

ARNETT HILLS JMI SCHOOL



Friday September 14th 2018

MUSIC AT ARNETT HILLS

For the first time at Arnett Hills the children in Years 5 and 6 are having **brass lessons**. Every Friday morning each class will have an hour long lesson at school with Mr Lewis Rowlands of Hertfordshire Music Service. Lessons will consist of a mixture of theory, appreciation, listening and practical. Last week we took delivery of brand new cornets in smart but sturdy fabric cases (one per child plus their individual mouthpieces) - very exciting indeed!



Choir has started and under Miss Seymour and Mrs Arthurs' direction and enthusiasm, numbers continue to grow. They are a joy to hear every Thursday morning.

Our weekly singing/music assemblies planned and delivered by Miss Seymour have begun with a distinctly autumnal feel in the lyrics of 'Conkers!'

On Monday the school will receive a **guitar** assembly from the company Rock and Pop—this is usually very dynamic and great fun for the children. Following this, letters will be sent out for children in the relevant year groups should their parents wish to enrol them for lessons on Monday afternoons. (fee paying)

Violin lessons will also continue to take place on a Monday afternoon for junior children. (again fee paying)

PLAYGROUND—PLEASE.....

- remember that the playground equipment should not be used before and after school
- do not be offended if a member of staff asks your children to come off the equipment—the children have had assemblies where this has been mentioned and they are aware of this rule
- rest assured that the children do get a good spell on them during breaks and lunchtimes.
- ensure the school site is cleared promptly as it helps us to know who is on site, and certain clubs need to use the outside space.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION IN THIS MATTER

CURRICULUM LETTERS HAVE BEEN SENT HOME AND CAN BE FOUND ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE

HOMEWORK

Please remember homework club takes place on Wednesdays from 12 to 12:30 in the IT suite. We shall review homework in our next staff meeting in light of feedback and shall let you know of any modifications we are able to make in order that all families have options that suit them. Please note that the self marking of maths homework does not mean we are trivialising the subject. Children have a daily maths lesson and receive verbal or written feedback everyday. Maths homework is for consolidation. If your child is experiencing difficulties with it, please kindly let the class teacher or LSA know.

It has been lovely to hear all the positive comments from staff about the children on their return and to be able to share these with the children, The external football coach commented on how smoothly the club ran yesterday and said he was "very impressed so far with the standard of footballers"

School council—Single use plastic

In assembly on Wednesday the school were introduced to the new members of the school council. In addition to our Green team we have got two Year 6 Eco reps, both of whom are passionate about protecting the environment to help with this year's project on 'The Environment'. Mrs O'Neill shared data she had collected about the number of single use plastic bottles that we had in school on Wednesday It was great to see that only **4 single use bottles** were being used in the whole school—it has to be said that one of these was being reused. It is the school council's first aim to try to completely remove these from our school and they will be monitoring this throughout the course of this term. I have also asked for support from the PTA, who will not be supplying water in bottles for the panto this year - instead we will take the children's own filled water bottles to the panto.



DATES FOR THE DIARY—*PLEASE DOUBLE CHECK THESE AS WE HAVE HAD TO MAKE CHANGES TO OUR ORIGINAL DATES SET LAST TERM

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