

# The Tufnell Park School Bulletin

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Hello everyone,

I trust you had an enjoyable and restful half term break, though it does seem a long way away now. I'm sure this is to do with the action packed exciting week we've had though! The Hallowe'en dress up was a huge success – and once again, you rose spectacularly to the challenge, showing us your style and creativity. It was something of a surreal day, watching zombies and headless horsemen playing football and hula hooping with witches and vampires in the playground... Well done for all your efforts!

We also enjoyed a great Multi-age day yesterday, to celebrate Black History Month. Children threw themselves wholeheartedly into a range of activities, and were particularly interested in the topics covered. We have some beautiful collaborative artwork to show for it too. Also commendable is the way in which our community comes together on days like these, when all ages mix seamlessly, the oldest stepping up to take responsibility and nurture the needs of the youngest – and all building great new friendships along the way.

If you are going out this weekend, do remember the firework code and be safe – and have a fantastic firework-filled fifth!

Have a great time,

Martin Scarborough

## Reading at Tufnell Park

Thanks to those of you who attended Miss Khan's entertaining and enlightening talk on Wednesday morning. We are uploading supportive materials to our website to help you further – or to support those of you who were unable to make it. Do feel free to approach us at any time if you'd like support with helping your child at home.

## FIREWORKS PARTY!

Sunday 5 November 5.30-7.00pm Free entry!

Lots of family fun and children's activities,  
hot food, fire-pits & marshmallows,  
all ending with a beautiful firework display!

St George's Church, Crayford Road N7 0ND

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Now that Halloween is over (apart from the spooky cake sale this afternoon), the PTA is turning it's attention to Christmas!

We would like to invite every student to the theatre this December 6th, on us! Letters will go out soon, but Nursery and Cygnus will enjoy a puppet show in school, whilst years 1-6 will be attending Hackney Empire to see Cinderella (a traditional pantomime).

Thank you to those who attended the PTA meeting last night - lots of great discussion around this year's Winter Wonderland. Planning really needs to start in earnest, as it is only 4 weeks away!!!! Your class reps will keep you up to date with the gossip, but feel free to contact the PTA directly over email if you have any great ideas you want to share, or expertise you can offer.

We are in dire need of raffle prizes - do you have anything you could contribute? Does your company provide anything we could have as a raffle prize? Or would they like to sponsor a cash amount? Please let your class reps or the PTA know.

Dates for your diary:

- Friday 17th November - Children In Need: wear something spotty £1 donation, spotty cake sale after school
- Wednesday 6th December - Theatre day! Afternoon trip for Y1-6 to Hackney Empire, puppet show for Nursery/Cygnus
- Friday 8th December - Winter Wonderland 5-7pm

## School Attendance

Regular attendance at school is vital in ensuring the best possible start in life for your child. Well done this week to those classes above the 'line' of 96% - and remember our target for everyone is 100%!

Orion	93.1
Aquila	94.8
Andromeda	95.7
<b>National Aveg</b>	<b>96.0</b>
Draco	96.4
Cygnus	96.8
Heracles	97.0
Ursa	97.4
Perseus	97.4
Delphinus	97.8
<b>Columba</b>	<b>98.1</b>

Over a year, attendance of even **90%** means your child is missing **19 days** of learning at school – that's nearly **4 school weeks!**

**If you absolutely must drive a car to school please remember the following:**

- Do not double park or park on or near the zig-zags – **this puts lives at risk.** Use a marked bay please.
- Do not leave your car running whilst waiting - leaving your engine idling creates **20 times more pollution** than driving at 30mph. Please turn it off!

## Lawyers in the making...

A group of Y6 pupils visited city law firm Sidley Austin yesterday, to learn about possible careers in law, HR and marketing. They met with a number of young staff, interns and experts to discuss pathways into a range of careers – and were inspired by stories of their own experiences through school and beyond. The day was a huge success and everyone found the experience rewarding and enjoyable. Our hosts were extremely impressed by the high levels of engagement and interest shown by our young people. Many thanks to Sandra Ibrisim, through our partners at School Home Support for organizing the visit.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2017/18

As usual we have lots planned for this term, so keep up to date with our dates here, or by using the website calendar.

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November – Columba Class Assembly

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Delphinus Class Assembly

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need Day

15<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Bookfair in school

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November – Ursa Class Assembly

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December – Andromeda Class Assembly

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Orion Class Assembly

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Winter Wonderland

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Perseus Class Assembly

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Last Day of Autumn Term

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – INSET Day

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January – First Day back for children

## Our New School

Though it feels like things have gone very quiet on the building front, the process is like the proverbial swan – there's an awful lot going on 'below the surface.' The plans are being presented to the Islington Planning Committee next week, where we expect them to be passed. We can then press on with site works and our move to temporary accommodation – beginning with the demolition of our beloved (but let's be honest, well past it!) mobile.

At the design stage, we are still working through a number of exciting things. The team from Haverstock architects will be in school next week to consult on the colour design strategy with the children and staff. Each floor will have its own identity, with all designs and colours coming together in the shared areas. We also need to find a few more constellations so we can name our new classes and classrooms – see below.

We are also exploring the possibility of purchasing brand new touchscreens for the temporary classrooms, so that they are the best they can be – and we would save on installation as we move them. This new technology is amazing, but doesn't come cheap, so we are exploring ways to finance this in these lean times - including fundraising within parents and the community. Watch this space for news, and for how you may be able to help.



## Big Think Big Talk – The constellations

Did you know that our classes are named after the constellations: groups of stars in the night sky? Of course you did! But – can you name them all, and do you know their stories and significance?

In our new school, we would like to keep the constellation theme, but we will need a few more for the new classes. Can you find some more constellations that would be suitable? How many will we need, and which ones should we choose for our new classes - and why?