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Autumn Term Issue 2

13 September 2024

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Secondary Transfer Meeting with Rob

5.30pm Monday 16th September in the hall

Aimed at **Y6** and **Y5** (but **everyone is welcome**) Rob will talk about the process of applying to Secondary School. (No need to book).

This will be followed by Meet the Parents at 6.30pm

Meet the Parents Event on Monday September 16th

We will be hosting our annual Meet the Parents event on Monday September 16th from 6.30 to 7.30pm. If you are thinking about your child's transition to Year 7, this is a chance to raise any questions you might have about our local state secondary schools with a friendly panel of parents and students from Hampstead, Haverstock, ULC Academy, Parliament Hill and William Ellis. You can also chat to them privately afterwards. Education is seeing a lot of change at the moment both in the state and independent sector, and this is a way to get frank, up-to-date information in advance of open days. Older children are welcome. We would encourage you to book a free place here: <https://FitzjohnsMTP16Sept2024.eventbrite.co.uk> (Feel free to bring Y5/6 children)

Dates for your Diary (so far)

Monday 16 September 5.30pm Secondary Transfer Meeting
Monday 16 September 6.30pm Meet the Parents Meeting
 Tuesday 24 September Great Fire of London
 Friday 27 September KS2 Cross Country Running
 28 October 1 November Half Term
 Week beginning 4 November Science Week
 Monday 4 November The Crick
 Monday 4 November Y6 Junior Citizens
 Tuesday 5 November Dr Matt Pritchard
 Thursday 7 November Y5 The Crick trip
 Friday 8 November Environmental Magic
 Week of Monday 11 November Y5 Swim (2 weeks)
 Tuesday 12 November Y2 Nightingale Museum
 Monday 18 November School closed to children Parent Teacher Meetings
 Tuesday 10 December 2pm Y1/2 Christmas play
 Tuesday 17 December Cinderella
 Thursday 19 December 1.30 Magic Show 2.30 parties
 Friday 20 December School closes 13.30

KS2 (Y3-Y6) Cross Country Running

Friday 27 September

On Friday 27 September those children from Y3 to Y6 who want to take part in Camden's Annual Cross Country race (on the heath near Parliament Hill Running Tracks) may do so. More information to follow. (Parents are welcome and encouraged to join us).

Meet the Teachers

A chance to gather together as a class and meet this year's teacher. Held in each classroom. **ALL at 8.45am to 9.15am**
 Monday 16 September Y4
 Tuesday 17 September Y5
 Wed 18 September Y6

*Attendance for the week
Our target is 95%*

Year 1	95.62
Year 2	92.48
Year 3	98.09
Year 4	93.29
Year 5	98.95
Year 6	97.31
School	95.86

Well done Year 5

Spring Summer 2024		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE 15/04/2024 06/05/2024 03/06/2024 24/06/2024 15/07/2024 09/08/2024 30/09/2024	Option One	NEW All-Day Breakfast (V)	Hearty Penne Bolognese	Glamorgan Sausages, Mash Potatoes & Gravy	YAMAASI Cheese Whirl with Rice, Tzatziki & Salad (V) or Greek Chicken Pita with Rice, Tzatziki & Salad	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option Two	Cheese & Tomato Pizza slice (V)	Beef Penne Bolognese	Chicken Sausages, Mash Potatoes & Gravy		BBQ Quorn with New Potatoes
	Vegetables	Vegetables of the Day (V)	Vegetables of the Day (V)	Vegetables of the Day (V)	Vegetables of the Day (V)	Vegetables of the Day (V)
	Dessert	Apple Flapjack	Peach Upside Down Cake and Custard (V)	Yoghurt & Fruit (V)	Eves Pudding (V)	Yoghurt & Fruit (V)
WEEK TWO 22/04/2024 13/05/2024 10/06/2024 01/07/2024 22/07/2024 16/08/2024 07/10/2024	Option One	Pasta Kitchen Pasta in smooth tomato sauce (VE)	Homemade Lentil & Bean Burger with Potato Wedges & Tomato Sauce	Quorn Roast, New Potatoes, Stuffing and Gravy	Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry and Rice	Fishfingers or Salmon Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option Two	or Carbonara Pasta with Toppings (V)	Burger with Potato Wedges & Tomato Sauce	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	NEW Chicken Fajitas with Rice	NEW Herby Sausage Roll with Potato Wedges & Tomato Sauce
	Vegetables	Vegetables of the Day (V)	Vegetables of the Day (V)	Vegetables of the Day (V)	Vegetables of the Day (V)	Vegetables of the Day (V)
	Dessert	NEW Iced Biscuit & yogurt	Apple Crumble with Ice Cream (V)	Fruit Medley & Yoghurt (V)	Jelly with Mandarins	Yoghurt & Fruit (V)
WEEK THREE 29/04/2024 20/05/2024 17/06/2024 08/07/2024 09/08/2024 23/09/2024 14/10/2024	Option One	NEW Vegetable Stack with Rice (V)	FIESTA ESPANOL Spanish Spiced Balls with Patatas Bravas or Chicken Paella with Patatas Bravas	Parasnip and Sweet Potato Loaf, New Potatoes Gravy	Classic Mac & Cheese (V)	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option Two	Five Bean Chili with Rice	Chicken Paella with Patatas Bravas	Roast Chicken with New Potatoes & Gravy	Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Cheese & Bean Pasty with Potato Wedges (V)
	Vegetables	Vegetables of the Day (V)	Vegetables of the Day (V)	Vegetables of the Day (V)	Vegetables of the Day (V)	Vegetables of the Day (V)
	Dessert	Peach Crumble with Ice Cream (V)	Summer Lemon Cake (V)	Fruit Platter & Yoghurt (V)	Chocolate Shortbread	Yoghurt & Fruit (V)

MENU KEY Added Plant Power Wholemeal Vegan (V) Vegetarian

Available Daily: - freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings; Beans Tuna Mayonnaise, Cheese (V) - Bread freshly baked on site daily Daily salad selection Fresh Fruit

ALLERGY INFORMATION:
If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods, please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of allergen cross contact.



Turn your weekly shopping into BIG donations for our school

No matter who you shop with, or how you shop, you can now raise FREE MONEY for Fitzjohn's!

Supermarket	Home delivery		Click & Collect	
	First order	Existing customer order	First order	Existing customer order
TESCO	£1.50	£1.75	£1.50	£1.75
Morrisons	£1.50	£1.50	£1.00	£1.50
ASDA	£2.50	£1.00	×	×
WAS, LIDL	£1.25	90p	£1.25	×
Sainsbury's	£4.00	60p	£4.50	60p
ireland	1.50p	0.50p	×	×
ocado	1.50p	0.50p	×	×

Mini-min spend requirements apply. Full retailer TSC's apply. Donation rates may change from time to time; rates above were correct as of 18/03/2023.

Raise a donation every time you shop with your supermarket

Last year we raised close to £1,000 just from parents using easyfundraising for their online shopping. It takes a couple of minutes to set-up, and that's it!

These donations really help us, so it would be great if you could take a moment to get started: [easyfundraising for Fitzjohn's](https://www.easyfundraising.com/charity/fitzjohns)

Thank you!

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Your Premium Outlet for Kids' Stuff

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30% off RRP
- Scoot & Ride**
30% off RRP
- Skate Hut**
50% off RRP

Get BIG discounts on: Bikes, Scooters, Skateboards, Roller Skates, Heelies, and more!

Use this referral code to get £5 off and we will donate £5 to your school PTA

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House Captains

Well done to everyone who stood. It takes a great deal of resilience to stand up in front of your whole House team and speak. A particular congratulations to our winning candidates.

Air: Alma and Lily
Fire: Lucas and Ofri
Earth: Alex and Louise
Water: Jessie and Lara

FITZJOHN'S SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES: 2024/2025

AUTUMN TERM 2024	
INSET Days - pupils not in school	Monday 2 and Tuesday 3 September
TERM BEGINS FOR PUPILS	Wednesday 4 September
Half term holiday	Monday 28 – Friday 1 November 2024
SECOND HALF-TERM BEGINS	Monday 4 November 2024
INSET Day – pupils not in school (Parent/Teacher Meetings)	Monday 18 November 2024
Term Ends	Friday 20 December 13.30
SPRING TERM 2025	
INSET Day - pupils not in school	Monday 6 January 2025
TERM BEGINS FOR PUPILS	Tuesday 7 January
Half term holiday	Monday 17– Tuesday 21 February 2025
SECOND HALF-TERM BEGINS	MONDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2024
Term Ends	Friday 4 April 2025
SPRING HOLIDAYS	Monday 7 April – Monday 21 April 2025
SUMMER TERM 2025	
INSET Day - pupils not in school	Tuesday 22 April 2025
TERM BEGINS FOR PUPILS	Wednesday 23 April 2025
Half term holiday	Monday 26 May - Friday 30 May 2025
SECOND HALF-TERM BEGINS	Monday 2 June 2025
Term ends	13.30 Tuesday 22 July 2025
PUBLIC HOLIDAYS	
Christmas Day	Wednesday 25 December
Boxing Day	Thursday 26 December
New Year's Day	Wednesday 1 January
Good Friday	Friday 18 April
Easter Monday	Monday 21 April
May Day	Monday 5 May
Spring Bank holiday	Monday 26 May

Term Dates

Please do NOT book leave during term time as we will not be authorising any leave that is not for exceptional reasons.

Government guidance states that: Holidays do not count as exceptional nor does visiting your country of origin for religious festivals.

Should unauthorised leave be taken during term time then we may need to make a referral to Camden and they may issue a fine.

Help to fill us up!

We are funded by how many children we have on the school register on Thursday 3 October. For each child we receive approximately £5-6,000 of income so it is vital that we are as full as possible. Fewer children means less money, means less resources. Some classes are full some have a few spaces. If you have friends/relatives or know someone who are still looking for spaces tell them to contact us 02074359797 or admin@fitzjohns.camden.sch.uk

They can visit this link for application information: http://www.fitzjohns.camden.sch.uk/school_information/admissions/admissions_policy.html

Please could all parents check this as we get free money into our account. Then let us know if the answer is YES.

Help obtain government funding for your child's school in England!

Did you know the government gives additional funding to schools for those children entitled to free school meals (pupil premium)? **(Every child in primary school already gets a meal paid by the Mayor of London—this is a different pot of money).**

Schools use this money to obtain additional staff and resources that help improve the quality of education.

To find out whether your child qualifies for pupil premium, and hence whether their school would receive additional funding, please fill in the details requested on the site.

In addition, the following pupils will be protected against losing their free school meals (pupil premium) as follows:

- Pupils who were eligible on 1 April 2018, or who became eligible since then, continue to receive free meals, even if their household is no longer eligible under the benefits/low-earnings criteria, up until March 2025 and then until the end of their phase of education
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- New applicants for free school meals on or after 1 April 2018, who are in receipt of Universal Credit and have earnings above the earned income threshold, will not be eligible for free school meals

The Universal Credit rollout is currently expected to complete in March 2025

- An LGfL school can check eligibility on behalf of a parent, the parent will need to contact your child's school, as they can run a check on your behalf.
- A parent of a child attending any LGfL school can now use this website to check their eligibility.
- A Certificate of Eligibility is only available for an eligible child that is attending a school in England not using the full LGfL service. The Certificate of Eligibility should be taken to your child's school.

<https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/?hstc=71478156.acd3025dc5eb7b5926ba1dcd55c33624.1725520902517.1725520902517.1725610378364.2&hssc=71478156.3.1725610378364&hsfp=2346292616>

The Fitzjohn's School Association (The FSA)

Registered Charity No 102 9947

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

8.45am-9.15am Tuesday 1 October

The Fitzjohn's School Association is our version of the PTA or the Parent/Teacher Association which you find in many schools. It is a voluntary charity of which everyone in our community is a member. It has an important function in helping our community to socialise and to raise funds.

One of our most important meetings is the Annual General Meeting where we elect the people who will help run The FSA and make decisions on where the money will be spent.

Please come to the AGM at 8.45am-9.15am on Tuesday 1 October
The meeting will be held in the hall and everyone is welcome.

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. This term's FSA events
3. **FSA AGM**
 - President's address
 - Election of The Chair
 - Election of the Treasurer
 - Treasurer's report 2023-2024
 - School Funding Requests 2024-2025 - for vote and approval (see below).

Funding Requests 2024-2025

Coaching and Support

Art: £6,000

Games/Gym Coach: £15,000

Music: £21,000

Playgrounds

General Resources: £4,000

Computing

Camden City Learning membership, iPads, computing resources £20,000

Resources

Musical instruments for class lessons: £10,000

RE resources: £5,000

On-going:

Transport for trips (circa) £6,000

Support and sponsorship for children on Free School Meals to attend one club per term: £6,000

Events: £4,000

Ongoing: messaging, etc: £3,000

Total: £100,000

Solar Panel Project Separate from the above, we are looking to fundraise and invest £40,000 for solar panels for environmental and cost saving benefits.

This week in class	
Nursery	Nursery are currently in their settling in period. Some of the children have settled into Nursery life; we're busy making new friends, exploring the environment, as well as getting used to new routines. This week we read the story 'Owl babies'. The children sat beautifully to listen to the story and just like the owls, our mummy and daddy always come back to pick us up from Nursery! We can't wait to welcome new friends next week.
Reception	Reception have had a great first week getting to know new friends, new routines and taste new foods. We have loved dressing-up, playing with sand, writing our name and learning each other names with our song 'hickety, bickety bumble bee'. We enjoy playing outside in the big playground, as well as in our nursery playground. We have enjoyed listening to lots of stories, and showing off our dance moves. Friday was our first full day which we discussed class rules, had a little sing with Ezra and did some yoga in the afternoon. A great start to the year!
Class 1	This week in literacy Year 1 have been doing some amazing writing all about the story of Beegu. They have written labels and captions about the character and have started planning a lost poster about her. In phonics we have recapped Phase 3 sounds and tricky words. In maths we have been focusing on sorting and counting objects to 10. In science we have learnt about the seasons and created a seasons wheel. In topic we have started learning about the seven continents and have started putting together our class airport. Well done for a great week Year 1.
Class 2	Class 2 have been busy bees this week! We've launched right in to our daily routines, covering guided reading, literacy, maths, spelling, some maths basic facts work, science and even some topic! The children have come up with interesting adjectives, colourful backgrounds for their 'London skyline' art pieces and even worked out a scientific method (using a hypothesis no less) to help somebody with a very messy cat. They have wowed in spelling and applied themselves in maths. We can't wait to see what the rest of the term brings.
Class 3	What a great first full week! Students have continued to align themselves with the values and expectations of Class 3. In writing, we have continued our letter writing focus and students have shown great interest in writing to or about themselves. In Maths we have kicked off our place value unit and students are proving to be extremely capable, and I have found myself with many amazing mathematicians. I can see an incredible thirst for learning in all. This week we started our Geography unit 'Passports to Europe', and students are having a lot of fun using an atlas to begin to explore the UK, Europe and Russia. Students have earned their reward break this week and I am so proud. I am looking forward to a wonderful Week 3.
Class 4	This week in Maths, we have been learning to represent and partition numbers to 1000 as well as identify and label numbers to 1000 on a number line. We then used numbers beyond 1000 and counted in thousands, and then moved onto representing numbers to 10,000. In Literacy, we enjoyed starting to read "Adventures of Robin Hood". We started by exploring the differences between myths and legends and discussing why Robin Hood is a legend. We learned to retell a part of the story such as when some of the characters first met. We researched information about Robin Hood to help us understand his character better. We also learned to summarise a chapter of the book and used similes to describe Robin Hood. In Science, we learned to sort and describe materials and states of matter such as solid, liquid and gas. We compared the differences of these in terms of their properties and particle arrangements. In History, we explored the different ways in which ancient Egyptians lived and worked, as well as matching some of their jobs and roles that they had with their descriptions.
Class 5	This week, Class 5 learned in Maths to read and write numbers to 1,000,000; to multiply and divide by powers of 10; add and subtract multiples of 10 and partition numbers to 1,000,000. In English, we read the Ancient Greek myth Daedalus and Icarus, analysing the different parts of the story, while also planning our own myths and writing the introduction. In PSHE, Class 5 talked about the importance of achieving goals and the steps required to achieve it, while in RE we discussed about temptations and how we overcome them. In Science, Class 5 learned about the different parts of a flower and how plants reproduce. Lastly, in History, we started learning about the Ancient Greeks.
Class 6	Children have continued their journey looking at figurative language: we reviewed poetic devices such as metaphors and personification and drafted our own poems on a range of topics trying to 'paint a picture in a reader's mind'. In maths, we looked at writing and comparing numbers to 10 million using function machines, place value charts and part-whole models, including understanding powers of 10 and using a Gattegno chart. Our travels in Science this week led us to explaining how humans know about evolution, by looking at fossils and their formation. We also completed art portraits, heard some wonderful speeches about an image that was memorable to children and some wonderful singing was heard in our lessons with Ezra. Our meet the teacher meeting is next Wednesday 18th at 8:45am - see you there.

Help!

We will need your help at 3.40pm on Friday 25 October to clear Reception class so they can fit the lino in October half term.

Moving on to secondary school in Camden

Parents and carers who are applying for Year 7 places can visit Camden secondary schools at their open events this term. These open events are a great way for parents and carers to find out more about the borough's 10 state secondary schools for themselves before applying. Local group Meet the Parents also holds its own independent forums at local primary schools, where families can 'meet the parents' and students who attend their local secondary schools. Children will be due to start secondary school in September 2025 if they were born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014. Year 7 applications for 2025 entry open on 1 September 2024 and you need to apply before 31 October 2024. Visit camden.gov.uk/secondary-school-admissions to find out more, including dates of open events and our secondary admissions guide.

Class Assemblies

These happen on Fridays at 9.15am and last about 15 minutes.

Join Rob afterwards for the class meeting!

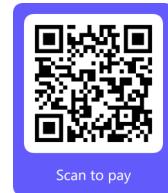
- 25 October Y6
- 15 November Y4
- 22 November Y3
- 29 November Y5
- 6 December Reception

Nursery do their first assembly in the Spring Term and Y1/2 will be performing a version of the Christmas story at 2pm on Tuesday 10 December.

Parent Donations

£50

Donation



£100

Donation



Please leave school promptly at the end of the day as staff are still working.



School T-Shirts etc:

Take a look at this site <https://shop.spreadshirt.co.uk/FitzjohnsNW3> where you can order and create t-shirts, etc in a variety of colours and sizes (children's and adults).

The logo is based on the iconic street signs around Hampstead.

Please note that you can "personalise" each item and choose any item from the site.

We receive approximately 20% (plus £3 for the logo) for each sale.

A tip: To try to cut down a bit on postage charges why not club together as a class.



STANDING ORDER MANDATE

To The Manager	
Bank Name	
Bank Address (optional)	
Bank Sort Code	
Bank Account Number	
Please Pay	
Payee Bank Name	Lloyds TSB
Payee Account Name	Fitzjohn's School Association
Payee Sort Code	30-93-80
Payee Account Number	00008235
Payment Amount (circle)	£30 £50 £100 £250 £500 Other: £
Frequency	STANDING ORDERS from my account as detailed in this instruction on the ___ day of every month
Date of First Payment	
Reference	Fitzjohn's Parents Appeal
Customer Details	
Print Name	
Signature	
Date	
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Email	
Phone number	
GIFT AID IT—UK TAXPAYERS!	
<p>For every pound you give to us we get an extra 25p from the INLAND REVENUE so please sign below if you are a UK taxpayer*</p> <p>I am a UK taxpayer and under the GIFT AID scheme, I would like the Fitzjohn's School Association to claim back the tax on any donations I make until further notice OR have made in the past 4 years.</p> <p>Signature _____</p> <p><i>*To qualify for Gift Aid what you pay in UK income tax or capital gains tax must be at least equal to the amount we will claim in the tax year from the Inland Revenue. NB. Please notify us if you change your address. NB. You can cancel your standing order form at anytime.</i></p>	

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