieve. I look forward to seeing you then.

Please remember that the Nursery, Infant and Junior schools will be closed on Thursday, 12th December, as the junior school is being used as a polling station. We will continue to talk about the forthcoming election as part of our current affairs curriculum. We use a programme called 'Votes for schools' and this deals with topical issues each week. During assemblies and in class, children will be discussing the qualities that make a good leader. They will be encouraged to think about what they would do if they were elected to this post. Never underestimate our children, they are very astute and keen to debate current affairs.

Finally, please remember that if your child has to wear earrings to school, they must be small silver or gold studs and **not a diamante or other stone**. We would not advise it, for health and safety reasons but should you feel it is necessary, then please ensure your child's earrings are in line with school rules. Kindly ensure that your child wears a **burgundy school coat to school and not a different colour coat. They should only be wearing the school hat and a burgundy scarf. Gloves may be black, blue or burgundy.** Children represent the school in the wider community and should be wearing the correct uniform. Thank you for supporting us with this and please do visit our website if you have any questions regarding uniform.

I look forward to seeing you at the many school events over the next two weeks. Please remember to purchase your tickets from either the infant or the junior school offices for our Christmas concert on Monday, 9th December at 5.30 in the junior hall. Christmas lunch is on Wednesday, 18th December and children are encouraged to wear Christmas jumpers and festive hats.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L Fernandes'.

Mrs L Fernandes
Headteacher

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