



December 2014

Dear Parent

December Update

Firstly I would like to express how overwhelmed I am by the response to our 'Christmas Trolley' in the reception to help our families this Christmas. To date the trolley has been filled five times by parents, staff and students. A special thank you to Mrs Barnes who initiated this and we will ensure the contents go to the families that need support.

Newsletter

The school's newsletter will be sent home to all parents, via your child, before the term finishes. This will also include dates for your diary. If you do not receive a copy please contact the school reception.

Ofsted and Results

Regents Park is a "Good" school. I hope you enjoyed, as much as I did, reading the report. The next stage is now to embed the good work and plan to get to "Outstanding". Details of the next steps including Governing Body and leadership of the school will be shared in the New Year.

Results

To prove how good the school is, this week saw the release of the 'Raise on Line' report. This report comes from the Department for Education and Ofsted, it analyses the school's summer reports against a national picture. The school has moved from 35th% of all schools nationally to the top 10% - a remarkable achievement.

Winter Weather

If the school needs to close due to extreme weather conditions, a message will be posted on the school's website and Twitter by 7.30am. If possible, a parent message will also be sent.

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School Uniform

To help continue to improve ethos, the school sets a high expectation of uniform. Students are not allowed to wear "hoody" tops in school. If students are cold they can wear plain coloured coats to school and also outside during breaktime and lunchtime. As the 'party' season is upon us I would ask that students that wish to have coloured nails wait until the 19th December and ensure they return to school in January with appropriate natural colour and length nails.

School Uniform consultation

Information will be with parents and students in the New Year for implementation in September 2015.

End of Term Arrangements

I would like to remind parents, as per the parent calendar, the last day of term is Thursday 18th December. This will be an early finish for students. They will be dismissed from 12.15pm and they will have an opportunity to have lunch during the normal breaktime. The last day will be a celebration including Christmas assemblies, tutor activities and also students will be allowed to dress festively – Christmas jumpers, tinsel etc.

Start of Spring Term

School re-opens, following the Christmas break, at 8.20am on Monday 5th January 2015.

I wish you and your family a restful and enjoyable Christmas break and I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Archibald
Head of School