**Dates for diary**

* **Back to school! Monday 6th November** pupils return to school doors open from 8:45 am!
* 7th November. Our first official PSA meeting. Parents’ Room @ 9:30 am. Everyone welcome!
* 8th November. Flu vaccination for whole school administered by school nurses.
* 14th November. School photographer in school to take individual pupil photos and siblings. There is no obligation to buy anything. www.coolforschoolphotography.com
* 9th & 16th November. NSPCC workshops and assemblies.
* 15th November. Nursery & Year 1 music morning starting at 9:30 am. All Nursery and Year 1 parents are welcome to attend! This takes place in the school hall.
* **30th November. Thursday evening Open Night. 6:30 pm sharp!** Please pass on to anyone you know who may be thinking about sending their child to our nursery or Year 1. Thank you.
* School finishes for half term on Friday 27th October and reopens on Monday 6th November.
* 4th December Year 5 visit from local Fire Station.
* 8th December Christmas Fair. Details to follow.
* Week beginning 11th December Nativity Plays. Details to follow.

**Curricular information sessions**

We recently organised parental curriculum information sessions in school. These were to give parents the opportunity to see and hear what their children are learning about in literacy and numeracy. It was also a chance to ask the teacher questions about other areas of school life. We would have preferred many more parents to attend and benefit from these sessions but we will hopefully be holding other information days again later in the year. **100% of parents who came to the sessions agreed that the information was useful, they would attend again and that staff did a great job**. Thank you to all who attended. We hope to see more parents/guardians at the next session.

**New school policies**

Please find the new **Behaviour & Citizenship** (which includes anti-bullying), **Complaints** and **Religious and Sexuality Education Policies** on the school website [**www.eustonstreetps.co.uk**](http://www.eustonstreetps.co.uk) You will get a shortened leaflet copy home soon. The policies are also available to read in the school office or a copy can be made with 24 hours’ notice. If you have any queries about the policies, please contact us.

**School uniform (bows!).**

We previously sent a message home about Jo-Jo and other large hair bows. Whilst they are very pretty, I would ask that they are not worn in school as they are not part of school uniform. Thank you.

**Attendance**

The whole school attendance for October was 93%. September was 93%. We are still aiming for 96% each month! If your child is sick they should not attend but otherwise they should be in school. It is a fact that pupils with high regular attendance perform better in tests and exams. We want all our pupils to reach a high potential. Please help your child succeed by sending them to school on time every day! If we can help in any way or there is information that we should know regarding your child’s attendance, please let us know. [**www.eani.org.uk/schools/miss-school-miss-out/**](http://www.eani.org.uk/schools/miss-school-miss-out/)

**School Fund. School needs your support**

The pouches for School Fund will be sent home with this newsletter. We ask for a voluntary contribution of **£15** per family for the whole year. You can pay all £15 now or £5 each term. This money is **only** used to buy items for your children like reading books and iPads etc. We want to keep providing your children with the best resources even with falling school budgets. We are becoming more and more reliant on your support. The new PSA (Parent Staff Association) will also be raising money for school items this year.

**New School Fence**

The new school fence is still scheduled to go ahead in mid-November. I will keep all parents notified of details. There may be some disruption to drop off and pick up for a short time.

**Parents’ Room**

We have activities for parents on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning in our parents’ room. Please drop in, look on the school website under ‘Parents’ or ring to speak to Mrs Killops for more information.

**Poppy Appeal British Legion**

Poppies will be on sale in school after half term. Badges etc. may cost up to £1.

Thank you. Have a great half term. We look forward to seeing all the pupils back on 6th November.