



Libertas Per Cultum
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Future Academies Primary Schools

Knowledge—Aspiration—Respect

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! We are all very excited to be back at school for the start of term. Your children have made an excellent start to the new term and are already well underway with their learning. I would like to wish our whole school community a very happy, healthy and successful new year – all the best for 2018!

Thank you very much to everyone who kindly gave me well wishes, cards and presents at the end of term. It was not expected and I was really touched by your kindnesses.

School Council

Another huge thank you goes to the newly formed PTA, who ran a delightful Winter Fair in spite of the rain! **You raised £233.35 for the School Council** fund, in addition to the £83.00 raised from our second-hand uniform sale. This money is building towards paying for new playground markings, which the children will vote for.

Reception Admissions for September 2018

If your child was born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014 you will need to apply for a primary school place for your child to start in September 2018. The closing date for applications is 15th January 2018. You can apply online at: <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/eAdmissions/app> Make sure that you put Pimlico Primary as first choice in order to secure a place!

Parent Workshops

We have lots of workshops this year, please see the calendar on the reverse of this letter. If they are aimed at your child's year group, we expect you to attend if you are able. To help with this, we have started some before school. Children will be looked after in another room by staff. In addition, we are hosting 'Parent Gym,' each Tuesday at 9am and 'MEND' workshops each Tuesday at 3pm. Details follow in this newsletter: attendance is very much encouraged.

Yours sincerely,

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MEND Programme *Mind, Exercise, Nutrition...Do it!*

When: Every Tuesday from 9th January (15:00-16:30) for 10 weeks

Who: Parents, children and siblings. One of the children of the parent should be aged between 5 and 7, but siblings of that child are also welcome.

Cost: Free!

We are excited to announce Pimlico Primary School is hosting a healthy lifestyle programme called MEND 5- 7 starting next week (Tuesday, 9th January 2017) for 10 weeks. It is a fun healthy lifestyle programme , delivered by a Nutritionist and Physical Activity Specialist who provide nutritional advice alongside fun exercise games and activities.



MEND includes practical nutrition workshops and active play sessions designed to raise **awareness of healthy lifestyle behaviours (including stopping fussy eating!), improve self confidence and enhance physical and social development.** Topics covered include understanding fats and sugars, rewards and goal setting. Each session also includes chopping and tasting activities, giving children the chance to try a variety of fruits, vegetables and healthy foods. You and your child(ren) play and learn together.

If you haven't already expressed an interest, you are still welcome! Just turn up at 3pm this Tuesday for a taster session.

Sports Equipment

We are re-starting the free hire of sports equipment each Friday! Sign out the equipment, e.g. balls, stilts, cricket sets with your child each Friday at 3.30pm.

WHY? Take it home to encourage children to be more active. This helps children build strong muscles and bones and will improve co-ordination.



HOW OFTEN? The NHS recommends at least 60 minutes of physical activity every day for children under 18 – this should range from moderate activity, such as cycling and playground

activities, to vigorous activity, such as running and tennis

Please note that if equipment is lost, not returned or damaged, a £5 charge will be incurred to replace the items. This is necessary to make sure it is available for everyone.



Parent Gym

Free 6 week parenting programme, every Tuesday at 9am in school

If you would like to participate, just join us this Tuesday (9th January)
The course is made up of weekly 2 hour workshops for 6 weeks. Sessions are interactive, with a different theme each week. They're filled with evidence-based tools and techniques that parents can easily use at home.

100%



all parents who were interviewed two months or more after they had completed the programme reported that their relationships with their children had improved

75%



three quarters of these parents also considered that relationships within the family as a whole had improved



- Week 01 > Chat**
Get your family talking and listening to each other.
- Week 02 > Love**
Show your children you care, in the right way.
- Week 03 > Behave**
Bring order to your house with rules and routines that work.
- Week 04 > Care**
Ideas to keep you and your family healthy in body and mind.
- Week 05 > Discover**
Help your child to learn and achieve.
- Week 06 > Together**
Keep your family strong and happy.



Libertas Per Cultum

Future Academies' motto is on every letter and at the heart of our teaching! What does it mean?

'Libertas per Cultum' is Latin for 'freedom through education.' For us at Pimlico Primary, this means:

- **Freedom to choose**, to be knowledgeable enough to make good choices in life.
- **Freedom to think well** – we think with words, therefore depth and breadth of knowledge are vital tools in life.
- **Freedom from ignorance and prejudice** through knowledge and conceptual understanding of the world.
- **Freedom to lead a purposeful** and fulfilling life.

We think that it is important parents understand and are on board with our vision, too. This is why this newsletter, at the start of the year, is outlining what is important to us.

1. THE JOY OF KNOWING; We believe in knowledge for its own sake; fostering an insatiable curiosity in life; soaking up as much knowledge as possible and a passion for subject knowledge. We find ways to inspire pupils so that they are fully engaged in every lesson.

2. THE BEST THAT HAS BEEN THOUGHT AND SAID; Children have access to high quality texts and lessons from knowledgeable subject specialists. We believe in cultural literacy for all. Pupils study classic texts; we make no apology for enabling pupils to gain as academic an education as possible that will place them on a level playing field with their independently educated peers.

3. EFFORT will always be rewarded

Pupils learn that delayed gratification is necessary in life; effort and hard work pays off; effort is much more important than talent; resilience and perseverance will be recognised and applauded.

4. RESPECT

All members of the school community demonstrate respect in their conduct towards each other.



5. PRAISE WHERE PRAISE IS DUE

For pupils, an appropriate level of praise will be received as a reward for hard work, effort and progress made.

6. PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT; repetition and mastery; improvement through practice; memorising facts and figures; the ability to acknowledge mistakes and to recognise that mistakes are an integral part of learning. Pupils are taught a willingness to self-correct mistakes; the drafting and redrafting of work until a final, 'perfect' draft is completed and an understanding that not all learning is 'fun' but that long term satisfaction is achieved by committing knowledge to the long term memory.

7. VOCABULARY; Pupils develop a rich and extensive vocabulary; they can think and write with flair and fluency. Children are always asked to speak in full sentences.

8. CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING

Pupils will build up their own increasingly complex conceptual understanding of how the world works through depth of subject knowledge. Their innate curiosity will lead them beyond the classroom to go into greater depth in those topics that they find of particular interest.

9. IMAGINATION; freedom and encouragement to let your imagination soar.

We encourage children to be bold and brave in their writing and thought processes; to dare to explore; to develop a good writing style by reading for pleasure; to pursue passions beyond the classroom and to 'get into flow' writing about them.

10. SENSE OF BELONGING AND COMMUNITY

We provide a nurturing yet rigorous environment in which pupils feel a keen sense of belonging and are encouraged and supported to fulfil their ambitions and to work hard.

11. COMPASSION AND TOLERANCE of fellow human beings; kindness and thoughtfulness; ignorance leads to prejudice, knowledge leads to tolerance and understanding. We take a zero tolerance approach to bullying; kindness and compassion will always be encouraged, noted and rewarded.

12. MANNERS MAKE THE MAN

We conduct ourselves with poise and dignity. We speak politely and dress properly.

For pupils, uniform will be worn correctly and with pride at all times; doors will be opened for others and care taken not to jostle anyone in the corridors; please and thank you will be used, table manners will be exemplary. We say good morning and good afternoon, making eye contact.

13. CONFIDENCE; spoken and written confidence to marshal an argument through depth of knowledge and understanding and to deliver that argument with persuasion and passion; the ability to debate; the confidence to listen attentively, recognising points that need further clarification and to ask those questions at the appropriate time.

14. LIFE IN MODERN BRITAIN

We prepare pupils for life in modern Britain through the acquisition of knowledge and the development of critical thinking and debating skills. We build pupils' awareness, tolerance and compassion and to give them a firm sense of belonging and community.

15. TEAM SPIRIT and healthy competition

Motivation is sometimes through competition; the desire to do better, to improve; participation in competitive team sports and a positive mental attitude.

16. JUDGEMENT; We teach children to develop good judgement in life, of people and of situations and events.

17. WIDENING HORIZONS of pupils by exposing them to new and interesting experiences which will enrich their knowledge of the world and raise their expectations and aspirations in life.

18. HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Pupils' health and wellbeing are a core ambition of the FA group of schools, with plenty of opportunity provided for pupils to play sport and understand the importance of healthy eating and lifestyles.

Help us Raise Aspirations!

Volunteers with interesting careers are needed to come and give careers talks to our children and/or show them around your workplace.

Please let Miss Burge know if you can spare the time to come in and talk to one or all of our year groups about:

- Your job
- What the role involves
- The qualifications and knowledge needed
- Why you chose it/ enjoy it

Thank you.



Dates and Events

January 2018

Monday 8th January— Term 3 Clubs begin

2.50pm Parent Commando Joe Workshop

Tuesday 9th January, 9am—Parent Gym Taster Session

3pm—MEND Taster Session

Wednesday 10th January, 9am—Manchester Open Class

Monday 15th January—Oxford Parent Progress Meetings

Tuesday 16th January—Bristol Parent Progress Meetings

For Parent Progress meetings, please see the sign up sheets in the School Office.

Thursday 18th January—9am EYFS Parent Workshop—How to use Tapestry at home

2.55pm Year 3 Exeter Open Class

Friday 19th January— 9.00am Year 2 Parent Workshop on Assessment (SATS)

9.30am Year 2 Assembly

Wednesday 24th January—9am Parent Learning Walk

Thursday 25th January 8.35am ESB Parent Workshop

3pm Grammar Workshop for Parents—Session 1

Friday 26th January - Year 1 Trip to the Science Museum

Monday 29th January—Bikeability Training starts for 2 weeks (letter to follow)

9am Bar Modelling (Maths) Parent Workshop

Year 4 Trip to the Science Museum

February

Thursday 1st February— The NCM Programme for age 5 Reception children

Monday 5th February—7pm, Choir to the Young Voices Concert at the 02

Thursday 8th February— Year 2 Trip to the Horniman Museum

3pm Grammar Workshop or Parents—Session 2

Friday 9th February - 9.30am Year 3 Assembly

Half Term Holiday: Monday 12th — Friday 16th February 2018

Term 4 begins on Monday 19th February 2018

Monday 19th February—8.35am Parent Workshop on Pimlico Primary's Values