



17<sup>th</sup> March 2016

## Spring Term Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Thank you to all those parents who voted in the recent Parent Governor elections. There was a fabulous response which resulted in Mr Window and Mrs Course being elected. The new governors have already attended their first full governing body meeting and Mr Window has been in school viewing standards in teaching and learning and seeing first-hand what the children do in each year group. We are very appreciative of the continued support of the governing body and know that the new members are very much looking forward to being involved in the strategic development of the school.

### Ducklings at Scotts!

We are pleased to announce that six ducklings hatched in school last week and are entertaining both children and staff. Mrs Taylor and the Year 2 children are busy looking after the ducklings and are providing them with regular daily swimming lessons! See Twitter for photos.

### Scotts enhanced curriculum

At Scotts we pride ourselves on our extended curriculum provision; the visits, trips and workshops that are organised both to support what the children are learning in class and to help bring the subjects 'alive' and give the children hands-on and real-life experiences. As a staff we often forget just how much goes on in school (above and beyond the 'normal' day to day learning) as we race through each week trying to fit everything in and so I have compiled a list of all that has gone on at Scotts this term (so far since January):

- University of East London trainee teacher visit
- Reception Dads' and Granddads' Space day
- Whole school debate - Should customers be charged for carrier bags?
- Year 1 class assembly
- Pupils presentation at the Bett Exhibition
- Crime Scene Investigation workshop for Years 5-6
- Road safety workshop for Years 1 and 2
- Year 2 class assembly
- Friendship week (anti-bullying)
- Year 3 visit to Layer Marney Towers



- Year 4 visit to Colchester Castle
- Year 1 Coronation ceremony for parents
- Year 1 Jewish workshop
- Safer Internet Day
- Play leader training
- Year 2 visit to the country park
- Year 6 visit to Abbs Cross for performance
- Selected pupils at a sports event at the University of East London
- Literacy workshop for selected Y5/6 pupils (Scotts extended opportunities project)
- Mathematics workshop for selected Y 5/6 pupils (Scotts extended opportunities project)
- Selected team took part in the Borough's Rotary quiz
- Dog trust workshop for all year groups
- World Book Day
- Years 3 and 4 learn to ride day
- Forensic workshop for all pupils from years 1 - 6
- Year 3 class assembly
- Year 2 visit to Imax cinema
- Year 5 & 6 visit to Sanders Academy for science workshop

Obviously, these events cannot take place without assistance from parents (either by being an additional adult helper on trips or by way of contributing financially) and so I would like to thank you for the continued support that you give to the school in helping us to provide these rich experiences for the children.

## Sports at Scotts

Year groups/teams	Events	Result
Year 5 & 6 pupils	Hi 5 Netball	2nd place/out of 20 teams
Year 3 & 4 pupils	Dodgeball	1st place/out of 24 teams
Years 5 and 6 pupils	Tag rugby - school games	13th place/26 teams
Year 5 and 6 pupils	Tag Rugby - festival	9th place/18 teams
Year 5/6 pupils	Girls' football tournament	7th place/22 teams
Year 3 pupils	Cross country	Non-competitive event
Years 5 and 6 girls	Cross country	9th place/out of 29 teams
Year 5 and 6 boys	Cross country at Pages Wood	14th place/out of 29 teams
Year 3 and 4 pupils	Primary Sports hall athletics	4th place/out of 20 teams
Year 5 and 6 pupils	Primary Sports hall athletics	8th place/out of 32 teams
Year 3-6	Boccia	11 <sup>th</sup> place/out of 14 teams
Year 5 and 6	Quicksticks Hockey	14 <sup>th</sup> place/out of 25 teams
Year 2	Primary Sports hall athletics	Results not published yet
Year 5 and 6	Swimming Gala	10 <sup>th</sup> place/out of 21 teams
Year 5 and 6	Netball League	Quarter-finalists
Year 5 and 6	Boys Football League	Semi-finals (to be played next week)

## Football league results

Boys' football team:

Scotts 2: Newtons 1

St Albans 0: Scotts 2

La Salette 2: Scotts 5

Scotts 7: Rainham Village 0

Quarter Final result

St Edwards 0: Scotts 1

Girls' football team:

Scotts 1: Elm Park 3

Scotts 4: Benhurst 1

Scotts 0: Parsonage Farm 1

We finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the league this year out of 6 teams so a very well done to all the girls that have taken part.

## Netball league results

Scotts 4: Elm Park 1

Scotts 7: Wykeham 1

Scotts 10: St Albans 0

Scotts 11: Newtons 14

Scotts 12 : Branfil 1

Scotts 5: Whybridge 2

Scotts 11: Towers 1

The team got through to the quarter finals against Parsonage Farm and lost the match but Mrs White, Mrs Aynsworth and Mrs Sfaltos are really pleased with how the team have played this year and are proud of all the children.

## Sports relief

Mrs White has organised a whole day of Dodge ball fun tomorrow for the children to help raise money for Sports relief (a separate communication has gone out about this).

## FOSA Coffee morning

FOSA will be holding a coffee morning this Friday at 9.10am. If you have an hour or so to spare then this is a good opportunity to meet other parents and share ideas about fundraising.

The last coffee morning raised £65 and the cake sale raised £200.57 for the school so thank you to FOSA and parents for supporting these events.

## Table Tennis

We are very grateful to FOSA for funding the cost of our new table tennis table. We have a list of playground 'wishes' to improve the outside play facilities for the children and we will be looking to meet these after Easter.

## Parentmail PMX

Thank you to those parents who have registered for Parentmail PMX. We now have 93% of our pupils with at least one parent registered. One of the benefits is that you can easily pick up messages on your smartphone by downloading the free Parentmail App. To those parents not yet registered all you have to do is verify your account. Please contact Mrs Knapp in the office if you are experiencing any problems with the registration process. Please keep the school updated with any changes in mobile telephone numbers and email addresses as Parentmail PMX is now regularly updated from the school database. After Easter we are hoping to begin the new payments system with Parentmail PMX which allows parents to pay for trips online. More details to follow.

## Uniform Standards at Scotts Primary School

School uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of our school and setting an appropriate tone.

### **Aims:**

Our standards regarding school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform supports effective teaching and learning since it:

- Promotes a sense of identity and pride in the school in line with our ethos
- Engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- Supports positive behaviour and discipline
- Is practical and smart
- Protects children from social pressures to dress in a particular way
- Makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance and thereby nurtures cohesion
- Is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents
- Is designed with health and safety in mind

### **Jewellery:**

On health and safety grounds the only jewellery that may be worn in school is a watch or small stud earrings. If parents wish their child to have pierced ears, then this should be done at the start of the summer holidays so that earrings can be removed for PE lessons from the start of the new term. It would be helpful to staff if younger children did not wear earrings on PE days.

### **Footwear:**

Due to the health and safety reasons, pupils should wear flat, sensible shoes. Trainers should not be worn in the classroom; this footwear is appropriate for sport or leisurewear but is not in keeping with the smart appearance of a school uniform (children may change into trainers for playtimes). All children are required to wear shoes as stated in the uniform list unless it is for PE or games.

### Hair:

All children, girls and boys, are requested to tie hair up where it is long enough to do so. This is for both health and safety reasons and to look smart for school. Hair must be tied up in PE. Non regulation hairstyles are not part of school uniform and should not be worn.

These include:

- Hair shaved to the head and or patterns cut into the hair
- Hair that is long in parts and very short elsewhere
- Hair that has been spiked up
- Hair dyed, either wholly or partly.
- No beading is permitted
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### Nail varnish/make up:

No nail varnish or make up is permitted to be worn in school by pupils.

### The Role of Parents:

We ask all parents to support the school's uniform standards. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair. Provision can be made if parents are experiencing financial hardships. Please contact the Head Teacher via the school office if support is needed.

Scotts Primary School uniform is as follows:

Girls	Boys	PE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Plain dark green jumper, cardigan or Scotts sweatshirt</li><li>• Tailored grey trousers</li><li>• Grey <u>knee</u> length skirt or pinafore dresses</li><li>• Plain white blouse/shirt or Scotts polo shirt</li><li>• Green/white check dress (summer term)</li><li>• Black, grey or green tights</li><li>• White, green or grey socks - not black please.</li><li>• Suitable black shoes (no boots or trainers please - these may be worn to school and changed to shoes)</li><li>• Grey, green, white or black hair ties/bands</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dark green jumper</li><li>• Tailored dark grey trousers</li><li>• Plain white shirt or Scotts Polo shirt</li><li>• Plain green jumper or Scotts sweatshirt</li><li>• Green Scotts fleece (optional)White aertex shirt</li><li>• Tailored plain grey shorts (summer term)</li><li>• Black or grey socks</li><li>• Black shoes (not trainers or heavy boots)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Scotts t-shirt or plain white t-shirt</li><li>• Black shorts</li><li>• Scotts tracksuit or navy blue track suit (no hoodies, please)</li><li>• Black plimsolls or plain black trainers</li></ul>

### Open door Thursdays

Please remember that the first Thursday of each month is open door at the school. This means that parents are welcome to drop in to see the teacher to talk about any issues that are of a concern. Of course, parents may make contact with teachers via the school office at other times and parents' evenings are also held once per term for discussions around progress. The open door sessions are to discuss any other issues that parents need to bring to the teacher's attention.

## Additional Dates for Your Diary:

Friday 18th March	-	Whole class debate
Friday 18th March	-	FOSA Coffee morning
Friday 18th March	-	Sport Relief Day
Tuesday 22nd March	-	Infant music festival
Tuesday 22nd March	-	Parents' evening 3.30pm - 7pm
Tuesday 22nd March	-	Tag Rugby competition for team from Y3-4
Wednesday 23rd March	-	Parents' evening 3.30pm - 5.30pm
Wednesday 23rd March	-	Gymnastics competition for team from Y3-6
Thursday 24th March	-	Year 1 storytime session (visiting author-Mike Dobswoth)
Thursday 24th March	-	FOSA Easter Bazaar - Infants Easter Bonnet competition
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	-	Y5 visit to Planetarium.

Please note that the school is closed for the Easter holidays from 25th March - 10th April. All the staff wish you a lovely Easter break and we look forward to seeing the children back at school on Monday 11th April.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Taylor  
(Head Teacher)



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