

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

## FLIXTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

7<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Dear Parents

Firstly, a huge thank you for all of your support over the last couple of months, from listening to your child read and signing their Reading Racetrack book, to funding the purchase of a book at the Book Fair – all of these little things add together to help our children have great experiences and make great progress in all aspects of their lives.

It is worthy of note that the feedback from Year 3 (parents, children and teachers) has been incredibly positive – the children have settled into the Junior Department almost effortlessly, which, as they are the first ‘Primary’ movers, is fantastic news. Equally, our Reception classes also settled like they had always been part of FPS. I extend credit to all involved (parents, children and teachers) for making the transitions so well.

### WEBSITE UPDATE

Thank you to all those who have sent back consent forms and email addresses for Parent Logins for our new website. Login details will begin to arrive by the end of this week for those parents who have sent the forms back in. After logging into the app, stay logged in to receive notifications and updates – this may just be the last paper letter you receive! There will, inevitably, be teething problems as we roll the system out. Please let us know if you encounter issues, so we can work with the website developer to find solutions.



As a reminder for those who have yet to download the app – it can be downloaded free from the Google Play store or the Apple App Store by searching ‘School Spider’. The app allows you access recent news, galleries and calendar items. When you have downloaded the app, just search and select Flixton Primary School to see our school’s news and events.

### KEEPING UP TO DATE: TWITTER

The school has activated a new Twitter account and this is a great way of easily keeping in touch with what is going on. You can find us @flixtonprimary We’ll keep the tweets coming, with a mix of news, updates and reminders.



## **DATES FOR DIARIES**

### **November**

- 12<sup>th</sup> – Year 2 War Memorial Visit (am)
- 13<sup>th</sup> – GB Athlete Event
- 13<sup>th</sup> – Open Classrooms (3.15/3.30 – 4.00pm)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – EYFS Nursery Rhyme Visit (am)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – Y5 Jodrell Bank Visit
- 26<sup>th</sup> – Non Uniform Day for Christmas Fair (Donations of Chocolates and Bottles)
- 28<sup>th</sup> – Year 2 Violin Concert (10.45am)
- Week beginning: 26<sup>th</sup> – Parents Evenings (late appointments on 29<sup>th</sup>)



### **December**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – FPS Christmas Fair (hosted in the Infant Department hall)
- 4<sup>th</sup> – PTA Junior Film Night
- 7<sup>th</sup> – 2K and 1Y Nativity (9.15am)
- 7<sup>th</sup> – 2JM and 1B Nativity (2.15pm)
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Nursery Christmas Sing Song (11.00am)
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Nursery Christmas Sing Song (2.45pm)
- 12<sup>th</sup> – RO Parent Christmas Crafts (pm)
- 13<sup>th</sup> – RB Parent Christmas Crafts (pm)
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Reception Christmas Assembly (9.15am)
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Junior Department Carols on The Playground (3:00pm)
- 18<sup>th</sup> – School Christmas Dinner
- 20<sup>th</sup> – PTA Infant Christmas Parties (pm)
- 20<sup>th</sup> – PTA Junior Christmas Discos (after school)

## **PTA AVIVA COMMUNITY FUND BID**

Our PTA has applied for a grant from Aviva's Community Fund to purchase some brilliant computing kit for the school. In order to win the grant, we need to get the vote out!



Voting takes two minutes – you just need to register an email address (thirty seconds), answer a couple of questions (another thirty seconds), vote (thirty more seconds), and then bask in the knowledge that you have done your good deed for the day (the final thirty seconds).

The link for voting is on the school website, on the Homepage in the Latest News section. Alternatively, just search Aviva Community Fund Flixton Primary in any reputable search engine. Please vote, and then ask others to do the same – anyone over the age of 13 is eligible.

## **OPEN CLASSROOM: TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

We held our first Open Classroom event in September and it was very well received and attended. It provides you with the opportunity to drop in to your child(ren)'s classroom and see what's going on – your child will be the tour guide and hopefully share with you some of the exciting things they have been learning about.

The next opportunity to drop in is on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November, straight after school, until 4pm. If the event remains popular, it will become a half termly occurrence – it's up to you!

## **ATHLETE VISIT: TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**



We are excited to be welcoming Lewis Daly, Great Britain water polo star, to our school on Tuesday. Lewis will be working with all the children during the morning, sharing his expertise as an elite athlete. Children are being 'sponsored' to wear sports kit for the day, with the sponsor money being shared between supporting British athletes like Lewis and the school.

### **TEXT ALERTS**

Some parents approached me after a text alert about 'Stranger Danger' was sent out early this term to ask why there was not more information about the specific incident in the text. I thought it would be worth a moment explaining the system, so that everyone is clear about the messages. As a school, we receive alerts from Trafford, who have in turn been alerted by the police. These alerts cover the whole of Trafford, and a range of incidents, with a varied level of information. As a school, we pass on what we are able to in order to keep parents informed and aware of issues that may affect our children. Sometimes, the information we have is quite sketchy, in others quite detailed – and this affects what we are able to share.

### **MOBILE PHONES**

And text alerts is nice link because it has come to our attention that some of our pupils are bringing mobile phones into school. We are concerned about this for two important reasons:

1. Phones can be valuable and we do not want them to be lost or broken;
2. Many phones allow access to the internet and we cannot allow pupils to have unsupervised access to the internet for safeguarding reasons.



There is no reason that pupils of primary school age would need a mobile phone during school hours. However, we are aware that, on very rare occasions, you might wish for your child to bring a phone to school because of before or after school arrangements that are out of the ordinary. In these circumstances, we would appreciate it if you would let the school office or your child's class teacher know beforehand (a quick email to the office would suffice) and remind your child to hand their phone (switched off) in to the school office for safe-keeping when they come into school.

Thank you again for all of your support so far this term – I look forward to seeing you at one of our many events over the next few weeks.

A handwritten signature in black ink. The signature is stylized and appears to be 'Mr J Redmond'. It consists of a series of loops and curves, with a distinct 'M' shape at the beginning and a 'D' shape at the end.

Mr J Redmond  
Headteacher