



# GALLIONS NEWS

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a busy second week of the new school year in which I have enjoyed getting to know the children and the school further. The schools outstanding curriculum is up and running and children across the school have enjoyed their weekly dance, drama and art lessons delivered by our passionate specialist teachers. I have been particularly wowed by the standard of music I have heard and seen being taught to our children, all pupils from year 3 upwards have started their string lessons once more and we have all enjoyed coming together for singing assembly. I plan to share more information about our curriculum in future newsletters, as it's definitely something we should be celebrating.

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to the children, parents and carers of those who have just joined us. This week, we have welcomed 55 new Reception children and 16 children to our Nursery. Myself and all the early years' staff are delighted with the way they have settled into school. I hope they are as excited for the year as we are.

Moving forward, I plan to make this weekly newsletter our main source of communication with parents, with the aim that all important information will be shared with you weekly so please ensure you check them regularly. The leadership team and I are on the gate at the beginning and end of every day, so please come and say hello or let us know if you have a question or concern.

Finally, I wrote to you earlier in the week to inform you of a series of workshops we will be running this half term to support and inform parents. They will be a great opportunity to explore how the school teaches certain subjects, ask questions and meet other parents and teachers. The table below outlines the dates and the workshop focus, we hope to see many of you there.

Date	Parent Workshop – delivered in the Training Room	Delivered by
17.09.21	Early Reading – how phonic is taught	Ms Rodenkirchen
24.09.21	Parental Support Surgery	Safeguarding Team
01.10.21	Reading for Pleasure – getting all children to love reading	Mr Young
08.10.21	Well-Being – children and parents	Miss Smith
15.10.21	Maths - timetables focus	Ms Dowdeswell
22.10.21	Extended Schools – Newham Half Term Activities	Ms Bisi Imafidon

Thank you all for your continued support, Mrs Ormerod.



## Road Safety

Please can I remind all parents to take extra care when driving and parking during drop off and collection times so that all pupils are kept safe. Please leave enough time to arrive and find a safe place to park. There are plenty of places to park, even if it means parking a little further along the road. We all want our children and parents to be safe on their journey to school.



## ATTENDANCE

This week will be our first achievement assemblies of the new school year, part of our celebration will be recognition of the classes with the best attendance. Well done to Disco in KS2 and Country in KS1 who have the best attendance for their key stage. We are aiming for at least 96% attendance as a whole school!

Class	Attendance	Class	Attendance
Reception Soul	90%	Year 4 Calypso	94%
Reception Blue	92%	Year 4 Salsa	89%
Year 1 Classical	96%	Year 4 Tango	87%
Year 1 Country	95%	Year 5 Disco	99%
Year 2 Bhangra	90%	Year 5 Merengue	96%
Year 2 Reggae	94%	Year 5 Samba	94%
Year 3 Flamenco	96%	Year 6 Hip Hop	95%
Year 3 Rumba	89%	Year 6 Mariachi	95%

### KEY DIARY DATES – Autumn Term

We will regularly update our key dates to keep you informed of events that are happening in school.

Date:	Event:
22.10.21	Children break up for half term
1.11.21	Staff Inset – school closed to children
2.11.21	Children return to school
9.11.21 & 11.11.21	Parents Evening
15.11.21	Anti – Bullying Week
	String Concerts
21.12.21	Children break up for the Christmas Holidays
6.1.22	Children return to school