



Welcome to the new academic year
2024/25

I hope you all had a great summer.

We are still on our quest to raise funds to help with the playground equipment on both sites.

Unfortunately with swimming this year some lessons start at 9am so we will be asking for 2 weeks that a class gets in early. Please see the APP.

As a parent what can you do to be involved with your child's schooling?

There are so many ways you can get involved.

Firstly ensuring your child is in school everyday, on time, wearing the correct uniform and prepared for the day. Reading with your child everyday, either them reading to you, you reading to them or sharing a book, comic or newspaper together. Ensuring that you sign their reading record when you have read.

Attending events from stay and play in nursery to Ms Khan's phonic workshops and fundraising events like the upcoming family disco when you can socialise with other parents. You can donate old, good quality uniform to our uniform swap shop. Or dry food, toiletries and cleaning products to our welfare bank, which is accessible to all.

As well as this we have more formal roles for parents :

Volunteers– for trips and helping in the classroom.

PTA – Parent Teacher Association—to help organise events and help raise funds for the school which we use to pay for theater trips, pantomimes, residentials, books, sound systems, ipads and much more.

Parent Council—The Mission Grove Parent Council was set up with the intention of improving parental engagement at the school. Check the website [here](#) for more information. At the upcoming coffee mornings we will be getting a parent from each class to sign up. There is a meeting next Tuesday (10th) at 9am on North.

Parent Governors—We have 3 Parent Governors and all positions are currently taken.

We are continuing with what is now becoming an annual event – **PARTY IN THE PLAYGROUND**. It is a chance for you to meet other parents in a relaxed atmosphere. Weather permitting we will have burgers and chips and refreshments on sale.

Just a polite reminder that we have a soft start at the beginning of the school day. If you need to see your child's class teacher you will have to wait for the end of the school day. If you want to get a message to the teacher please speak to the office of the staff member at the doors.

At the end of the day can we ask that you put your mobile phones away and greet your child with asking how their day has been or what have they done today.



**Greet your child
with a smile
and
not a mobile!**

SPECIAL DATES IN SEPTEMBER

Gate times

There is some confusion with the morning gate times and when the children should be in class. Children should be in class on south at 8.45 am—the gates close at that time to let parents out. On the north children should be in class at 9am and again the gates close at that time to let parents out.

8.45 and 9am should not be seen as the time to get your children in through the gates they should already be in class and reading. **The gates are open at 8.30 South and 8.45 North**—that is the time that you should be aiming to get your children to school.

You are **braver** than you believe, **stronger** than you seem, and **smarter** than you think.

- Winnie the Pooh



9th –Sign up for clubs on the school app. Clubs will start the week beginning the 16th Sept. **You can only join if you sign up**

10th 9am Parent Council meeting North site

12th—Full Governors meeting

Moorhen, Kinglet, Wren, Mallard, merlin & Magpie working with Tottenham Hotspurs

16th—27th Wren & Waxwing swimming

19th Waxwing, Wagtail, Woodpecker working with Tottenham Hotspurs

20th Year 6 present their school captain speeches

20th World Peace Day—children to wear their favourite clothes

20th Jeans for Genes—for a donation children can wear non uniform

20th PARTY IN THE PLAYGROUND –Family Discos outside (event will be cancelled if bad weather) Come along to meet other families. Refreshments on sale

Week beginning 23rd MacMillan Coffee mornings with your child's class teacher

23rd Sparrow, Skylark & Swallow working Tottenham Hotspurs

Tuesday **24th** North—Reception & year 5

South Year 1 & 6

Wednesday **25th** North Year 1 & 6

South Year Reception & 5

Thursday **26th** North Year 2 & 4

South year 3

Barn Owl, Blackbird working with Tottenham Hotspurs

Friday **27th** North Year 3

South Year 2 & 4

30th Goldfinch, Grouse, Goose working with Tottenham Hotspur

Autumn Term 2024- 74 days

Inset Days – Monday 2nd – Wednesday 4th September 2024

School starts for children: Thursday 5th September 2024

End: Thursday 19th December 2024- Normal time

Half Term: Monday 21st -Friday 25th October 2024

Spring Term 2025 – 60 days

Inset Days –Monday 6th January 2025

School starts for children: Tuesday 7th January 2025

End: Friday 4th April- Normal time

Half Term: Monday 17th -Friday 21st February 2025

Holidays

Easter Holiday: Monday 7th April to Tuesday 21st April 2025

Summer Term 2025 – 61 days

Inset Day –Tuesday 22nd April 2025

School starts for children: Wednesday 23rd April 2025

End: Wednesday 23rd July – Normal time

Holidays

May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 5th May 2025

Half Term: Monday 26th May-Friday 30th May 2025

Try not to book holidays other than during the school holidays. The Government has announced it is increasing the fine for being out of school. The money does not come to the school but to the Local Council and Government.

