



Dear parents/carers,

Thank you for sending in your children with coats over this last term when the weather has been so changeable. It has meant the children have been able to make the most of being outside at break times and lunch times—brilliant for everyone!

It has been a short and busy term at school. We hope you enjoy a super half term break together with your friends and family.

Life Education Tent

We aim for pupils to take a positive attitude towards health and make informed choices. The Governors have overseen positive changes to PE provision since Covid-19 and we have an excellent PSHE curriculum in place to support our children in making good choices and look after themselves well.

To support this further, all classes had a fantastic opportunity to enjoy learning through special sessions in the 'Life Education Tent'. The focus of learning varied by age but included: healthy eating, the heart, lungs and digestive systems, the effects and risks associated with drugs such as alcohol and tobacco, exploring how to resolve problems in friendship, exploring feelings and celebrating differences between people. Of course, a highlight for our younger children was seeing Harold the giraffe who often features in the learning sessions too!

It was wonderful to see many pupils seeking Anita, the session leader, with further questions at break times/lunch times because they were so interested. She was really impressed with their questions, contributions and behaviour. Thank you to our brilliant PA who helped to fund this great day of learning.



Big Friends, Little Friends

The children in Class 1 and Class 5 have been paired by our teaching team into their Big Friend, Little Friend partnerships. This supportive friendship is an opportunity for our older children to take on board a leadership and nurturing responsibility. It also supports our younger children in feeling safe and happy within school.

This year the children have already enjoyed book sharing sessions and I've seen many Big Friends and Little Friends playing happily together during break times too. This term the children have been exploring digital art sessions together—drawing straight and curved lines to create pictures. The C1 and C5 children worked cooperatively through-out-it was lovely to see.

You're doing a great job Class 5—it's wonderful to see you caring and leading so well.



Road Safety

A couple of weeks ago there was a near accident involving one of our Reception children who was walking with their parent to school down the hill. A car was driving a bit fast and the parent only just had time to move their child out of the way. Thankfully, the parent was vigilant and had their child close to them so their child was not hurt.

There are very young children around the school area at drop off/pick up time who are not road aware so driving slowly is really important. Please do take extra care so everyone, especially our youngest children, are safe.

New Sport Kit!

A delightful box of bright red sports shirts were delivered to school this week. They have the school logo on and will be brilliant for KS2 children to wear when competing in any sport. A few children in Class 5 have tried them on and they were thrilled. They look fantastic!

Thank you to Mrs Coombs for organising the new sports tops and to The Lazy Goose for generously supporting us with this purchase.



Young Lives Versus Cancer

We received a brilliant certificate and letter of thanks from Young Lives Versus Cancer this week for the donation we made to them from the Christmas performances. Staggeringly, we donated over £400! They explained this money would allow nursing teams to provide support and care at home for children and young

people as well as help them get their lives back on track after treatment. Sincere thanks to all our parents and grandparents for your incredible kindness and generosity—we know the difference it will make.

Parking

Please can we ask that you do not drop off/pick up children by parking directly in front of the main entrance to school (the wide opening to the school by the river where there is no pavement). Many families congregate/enter/leave the school through here and it makes the area unsafe for them. Thank you for your consideration.

Can we also ask that you do not run your engines directly outside the front of the school too. It has been flagged by several parents/grandparents that evidence shows car fumes from idling cars are harmful, especially to children, those with asthma or certain other conditions. Many thanks again.

DIARY DATES:

Spring Term 3

Thurs 11th January:	C5 Swimming begins
Tues 23rd January:	Open afternoon for parents, 2.50pm
Fri 26th January:	KS2 Tag Rugby—Oldends Lane, 9-1.30pm
Fri 26th January:	C3 Cake Sale, 3.15pm
Fri 2nd February:	KS1 Snack & PJ night
Tues 6th February:	Coram Life Education
Weds 7th February:	Coram Life Education
Fri 9th February:	Last day of Term 3

Spring Term 4

Mon 19th February:	First day of Term 4
Fri 23rd February:	KS2 Popcorn & PJ night
Fri 1st March:	C4 Cake Sale, 3.15pm
Thurs 7th March:	World Book Day—please come to school dressed as a favourite book character
Thurs 14th March:	C4 swimming begins—information to follow
Wed 20th March:	Pentathlon event-tbc
Wed 20th March:	Children's Egg Hunt in school (staff to organise)
Wed 20th March:	PA Easter Egg Raffle
Thurs 21st March:	Japanese visitors during the morning
Fri 22nd March:	Last day of Term 4

Thank you for your support,

Zoe Avastu
Headteacher



Aiming high.....together