



*We are an inspiring learning community with high expectations, where all feel safe and happy and everybody has the opportunity to unlock and realise their potential*

**What's happening this term?**

25.01.18	Nursery local trip to Devonshire Road
09.02.18	Year 1 Chinese New Year Festival Assembly
09.02.18	Break for half term
Half Term	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February (5 days)
19.02.18	Inset Day (no school for children)
20.02.18	Children return to school
26.02.18	Parent Teacher Consultations 3.50pm -5pm
27.02.18	Parent Teacher Consultations 3.50pm-7pm
02.03.18	Year 4 Holi Festival Assembly
29.03.18	Year 5 Easter Festival Assembly
29.03.18	Last day of term
April Easter	Holiday Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> March to Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>
16.04.18	First day of Summer Term

**Message from the Headteacher**

Thank you to everyone for engaging so positively with the new SOFTSTART morning routine - the atmosphere in school has been very calm, helping the children to have a more settled and successful start to learning.

I am sure many of you will have spotted the new television advert from the NSPCC, raising awareness about keeping children safe from sexual assault. There is a parent pack to help you deliver the PANTS message at home which you can access from: <https://nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule> . Alternatively, there is the 'Pantosaurus' App available to download from the Apple App Store or Google Play.

The children are speaking very enthusiastically about the specialist lessons that are happening every week. I have had very positive reports back from our Year 6 children who are delighted to be using the art room and Year 1 cannot get enough of the iPads. Do have a chat with your child to find out how much they are enjoying these lessons.

The PTA are hard at work planning in events for this term - I have heard rumours of a Bingo Night and Easter Egg Hunt. Your class rep will keep you posted on what to expect and is a good point of contact to find out how you can get involved.

There will be some important letters coming out next week inviting nominations for two new parent governors. We will send out some information on the role of governors and what this entails at our school, in order to help you decide whether you would like to nominate yourself.

Have a fantastic weekend.

Miss Stockley

## **FOWHS Report**

Well this is a brief but informative report this week!

By the time you read this the full PTA team would have met earlier today. It was full of great reports from our newly formed Working Groups, as well as discussions based on the Student Council Wish List that came about from our morning tea at the end of last term.

The Events Team met last week to plan events for Term 2 and Term 3 and are looking at fun ways to continue to strengthen the school community, give back to our school community, celebrate our school achievements, raise our school profile within the wider community and where possible raise funds. The Environmental Team met yesterday with Ms Cooney to discuss how we can all take care of our school environment, expand our current environmental activities and create new exciting initiatives. We had an update on our Ball Park covering initiative, and we will report back to the school community as soon as details are finalised. Dates and events will be advertised soon, so please keep an eye out! And if you would like to be involved this year but can't commit to formal roles within the PTA, please still get in contact with your class rep as we would love you to be involved in any way you can.

### Bake Sales

Don't forget our Bake Sales have started again for the term!

The Bake sale last week was brought to you by Year 6 and raised £60.10. Not bad for the first cab off the rank in this cold weather!

This week is brought to you by Year 5.

### Bake Dates

26th January: Year 4

2nd February: Year 3

9th February: Year 2

Half Term Break

23rd February: Year 1

2nd March: Reception

Have a lovely weekend,

Elizabeth Cook

FOWHS Chair

## Nursery September 18

If you have a child who will be 3 years old by August 31st and you would like to make an application for a place at our Nursery Class for September 18, please complete and return the attached application form or collect one from the school office.

The closing date for applications is Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018.



## Starting Nursery class in September 2018

Children born between **1 September 2014** and **31 August 2015** can take up a free, part-time place in a nursery class from the September before their fourth birthday.

You can apply for a nursery class for September 2018 by contacting Hounslow Schools. The closing date for applications is **4 May 2018**.

Please read our 'Starting in a Hounslow School Nursery in September 2018' brochure carefully before completing your application.

Download the application form and brochure from our website **[www.hounslow.gov.uk/nurseryadmissions](http://www.hounslow.gov.uk/nurseryadmissions)**

## Home Start

If you have some free time after half-term, and you are a parent or grandparent, you could help other families with pre-school children. Local charity Home-Start is offering a free course to train you to be a home-visiting volunteer, supporting families with difficulties such as post-natal illness, bereavement or disability. The course will run in Hounslow 9.30am-2.30pm, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 27 Feb to 21 March. After the course, you would visit a family for 2-3 hours a week. For more information, please contact Angie Ahmed 020 8487 8500.

**1. Fundraising:** If you are considering fundraising for a local charity, please consider Home-Start. Every £10 raised will help to fund the first visit to a parent in desperate need of support. Every £25 will help to support a family at home for one week. We really appreciate every penny you can give.

## 2. How Home-Start can help your families

The Home-Start service is available in the boroughs of Hounslow, Richmond and Kingston and offers one to one support for parents with a child under 5, reaching out to families at risk of social exclusion.

We place trained volunteers alongside parents to support them during difficult times. Parents may be struggling with depression, divorce, domestic violence, bereavement, disability or a combination of factors that can affect their children's welfare.

If you come across a family that could need our help, please call us on 020 8577 9552 and we will contact them to assess how their needs can be met.

Thank you in advance for your support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me or our family support co-ordinators.

Best regards  
Angie Ahmed



**Are you a parent/grandparent?  
Would you like to help local families?**



If you can spare a few hours a week to help families with children under 5, local charity Home-Start can train you to support those having a difficult time.

Our free volunteer course runs in Hounslow on Tues and Weds from 27 Feb to 21 Mar, 9.30am-2.30pm.  
Can be accredited to NVQ 1 or 2.

To find out more, contact Angie Ahmed  
Home-Start Richmond, Kingston & Hounslow  
020 8487 8500  
[info@homestart-richmond.org.uk](mailto:info@homestart-richmond.org.uk)

   
[www.homestart-richmond.org.uk](http://www.homestart-richmond.org.uk) Reg. Charity No: 1108975

East Area Children's Centre  
at  
Chiswick Children's Centre  
9 Devonshire Street, Chiswick, W4 2JR. 020 8583 5603

**Monday**

**Let's Get Physical**  
Fun fitness session  
for all the family.  
Children from 2 ½  
to 5 years

2:00-2:45



**Tuesday**

**Story and Craft**  
Fun story time with a craft  
activity to support the story.  
10:00-11:30

Booking required, please book  
every Friday from 1:30pm  
**020 8583 5603** spaces are  
limited.

**Wednesday**

**Stay and Play**  
**at Cavendish Primary**  
**School**

A time for children and  
their families to spend  
quality time together.  
Come along and share  
play and learning  
opportunities in our  
lovely playrooms and  
gardens.

9:30-11:30

**Thursday**

**Baby Rhythm and Rhyme 10:00-10:30**  
**Rhythm and Rhyme 10:45-11:30**  
Fun and interactive music session.  
Singing a mixture of traditional and new  
rhymes.

**Stay and Play 1:30-3:30**

**Friday**

**Mini Multiples 10:00-12:00**

This Stay and Play is perfect for families with twins  
and triplets to meet with other multiple birth  
families to share experiences and get helpful  
advice.

For a current timetable please visit [fsd,hounslow.gov.uk](http://fsd.hounslow.gov.uk) or visit your local children's centre