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*'Our school will provide the best possible education for all pupils.  
We will instil in them an enjoyment and thirst for learning to enable them to fulfil their  
potential and excel in all they do'.*

## November Newsletter

Dear Parents,

As always, this term has been very busy which is just how we like it!

### SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

As a school we continually strive to improve what we do to ensure the greatest outcomes for all our learners. This year we have identified three key areas for development:

**1. Increase the percentage of boys achieving at the expected standard and working at greater depth in writing.**

Along with the national picture, there is a gap in attainment of girls and boys, particularly at the higher levels. The school will continue to address this so that the percentage of boys achieving greater depth is similar to that of the percentage of girls.

**2. Ensure that standards remain high in all subjects and across all year groups as the school continues to expand.**

Despite all the challenges that school expansion brings, a rigorous and effective cycle of evaluation and monitoring has ensured that standards of teaching and learning within the school have remained high. This continues to be a priority for the school. Senior leaders implement a robust programme of accountability measures and this again will be used alongside the school's assessment system to ensure continuing outstanding outcomes for all our pupils this year.

**3. Deliver a broad and balanced curriculum.**

The school will be working to develop the wider curriculum so that it remains current and engaging for pupils. The school's curriculum leader will be auditing provision and producing a comprehensive progression map across the school so that links between subject areas are explicit and meaningful and gives context to the children's learning.

A summary of the School Improvement Plan is available for you to view on the school's website. A more detailed version can be requested from the school office.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

The members of the school council have been elected and they have already met to discuss their plans for this year. The members are:

Year 1	Sophie, David, Ruby and George
Year 2	Jessica, Daniel, Poppy and Callum.
Year 3	Johnnie, Sidnie, Freya and Christian
Year 4	Alexia, Ryan, Isabelle and Martin
Year 5	Brooke and Sam
Year 6	Victoria and Frank

The first item that the children have been working on is developing a set of 'values' for the whole school. Individual classes have also discussed which values they believe are the most important. The information gathered from these sessions will help the school council develop a vision for the whole school.

## SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Children's mental health

We have a great team of staff in school who are allocated time to address and deal with issues around children's emotional well-being and mental health. Along with Mrs Sfaltos who has gained professional qualifications in counselling, all other members of the team have also received training. Mrs Austin-Warwick has recently embarked on a project in conjunction with 'Place to Be' and this will shortly be initiated with other staff in the school including senior leaders, teachers, teaching assistants, midday assistants, LSAs and office staff to raise the profile of this issue and to ensure that the needs of all children are met at all times throughout the school day

A 'Rainbow Club' has been established at lunchtimes to support children with their emotions and feelings and to teach strategies such as 'mindfulness'.

### Policies

All safeguarding documents have been reviewed, updated and agreed by the governing body. These are on the school's website for parents to view. All staff received annual safeguarding training at the start of the term.

### Safeguarding week:

We decided to run our own safeguarding week (in conjunction with Havering's designated week 10th - 14th Oct). The children took part in a range of activities based on the following themes:

YR	Stranger danger
Y1	Road Safety
Y2	Health and hygiene
Y3	Fire safety
Y4	Online safety and cyber bullying
Y5/6	Mental health in children

### Cycle safety training:

Year 5 pupils have undertaken bikeability training where they learnt to ride safely on local roads.

### Good to be different day.

This term we associated our Good to be Different Day with the film Inside Out which is an animated adventure about the five dominant emotions inside an 11-year-old girl's head, as she struggles to come to terms with moving home. The day started with a shared assembly around different emotions and then once back in class the children explored themes surrounding health, emotional wellbeing and the importance of good mental health.

## Sports

Results and further details about our sporting events, along with photos, can be viewed on the school's web site.

## Other Events

### Enabling Enterprise Trip

On Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October, we took 30 children from a range of year groups on a business trip to a construction & management company JLL based in Canary Wharf. The children were greeted by and given a guided tour by volunteers within the company. The young entrepreneurs took part in a bridge design challenge, they had to make decisions as a team and justify these to the group. The children worked with professionals to develop and build a model of their bridge. They then had to pitch to the judges, who were thoroughly impressed with the confidence of all the children. All the children represented our school wonderfully and left feeling truly inspired for their future potential careers in business.

### Whole School Debate

Year 6 pupils led the debate this term. The question under debate was: Does technology make us lonely? Many children gave their views, talking about their own experiences of using technology and it was good to hear their opinions that the question provoked.

### Harvest festival

Thank you to those parents who sent in tins and packages for our harvest festival. This year the donations went to 'Tapestry' which is a local charity based in Hornchurch. We would also like to thank Mrs Boardman and Reverend Ken (School Governors) for contributing and attending our assembly. Thank you to FoSA for transporting all the food to the charity.

### Book Fayre

Thank you to those parents who attended the book fayre. This generated £703.75 in total - from this the school will receive £362.25 worth of books. Thank you to those parents who also donated books to their child's class - this was very much appreciated by teachers.

### Inflatable evening

Thank you to FOSA for organising another hugely successful inflatable evening - £795.30 was raised for the school. Thank you once again.

### Parent partnership meeting

I will be holding a Parent Partnership Meeting on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 9am. These meetings are very informal and are organised to give parents the opportunity to contribute to the strategic development of the school. (They are not a platform to raise individual issues - this should be done through communication via the school office) Items on the agenda include, Safeguarding and School Priorities for this year and there will also be a presentation by the school council. If time allows there will be a tour of the school. All parents/carers are welcome and I look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible- it would be good to see at least one representative from each class. If you are able to attend, then please either complete the tear off slip at the bottom of this letter and return it to your child's class teacher or send an email to the school office.

### Message from the Governors

The governors would like to welcome Reverend Ken Wylie to the Governing Body. Rev Ken has been a friend of Scotts Primary School for many years and we are all really pleased he has agreed to become a governor- we know he will bring lots of knowledge, expertise and humour to the role. Reverend Ken visited our school earlier this term when he was invited to take part in the Harvest Festival in his capacity as Associate Minister of St Andrew's Church. As always, he delivered a very important message in an engaging way.

The governors were pleased to see the Harvest Festival tradition continuing and were impressed that the assembly was led by the pupils.

We are looking forward to coming into school to see the children working and to join in with some of the other activities planned for this term.

We also noted how smart the children look in their new uniforms. I spoke to several pupils who were pleased to tell me that they are now experts at putting on a tie and that wearing one makes them feel proud to be at Scotts. The governors would like to say thank you and well done to pupils and parents for adapting positively to the changes.

Jackie Boardman  
Development and Liaison Governor

### A Reminder

#### Parent Survey

We ask that you all take time to complete our parent survey for the 2018-19 academic year. This enables parents and carers to tell us how you feel about the school and how we can improve further to meet the needs of all our parents. This will be sent out early next week via parentmail.

The closing date for survey: 16/11/18

#### Snack trolley

From Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November, we will be relaunching a healthy snack trolley for the junior children which will be wheeled into the playground each day. Your children will have the opportunity to select from a range of items from the trolley and we ask that your child brings a maximum of 50p in small change to spend.

## Coats

As winter is drawing nearer, may I remind you to send your child to school with a coat (which is labelled with the child's name, please). The children play outside during break times, generally in all weather conditions, so it is important that they are well protected.

## Dates for Your Diary:

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	-	Open Day for Prospective new Reception Parents @9:30am
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	-	Reception Phonics in action lesson to parents @ 9:10am
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	-	FoSA Kids on Catwalk Show @ 6:30pm
	-	Open Day for Prospective new Reception Parents @9:30am
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	-	Y3 - 6 Cross Country Competition @ Stubbers
	-	Poetry Workshop with visiting schools
	-	Road Safety Workshop for Y3 & Y4
	-	Reception Phonics in action lesson to parents @ 9:10am
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	-	FoSA Non-uniform Day - donations for Christmas Fayre
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	-	Y2 visit to Cinema - details to follow
	-	UK Parliament week
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	-	Flu Immunisations taking place
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	-	Boys & Girls Football League Matches - details to follow
	-	Y2AW Class Assembly @ 9:15am
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	-	Children in Need - 'spotacular'
	-	Road Safety Workshop for Y1 & Y2
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	-	Open Day for Prospective new Reception Parents @9:30am
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	-	Y2S Class Assembly @ 9:15am - details to follow
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	-	Parent Partnership Meeting @ 9am
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	-	Whole School Debate led by Y5
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	-	Y4B Class Assembly @ 9:15 - details to follow
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	-	FoSA Christmas Fayre 3:30 - 6:30pm
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	-	PJ Storytime 4:15pm - 5:15pm - details to follow
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	-	Infant Nativity @ 9:30 & 2:15pm - details to follow
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	-	Whole School Panto
	-	Carol Concert @ St Andrews Church @ 6pm
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	-	Christmas Jumper Day - details to follow
	-	Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	-	Songs around the Tree
	-	Last Day of Term
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	-	
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	-	Christmas Holidays - School Closed
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	-	School Reopens

Thank you all for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Taylor  
(Head Teacher)

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I confirm that I am able to attend the Parent Partnership Meeting on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

Child's name..... Class.....

Signed..... (Parent/carer signature)

