



Newsletter May 2010

SATS TESTS

Many of you will have read that some schools will be not be administering the 2010 Year 6 SATs. This school will not administer those tests. Year 6 parents have had a very full letter about this and why I have made this decision.

Our children work extremely hard all year round and I think it is essential that all their work and progress is taken into account when we assess our pupils. To base everything on one test on one day in their final year at school can be highly demotivating for a number of our pupils.

Our Year 6 children will be taking tests next week but these will be used to support and underpin our ongoing teacher assessment, which takes place throughout the educational career of the children. Levels of attainment will still be reported to parents, governors and to the local authority.

Our aim continues to be to enable all our children to make the best possible progress in their time with us. This is carefully monitored and assessed and will continue to be so.

ADMISSIONS

.....TO RECEPTION 2010

Offers for Reception 2010 have been made and the closing date for responses to the London Borough of Barnet was 30th April. The Borough will notify SMSJ of any places that are available and we will send offers to parents by middle of May. Waiting list places will be offered on criteria basis (see website for criteria) and according to our ranked list. If you are not offered a place you will be given the chance to remain on our waiting list. In September there may be places for Reception that are not taken up. We will reopen our waiting list and at that point any parent who wishes to reapply amending or adding anything to their original application may do so by 1st October 2010. Any offers will be made by Friday 8th October 2010.

If you move house or are new to the area please call the Barnet Admissions Department on 020 8359 7651

.....TO NURSERY 2010

Offers for Nursery school come directly from SMSJ. Letters have been sent out and we would like the acceptance slips returned to school by 14th May 2010. The full day £5 option on your child's extended day will start in September when we have a clearer idea of participating numbers.

For any other information or to talk to the admission department please call:-

**MRS GOLDBERG who will be available on MON — THURS
between 1 AND 4PM on 020 8202 0026**

<p>EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS</p> <p>We have had a number of incidents where we have needed to contact parents urgently and our database is not up to date as parents have not given us new contact numbers. The consequence can lead to terrible distress for your child, so please make sure we have ALL YOUR CURRENT HOME, MOBILE AND WORK CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBERS.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Lost property</p> <p>All lost property is checked for names and returned to the correct child/class. Every item of clothing needs to be clearly named and not just initialled ie John Smith not JS. Please come and check lost property at your convenience in the entrance hall but any unclaimed items will automatically be disposed of at the end of each $\frac{1}{2}$ term .</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR - JUNE 26TH 2010</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Volunteers required</p> <p>Please sign up with Mrs Clifford by coming into the office after 2.30 daily. Thanks</p>	<p>Hayfever season is here again. Please ensure your child takes their medication before school and if they suffer badly and have prescription medication, make sure you fill in a form at the office.</p>
<p>A huge congratulations to the KS2 choir for participating in the 'Barnet One Voice' at the Royal Albert Hall last week. They all sang very well and thoroughly enjoyed the day, performing with 1500 children from other schools.</p>	<p>PLEASE DO KEEP IN CONTACT WITH US BY EMAIL:-</p> <p style="text-align: center;">office@smsj.barnetmail.net</p> <p>CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR ALL SCHOOL NEWS, PHOTOGRAPHS, EVENTS:-</p> <p style="text-align: center;">smsj.barnet.lgfl.net</p>

DIARY DATES

Thursday 6 th May	Year 5 trip to Victorian Schools Museum
Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June	HALF TERM
Monday June 7th	Teacher Training day – no pupils in school
Thursday 10 th June	Year 3 trip to Verulamium Museum
Thursday 17 th June	Year 4 trip to Hatfield House