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SUPERMARKET VOUCHERS

Once again we are eagerly collecting **Tesco's** Computers for Schools and **Sainsbury's** Active Kids Vouchers. Please bring your vouchers into school and put them in the box in the entrance hall as soon as possible. We need to collect as many as possible as the school really benefits from these rewards, so please ask family and friends to collect as well.

Asda have started a sports campaign called Sporting Chance which provides free sporting activities for children during school holidays. Search online for free sessions in your area: www.asda.com/freeactivities or call 0844 335 6408

HOME PC/INTERNET GRANT

The Government have just issued details of a grant available of up to £528 to low income families to spend on a computer or internet access. This grant is available to parents of children in years 3 – 6 and is provided to those parents who qualify for free school meals or are in receipt of income support, income-based job-seekers allowance.

The scheme is being run for the next 18 months but there is a limited budget available. 4000 pupils are eligible for the scheme, only 311 Barnet families have registered for their free computer and internet connectivity. Take up in other London Boroughs is high and funds are limited.

To check if you are eligible or to apply please contact:

Home Access on 0333 200 1004

DROPPING/COLLECTING CHILDREN BY CAR

Parking remains a problem. We are aware that there are not many places to park in Prothero Gardens but it has always been the case. Please arrive earlier, park further away and walk to the school gates – ie Park & Stride. Please DO NOT block residents driveways – it is really rude and unsociable.

The **Zig-Zag lines** must not be used to park or drop-off and collect. This provides space for our children to cross the road safely – so that they can see traffic and drivers can see them. Less cars have been doing this recently so than you to those parents who have listened to us. I am afraid we still have some regular offenders who park on the zig-zag lines or double park dangerously or block residents driveways. PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE WHEN DROPPING OR COLLECTING YOUR CHILDREN FROM SCHOOL.

This months repeat offenders number plates are:-

OU04 FZB	EO53 GUK	180D 387
KW07 DUJ	LN55 RHJ	

GOVERNOR ELECTIONS

The Parent Governor election took place and the vote was counted on Thursday 4th March. Thank you to everyone who voted.

These are the results:-

Ellie Franklin 84 votes
Martin Wilding 70 votes
Rihana Hussain 58 votes
4 spoilt votes

Ellie Franklin was therefore elected as parent governor for 4 years. She and Kate Burton are the two parent governors elected by parents and carers to serve on the SMSJ Governing Body. Other governors who are parents are Julia Peston, Tony Crowley and Michelle Dale.

PARENTS APPROACHING OTHER CHILDREN

Our school policy is, and always has been, that parents must never approach other people's children. If you feel something involving another child has happened at school and that it has not been dealt with (and remember you are only hearing one side of the story) please speak to your child's classteacher. Do not speak directly to any other child involved.

Likewise, if you are in the playground before or after school and you see something that concerns you, please speak to the member of staff on duty or come to the office to let us know. Do not approach anyone else's child directly.

Even though many of our children can appear quite confident, being approached by an adult who is not their parent or a member of school staff can be intimidating.

Please support us in this policy.

PLEASE CAN YOU RETURN YOUR BREAKFAST CLUB QUESTIONNAIRE

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES - 2010



Friday 19 th March	Sport Relief day
Mon 22 nd – Fri 26 th March	Year 6 trip to Shropshire
Wed 31st March	Last day of term for children – ENDS 2.30pm
2nd – 5th April	Easter Weekend
Monday 19th April	SUMMER TERM BEGINS