

ARNETT HILLS JMI SCHOOL



Friday 7th September 2018

Welcome back everyone. I hope you had a wonderful summer.

We welcome the new Reception children and their families to Arnett Hills as well as Miss Armstrong (Y2 teacher). We hope that you will all be very happy here.

School was a busy place over the summer holidays and our thanks go to Mr Pemberton for ensuring a multitude of jobs were completed. In addition to cleaning, general maintenance, floor polishing and electrical testing, the school had new cabling installed for I.T. purposes.

On our return we were greeted by a beautifully painted main hall in the hall. Having taken down the previous display of 210 canvases, the wall was something of a mess, to say the least!! This task was undertaken by Mrs Goulden who not only did a fantastic job but completed this as a gift to the school. THANK YOU MRS GOULDEN. We are all very grateful to you.

You will no doubt have noticed the major outdoor project to celebrate the school's 50th anniversary. The 'Wild Wood Den' is well under way. There are further adjustments to do be made to the arrangement itself before the installation of the safety surface (like the surfacing we had this year around the junior apparatus). We are hoping that the company that does the surfacing work will schedule us in this half term. Later in the year the area will be edged with plugs of plants to create meadow planting. This will hopefully, in time, attract pollinators. We shall also be running a competition to include carvings on some of the trunks.

The den area leads into our 'wooded' area where seating will be created using logs. Bluebells will be planted at the edge of the wooded area. As part of the project, the pond will be revamped. It is in a bit of a sorry state following the extreme summer temperatures. Some of the aquatic plants have damaged the pond with their invasive roots. Log offcuts will also be stacked to create inviting habitats for minibeast.

Once post installation inspections have been carried out on this area and I have done risk assessments, the staff will guide the children in how to play safely in this area. It will be a place where their imaginative play ideas can run free and an area which will still be there 50 years hence when the school will celebrate its centenary!!

Please note that this area must only be played in during school hours and will not be accessible before and after school.

The start of term has begun in typically busy fashion: Years 2 to 6 had judo workshops on Friday morning. Judo club will start on Monday September 17th from 8 am to 8.45 **Please see the club letter for further details.** Karate Club resumed on Wednesday morning (and family karate club resumed on Monday evening). Details of other clubs have been included in this newsletter. Please note that we cannot always replicate clubs year on year due to changes in what staff and providers are able to offer.

From tiny acorns, mighty oak trees grow... Good luck to 2018 leavers as they start in their secondary schools. Congratulations to them all on their medals and achievement certificates at the end of term. Well done to the cup winners:

Art—Amar Mehdwan

PE—Louis Blackman & Taylor Quarrington

English - Daya Maan

IT—Logan Miller

Maths - Rhys Heckford & Guy Winchcombe

Creativity—Gursimar Panesar

Music—Theo Hurrell

Character—Dylan Egley & Niamh McGeough

Caring Cup—Cameron Chambers

Science— Ollie Costigan

Drama—Dhiaan Patel & Sophia Duncan

Community News

Breakfast Club—'Early Start at Arnetts'

This club is run daily on the school site. If you would like further information please contact the school office for contact details

Dear children and families

We have been thinking about homework and how we can make it more interesting for all of you. We have decided the following:

DAILY - SPELLINGS

Reception – Children will have 6 tricky words to learn

Years 1 to 6 - will have spellings to learn during the week ready for their test. Access to spellings is online (initially these may come home as a hard copy). Juniors may have spelling keyrings.

Year 1 - will also have sounds to learn in their phonics book

DAILY - MATHS

You will be expected to practise your times tables throughout the week which will help you with practices and tests at school

READING

You will all, of course, be expected to read every evening and make sure your reading record is filled in. These are checked regularly by staff.

WEEKLY – MATHS

You will be given a practice maths task to do (complete with the answers so that you or someone at home can mark the questions). These will often be number based to act as consolidation. This task will not be marked at school but will be stamped once you have returned it.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOU NEED TO SPEND A MAXIMUM OF 30 MINUTES ONLY ON YOUR MATHS TASK. IF YOU HAVE NOT COMPLETED IT IN THAT TIME, CONTINUE WITH IT THE FOLLOWING WEEK.

HALF TERMLY

You will be given an assignment such as those we have done in the past (design a seed; paper dinosaur task, make a space back pack, design a poster, volcano project etc)

Some of these tasks can be done in a variety of ways according to your interests and strengths. Details will be given to you with your class's half termly task. We hope that this will allow you to work with other family members and friends in an enjoyable way.

You will receive a curriculum letter for this term and some teachers may choose to send out additional information. If you are unsure about anything, please ask your child's class teacher.

AUTUMN TERM 2018 CLUBS

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast	Ippon Judo 8.00-8.45 17.9.18 – tbc NOT 3.12.18	XLR8 Dance 8am – 8.45am 11.9.18- 4.12.18 Not 30.10.18	Shogun Karate (8-8.45) Y1 – 6 5.9.18 - tbc	Choir – LS & DA Yr 2-6 8.20 – 8.50 5.9.18 – 20.12.18	Saracens cheerleading 8-8.50 14.9.18- 14.12.18 NOT 2.11.18
(Breakfast club runs daily – private hire of school facilities)	Breakfast club 7.45-8.50am NOT 3.12.18	Breakfast club 7.45-8.50am	Breakfast club 7.45-8.50am	Breakfast club 7.45-8.50am	Breakfast club 7.45-8.50am NOT 19.10.18
Lunchtime		Game On 12.05-12.35 19.9.18- 5.12.18 NOT 24.10.18 Chess club Mrs O'Neill 12.05 – 12.50	Homework club Y3-6 ICT suite		Library club Miss Seymour Y3 – Y6
After school	1 ST Touch football Y1-4 10.9.18-17.12.18 NOT 3.12.18 Art Club Y3 and 4 Ms Tibbles 17.9.18-10.12.18	Art Club Y3 and 4 Ms Tibbles 11.9.18- 11.12.18 Cookery club Mrs Morgan Y1-6 25.9.18- 4.12.18	Activ8 Gymnastics 3.30 - 4.30 4.30 - 5.30 All years 17.9.18- 5.12.18	Netball 3.15-4.15 Y5/6 Miss Ali 13.9.18- 13.12.18 Football 3.15-4.30 Y5/6 13.9.18- 13.12.18 NOT 1.11.18 or 15.11.18	Recycled Art club Y5 & 6 Mrs Mehdwan 21.9.18- 14.12.18 NOT 19.10.18 or 23.11.18 Y5 - NOT 8.11.18
ADULTS	Shogun Karate 5.45-7pm weekly	YOGA 7.00-8.30PM			

DATES FOR THE DIARY

September

- 17—Y5 trip to Globe Theatre (letter in bag)
- 18—Reception phonics meeting 6 to 6.30pm
- 19—PTA meeting 7:30pm
- 27—Y5 Shakespeare workshop (afternoon at Waters meet)
- 28—Macmillan Coffee Morning
- 28—Y6 Height & Weight Screening (letter to follow)

October

- 9—Y6 Houses of Parliament trip (letter to follow)
- 12—Y4 trip to St Albans—Roman Day
- 18—Parent Consultation Evening
- 19—Parent Consultation Morning plus INSET (School is closed for children)
- 25—PTA Infant Halloween Party 4.30 to 6pm

- 29 Half term - Oct 29 to Nov 2

November

- 5—School resumes
- 8—Nasal flu spray—Reception to Y5 (information to follow)
- 8—Y5 Shakespeare Schools' Festival rehearsal (morning) . Performance (evening) both at Waters meet (ticket information has been sent home)
- 13—Y3 Egyptian Day—Portals to the Past
- 15—PTA Roller Disco 3.30 to 7.30 (Reception to Y6)

December

- 3—Occasional day
- 11-Infant play—afternoon performance 1pm
- 12-Infant play—evening performance 6pm
- 13 -PTA Junior Disco
- 17— PTA -Whole school trip to panto at Waters meet
- 19—Children's Christmas lunch
- 21—End of term. School closes at 2pm

Dec 24 to Jan 4 - Christmas holiday. School restarts Monday January 7th 2019!!!

Spring half term—Feb 18 to 22

Please note—there will be two parent consultation evenings this term (and not a consultation morning as in previous spring terms)

Easter holiday—April 8 to Tuesday April 23 (Mon 22 is Easter Monday)

Summer half term—May 27 to 31

Last day of the academic year—Friday July 19

We shall keep you updated regarding the school diary on our website