

# The Tufnell Park School Bulletin

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Hello everyone,

There's been a real sense of excitement about the place this last few weeks, as always at this time of year. What a privilege to work in a school at Christmas, eh? We've had the songs, the parties, the food, the visit from Santa, and all the associated fun. I am writing in anticipation of an amazing Nativity performance too, always a great end to the year. Our children thoroughly enjoyed their discos and Christmas Fair(let) too recently. I'm sure you'll join me in thanking everyone who helped out in making our celebrations such a success, and for working so hard to make sure we hardly missed our Winter Fair this year at all. Huge thanks are due of course to our amazing PTA - you make the dreams happen, and we are immensely grateful for your support.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your sustained commitment and engagement throughout 2018, and for your patience and understanding - as well as excitement! - amidst all the changes this year. It's been a good year, and 2019 promises so much more, not least with our amazing new school to move into.

Wishing you all the very best for the season - have a restful and enjoyable holiday, and we'll all catch up again in 2019.

Martin Scarborough

We have **NO INSET** in January next term, so see you all back at **Tufnell Park** ready for another exciting year on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019**



## *Season's Greetings*

*from all at Tufnell Park*

Wishing you a peaceful happy holiday, full of fun, smiles and all good things. Many thanks for your support during this year - and here's to an exciting and prosperous 2019!

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The PTA would like to extend a big thank you to all the parents, teachers and children who contributed to our winter fundraising efforts this year. Despite not having the usual big Winter Wonderland, the Boogie Wonderland discos made a profit of **£240**, and the winter efforts in total (including calendars, raffle tickets and Christmas cards) look to have raised over **£2500** for our school!

The Christmas Jumper Day last Friday made **£192.63** for the Save the Children charity.

Look out for an announcement of the next open PTA meeting in January!

**Have a Very Merry Christmas!**

# Our New School

This week, Morgan Sindall have been taking staff and other stakeholders on tours inside the new building. Even at this stage, it is stunning. It doesn't take much imagination to feel what an amazing space it is going to become...

The sense of space and light are wonderful throughout - natural light floods into all spaces and the views across to Highgate and beyond are breathtaking. The classrooms feel spacious and airy; corridors and circulation spaces feel generous. It already feels like the layout will work as we planned it to; the 'special' areas and rooms - such as the foyer, library, hall, studio, multi-purpose room, roof terrace - all feel very special indeed! The next stage will be to add the brick cladding and stone horizontals - it won't be staying black, though some feel it is quite striking... You may also have noticed a beautiful arched-pattern window grille on the corner room above Cygnus. This will be added to all similar windows across the building, and the striking design will be featured in the gates too. It's great to see the details starting to take shape.

## Join our exciting journey...

We will have an expanded 90 places available in Reception for September 2019, plus 60 places in Nursery, and new provision for 2 year-olds too!

We are inviting all **prospective parents** to a

**Stay and Play morning on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January, from 9:15 to 10:30 in Cygnus class**

Parents will be able to meet and chat with staff and current parents, to find out what's special about Tufnell Park, whilst their children can take part in a range of fun activities.

Please share with other parents you know who may be interested and are applying for a school place. **Remember - the deadline for Reception applications is Tuesday 15 Jan 2019.**



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2018/19

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

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January – First Day of Spring Term

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – Half Term

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Red Nose Day

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April – Last Day of Spring Term

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – First Day of Summer Term

## School Attendance

Well done this week for keeping our average above the 'line' of 96% even with all the bugs and snuffles around. Please make sure you're back at school on **Monday 7 January** to start 2019 with good habits – at school on time **every day!**

Delphinus	95.5
Andromeda	95.5
Aquila	95.9
<b>National Avge.</b>	<b>96.0</b>
Perseus	96.0
Draco	96.3
<b>Whole school</b>	<b>96.5</b>
Heracles	96.8
Columba	97.0
Ursa	97.4
Orion	97.7

There are 190 school days in a year – this leaves 175 days for time with family, cultural activities and holidays.



## Big Think Big Talk – a puzzle for Santa...

On Christmas Eve, the children of one (rather large) family left a note for Santa saying that all the girls would like a puzzle each and all the boys would like a book each. They left Santa this riddle:-

*The girls have twice as many sisters as brothers; the boys have five times as many sisters as brothers. How many puzzles and how many books did Santa leave the children?*