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Dear Parents

Children quickly settle back into routines, and as we finish the second week of the summer term I am pleased with how good the children are in their lessons, and generally around school. The girls look very smart in their summer dresses and boaters, and more of the boys are wearing their summer shorts. I must thank parents for continuing to work with us to make sure all of our pupils are dressed correctly. Some teachers have been wearing a redesigned school track suit. I have discussed this matter with the school council, who are keen to adopt this as their sports clothing as well. With a few small changes, we are looking to replace the old track suit bottoms and hoodie with this new track suit for September 2017.

My staff have again managed to plan many exciting events this term. They include a Years 5 and 6 activity trip to Bude in Cornwall. This week we have been auditioning for the school play – 'The Almost Totally True Story of Hansel & Gretel'. Later in the term we have the PTA Scavenger Hunt, Summer Fayre, Speech Day, sports events, and day trips for all year groups, not forgetting the Year 8 Common Entrance exams. By now the children know that I will challenge them to make the most of the many activities and events, but also to enjoy their time at school.

Future Schools News

Part of my role as Headmaster is to support parents when they make the extremely difficult decision as to which senior schools to register their child for. I will be meeting with the Year 4 parents as a group on Wednesday 18th May to discuss the different choices they have, and to help steer them in the right direction. As I am sure you already know there are a number of very good schools to choose from, all with their own excellent qualities.

Kind regards

Floyd Steadman

Calendar Dates

April

W/C Monday 25th April – Drama Production Auditions

Monday 25th April - Cycle Training Assembly

Monday 25th April

Y6/Y7 trip to Hampton Court (Educational Workshop: Questioning the past)

May

Monday 2nd May – BANK HOLIDAY – No school

Thursday 5th May - Themed Lunch – Japan's Children's Day

Sunday 8th May – LAMDA exams

Sunday 8th – Friday 13th May

Y5/Y6 Residential Trip to Bude

W/C Monday 9th May – Common Entrance Mental Maths & French Orals

Saturday 14th May – Open Day 10am-12 noon

Tuesday 17th May – All Day

Years 4 & 5 Trip to the British Museum (Roman & Greek galleries)

Wednesday 18th May – 6.45pm-8pm

Y4 Parents Future Schools Information Evening

Thursday 19th May – PM - Whole School Photo

Saturday 21st May – 12 noon – 2pm

PTA Family Scavenger Hunt & BBQ

Monday 23rd May - Lower School Exam Week

Wednesday 25th May – Cricket Match U13 v St Philip's (A)

Friday 27nd May – School Council Mufti Day

Half Term Monday 30th May–Friday 3rd June

Year 3

Rocket Science - Year 3

Clifton Lodge is one of only 7,000 UK schools chosen to take part in the Rocket Science project. This week we received and planted 2 packets of seeds, one blue and one red pack. One of the packs (we are not told which) has been up in space. We will monitor the growth of the seeds for 35 days and the results will be shared on the national database.



Year 3 Class alliteration poem

One wonderful wolf whacked wildly at a worm. (Whole class)
Two tiny turtles twirled timidly towards the tornado. (Maya, Adam & Jahan)
Three thrashing threads thrillingly threw thoughts on Thursday. (Jasmine & Jaivier)
Four fruity fish flew furiously to a funny fisherman. (Tochi & Koudai)
Five funny fritters filled themselves forcibly with fur. (Amar & Gabriel)
Six scary statues started suspiciously stacking sticks. (Mazin, Hari & Lily)
Seven silly snakes slithered sadly through the sky. (Shriya, Emir & Lilian)
Eight enormous elephants ate elegantly in England. (Ethan)
Nine nutty numbers knocked noisily on the gnome. (Whole class)
Ten tragic tins trained terribly on Tuesday. (Gabriel & Amar)

ICT Lessons - Learning to Touch-Type

This term, Years 3, 4 and 6 will be focussing on touch-typing using an internet-based site to help them practice. Years 3 and 6 had their first session this week and really enjoyed it - by the end, some had even started looking at the screen instead of the keyboard! Their enthusiasm was great and we even got a few quotes from some pupils about what they thought:

Maya - "It's good because when you're older, it's easy to send emails and you only have to look at the screen"

Tochi - "Really fun and cool way to develop an awesome life skill"

A terrific thumbs-up for touch-typing!



Pupil Successes

Lexi (Year 6)

Congratulations to Lexi who gained a distinction in his recent Grade 2 Lamda exam.



Noah (Year 6)

Noah's Ealing Tigers U10s won the Staines RFC rugby tournament on Sunday, and Noah scored 3 tries in a great team performance.



Tuesday 31st May to Friday 3rd June

HALF TERM HOLIDAY- HOLIDAY CLUB / EXCURSION WEEK
Clifton Lodge Preparatory School

For children aged 3-12 years
Details to follow shortly

For more information please visit www.high-fliers.org.uk
Email high-fliers@hotmail.co.uk or call the team on 07949297070

House Points

Congratulations to the following pupils who have received a certificate for reaching the next landmark:

30 House point Certificate (Gold) – Itsuki (Year 6)

50 House point Certificate (Platinum) – Valeska (Year 7)

Latest House Point Totals

Cass – 934

Mayet - 837

Northover - 917

Ward - 782

PTA

Please join the PTA for the popular annual Family Scavenger Hunt & BBQ
Saturday 21st May

Tickets will be going on sale from the School Office next week.

Adults - £5 / Children - £3

Ticket price includes the scavenger hunt in Walpole Park, BBQ with a drink and a lucky dip for all children.

Cricket Club

Chiswick and Whitton Cricket Club are always looking to increase the number of Junior cricketers we help to learn about cricket, and develop their skills.

Weather permitting, Registration, outdoor coaching and practise will commence on Saturday April 23rd at Chiswick House from 10am to 12 noon and every Saturday through to mid July. All supervised by ECB qualified and DRS checked coaches.

Derek Hill
Colts Secretary
Chiswick and Whitton CC
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Gurnell – 2016 Sports Relief Charity Event

Thank you to all the Year 2 & 3 parents who contributed towards the 'Aquapop event' at Gurnell swimming pool. This fun session raised £646. In total Gurnell has raised £5,942 for Sports Relief.

Term Dates

DATES 2015 - 2016

SUMMER TERM 2016

First day	Wednesday 13 April
Half-term	Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June
Last day of term	Friday 8 July

DATES 2016 - 2017

AUTUMN TERM 2016

First day	Wednesday 7 September
Half-term	Monday 17 October - Friday 28 October
Last day of term	Thursday 15 December

SPRING TERM 2017

First day	Thursday 5 January
Half-term	Monday 13 February - Friday 17 February
Last day of term	Friday 31 March

SUMMER TERM 2017

First day	Tuesday 25 April
Half-term	Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June
Last day of term	Wednesday 12 July