



# THE WHITE HOUSE

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

WOODENTOPS KINDERGARTEN  
& THE WOODENTOPS NURSERY

5<sup>th</sup> September 2016, Week 1, Autumn Term 2016 | 0208 674 9514 | office@whitehouseschool.com | www.whitehouseschool.com

## HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

### ANAIYA MODHA

Congratulations on turning 4

### OSCAR WILLIAMS

Congratulations on turning 4

### ANAHI MORENO

Congratulations on turning 10

### ELIOT KRETZSCHMAR

Happy 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday

### AMELIE ZWI

Happy 11<sup>th</sup> Birthday

## GOOD BEHAVIOUR

GOOD BEHAVIOUR  
BADGES HAVE BEEN  
AWARDED TO...

REC: FROM WEEK 2  
YEAR 1: FROM WEEK 2  
YEAR 2: FROM WEEK 2  
YEAR 3: FROM WEEK 2  
YEAR 4: FROM WEEK 2  
YEAR 5: FROM WEEK 2  
YEAR 6: FROM WEEK 2

• WELL DONE •



## Welcome to Week 1...

Welcome back to school. It was lovely this morning to see so many smiley faces and smartly turned out children.

Well done to Zoe Traynor, Harry Francis, Lucy Fradin, Sam Fradin, Max Nicholson and Reuben Kelly who took time out of their summer holidays to represent the school in Green Power Goblins electric car race at Goodwood Race track, it was a super day that we all greatly enjoyed. The team performed very well. Thank you to Steve McCahery for his technical assistance and the parents who made the journey to support the team.

During the summer major decoration and refurbishment took place throughout the school and arts block giving a lovely fresh feel to The White House. The internal areas of the school are shades of grey with white woodwork and a smart new grey carpet has been laid on the stairs and landings.

Our teachers have been busy preparing for the academic term planning exciting lessons and preparing resources. They enjoyed their

training on Google education apps on Friday to make even better use of our new IT suite and Google infrastructure.

Please remember to check your class curriculum meeting and your swimming times later in the newsletter.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new staff Sarah Nesling (Music), Sarah Douglas (Yr4), Sophie Zarod-Hall (Yr3), Lucy McEwen (Yr1), Charlotte Bryers (Reception) and Michael Davison (Support).

I would also like to congratulate Helen Loach who has been promoted to Deputy Head teacher.

I offer a warm welcome to all our new children and families who have joined us this year. We look forward to getting to know you and working closely with you over the coming years.

I look forward to another exciting year at The White House School.

## WAPs

All parents including Day Nursery Parents are members of WAPS.

If you would like to attend and find out more about the important work the WAPS committee do for the school, please come along to the meetings. They are held at The White House twice termly. The first meeting of the new academic year will take place on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October** at 8.30am. Children are welcome to attend.

### Parent Reps

If you are interested or would like to be considered as a parent representative please contact Jo Yarker.

## Day Nursery

Over the Summer Day Nursery have had lots of fun!

Bunnies and Foxes have spent lots of time outside in the sunshine. We have enjoyed exploring new sports equipment during tennis week. We made a carwash where we all enjoyed splashing in the water. Also we have been talking a lot about the Olympic Games and countries around the World. The children had many opportunities to explore the sand this summer. They discussed about sea animals and the life under the sea. Foxes have enjoyed the nice weather at the park. The teachers encouraged them to be adventurous by teaching them how to protect themselves and how to use the equipment successfully and safely.

Show & Tell: Geography & World Countries. Please bring holiday pictures, souvenirs or maps.

Important Notice Contact details: It is extremely important that if you change your mobile phone/house numbers that you let us know in case we need to get hold of you throughout the day when your child is in nursery.





“Any fool can know.  
The point is to  
understand.”

Albert Einstein

### LUNCH

Menus will be sent out this week via e-mail. All children are required to have the school meal provided. If your child has a registered medical dietary requirement, please contact the office and we will be happy to help with any queries.

### ‘Afternoon Homework Club’

Continues to run from 4 – 6pm. The cost for a booking will be £8.00 per hour. If you would like to sign up the black register book is kept on the hat stand by the main entrance.

## School Uniform

Children from **Reception – Year 6** **MUST** come to school wearing a blazer and hat/cap. These are not optional and must be worn arriving at and leaving school. The navy waterproof cagoule is required as well as the blazer and is required to be in school every day, it is **not** a substitute. Hats, scarves, hair bands, etc, must be the school colours or they **cannot** be worn for school. Please ensure that girls’ hair slides, bands, elastics, etc, are regulation colours, *i.e.* navy blue, bottle green, black (or white with summer uniform).

The Guernseys will continued to be supplied by [www.quernseyknitware.co.uk](http://www.quernseyknitware.co.uk)

It is expected that all children come to school prepared for sport wearing the correct uniform. Girls - New navy ‘White House’ tracksuit top, navy tracksuit bottoms, white polo shirt (airtex) white trainers, white socks and named navy drawstring bag. Boys - navy PE shorts, New navy ‘White House’ tracksuit top, navy tracksuit bottoms, white polo shirt, white trainers, white socks and named navy drawstring bag.

**We look forward to parents’ co-operation. White House pupils will always look smart and presentable when travelling to and from school; and when representing the school on trips and outings.**

**Winter Uniform should be worn from 26<sup>th</sup> September 2016.**

## Curriculum Meetings

Our class teachers would like to welcome all parents to curriculum meetings to share important information regarding individual classes. See below for your class times and dates:

### Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Sept

Year 5 – 8.30am  
Year 1 – 8.30am  
Kindy – 8.30am

### Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Sept

Year 6 – 8.30am  
Year 2 – 8.30am  
Rec – 8.30am

### Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Sept

Year 3 – 8.30am  
Pre-Rec – 8.30am

### Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Sept

Year 4 – 8.30am

## Dads’ Breakfast

**Dads’ Breakfast – Mr. Cummings invites all fathers to a ‘Dads’ Breakfast’ on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September from 7:30am.**

**The breakfasts have proven a great success and it is a good opportunity to have a sociable breakfast before work with friends. Come along and meet some of the staff and other Dads.**

**Please email the office to let us know if you would like to attend.**

## Parent Notices

On 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> September, ‘Pret a Portrait’ School Photography’ will be coming in to take our school photos of: individual children, siblings, classes, Houses and Sports squads. Further information will follow nearer the date.

Mary McCahery cordially invites all parents of The White House School, Woodentops Kindergarten and Woodentops Day Nursery to the **30<sup>th</sup> Drinks Party on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September**, between **7:00 PM and 11:00 PM**. Please remember to RSVP if you have not done so already as we have to finalise numbers for the caterers.

## Head Boy and Head Girl

Congratulations to Rafi Davis and Amelie Zwi who have been selected to represent the school as Head Boy and Head Girl this year.



## Well Done...

Well done to Eliot Kretschmar who has been very busy over the summer holiday. Not only did he achieve a merit in his Grade 2 Oboe exam, he also achieved his brown belt in his karate grading. Well done Eliot!

## 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Friday 16<sup>th</sup>  
September  
7pm – 11pm

Please RSVP if  
you haven't done  
so already.



"I cannot teach  
anybody anything. I  
can only make them  
think"  
Socrates

## LOST PROPERTY

OUR LOST PROPERTY  
BOX IS STILL VERY  
FULL FROM LAST  
TERM. PLEASE  
CHECK IF YOU LIKE  
TO RECLAIM LOST  
PROPERTY AS  
ANYTHING LEFT IN  
THE BOX WILL BE  
DISPOSED OF THIS  
WEEK.



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## Dates & Fixtures

### \*Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Sept\*

Welcome Refreshments for parents  
8.30am – 9.15am

### \*Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Sept\*

Year 5,1 and Kindy Curriculum meeting  
Homework Club Begins

### \*Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Sept\*

Ballet begins  
Year 6, 2 and Rec Curriculum Meetings  
8:30am

### \*Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> September \*

Year 3 and Pre-Rec Curriculum Meetings  
8:30am  
Year 6 Outing to The Railway Children  
Year 1 swim begins

### \*Fri 9<sup>th</sup> September \*

Year 4 Curriculum Meeting 8:30am

## Swimming

Swimming for **Year 1** will take place on  
Thursday afternoons, starting this Thursday at  
Tooting Pool.

**Year 2-5** will be swimming on Monday  
afternoons at Balham Leisure Centre, starting  
next Monday at **Elmfield Road, Balham,  
London, SW17 8AN**  
**Please be aware parking can be tricky.**

Unless you have been notified otherwise:  
**Year 2** can be picked up at the pool from  
3.45pm or back at school for approx. 4pm.

**Year 3** can be picked up at the pool from  
4.10pm or back at school for approx. 4.30pm.

**Year 4 and 5** can be collected from the pool at  
4.40pm or back at school at approx. 4.50pm.

**Please notify the office if you would like  
your child to return to school on the  
minibus.**

## Congratulations...

Congratulations to the pupils who  
have been selected for responsibilities  
and roles within school.

### Prefects

Anahi Moreno  
Eliot Kretschmar  
Flynn Knight

### Snr. Librarians

Maisy Cooch  
Edward Watson

### Jnr. Librarians

Wilbur Knight  
Elizabeth Godwin-Bonfield

### Playground Monitors

Maisy Cooch, Ryhs Read-Beche,  
Oscar Pauwels, Scarlet Sutherland,  
Edward Watson, Asher Stark, Joe  
Green

## September Clubs

Please see attached the clubs list for  
September 2016. This is also on the  
noticeboard next to the entrance. Clubs  
start on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September.  
Karate will begin Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>  
September at the normal time.

Please add your child's name to the sheet or  
let the office know if your child would like to  
join a club. Most clubs will have a set number  
of places, so please ensure you sign up  
swiftly. Paid clubs this term are:

- **Funky Moves** will continue on a  
Monday 4pm - 5pm for Rec – Year 6.
- **Gym Club** will continue on Tuesdays  
4pm – 5pm for Rec – Year 6
- **Drama Club** will continue on  
Fridays 3pm – 4.45pm for Rec –  
Year 6

I have also been approached about the  
possibility of a **sewing club**. This can take  
place on a Thursday or Tuesday evening and  
will run 4pm – 5pm and can take up to 10  
children from year 4 upwards to teach them  
the life skill of sewing. The children make a  
number of projects each term (see below) and  
learn the basics of starting and securing their  
stitches, basic running stitch and simple  
embroidery stitches. The club is charged at  
£10 per child per week and this includes all  
materials and also a folder with worksheets  
detailing each skill.

If I have 10 children showing interest in this  
club I will happily book it to start in September  
If your child is attending a club please feel free  
to pack a snack for them to eat at the end of  
the school day before their club.

**Reception club** will take place between  
Monday – Thursday (3-4pm). A variety of  
activities are available for the children  
including: arts and crafts, sporting activities,  
playing and cooking. For those parents  
wishing for their child to attend, please supply  
a snack.

**Gabriel our Karate teacher will be offering  
a free taster session to all children who are  
considering taking up Karate. This will take  
place at St Stephens Church Hall on Weir  
Road Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 7.35am.**

## Upcoming

### Mon 12 Sept

Eid Assembly  
School clubs begin  
Rec & Yrs 2 – 5 swimming begins

### Tues 13 Sept

Yr 6 First aid workshop in school 10am

### Wed 14 Sept

Yr 1 outing to Hampton Court Palace  
U11 Boys Football match vs. Dolphin School  
(home) 2.30 – 3.30pm

### Thurs 15 Sept

Yr 1 swim begins

### Fri 16 Sept

U11 Girls Netball vs. Dolphin School (away) 2 –  
3pm  
30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Drinks 7 – 11pm