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## DATES FOR AUTUMN TERM

### SEPT

Tues 25<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am, PANTS Presentation

### OCT

Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> 2:45 pm, Elm assembly  
Tues 9<sup>th</sup> 2:45 pm, Pine assembly  
Tues 16<sup>th</sup> 2:45 pm, Sycamore assembly  
Fri 19<sup>th</sup> 9:00-9:30 am, Open morning  
Tues 30<sup>th</sup> 2:45 pm, Elder assembly

### NOV

Tues 6<sup>th</sup> School photos  
Tues 6<sup>th</sup> 2:45 pm, Birch assembly  
Tues 13<sup>th</sup> 2:45 pm, Laurel assembly  
Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Parents' Evening  
Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Parents' Evening  
Fri 16<sup>th</sup> INSET day (no school for children)  
Tues 20<sup>th</sup> 2:45 pm, Oak assembly  
Tues 27<sup>th</sup> 2:45 pm, Chestnut assembly

### DEC

Tues 11<sup>th</sup> 9:30am, End of Year Performance  
Wed 12<sup>th</sup> 9:30am, End of Year Performance  
Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Christmas Jumper day

## SMOKING

A polite reminder to any parents smoking outside school at collection /drop off. Please take extra care with cigarettes around children as children's faces are at the same level as their hands and there is a risk of injury/burns.

Please also remember to be respectful to our neighbours by not parking over driveways.

## PANTS WEEK



We are currently supporting Hounslow Safeguarding Board and the NSPCC in sharing their Talk PANTS campaign, which has been developed to help prevent abuse from happening to any child.

Talk PANTS encourages parents to have simple conversations with their children to help keep them safe, teaching children five key messages:

- Privates are private.
- Always remember your body belongs to you.
- No means no.
- Talk about secrets that upset you.
- Speak up, someone can help.

Although some parents may feel this is a sensitive area to discuss with their child, we feel that sharing messages such as these with children at an early age can be very beneficial in helping protect your child.

Research from the NSPCC also suggests that the messages are most valuable when taught at a young age.

On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September the borough are running a PANTS/NSPCC workshop for parents in the small hall. All welcome.

## STEM CLUB



Lots of children from Year 6 joined up to a new and exciting club this week. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. The first session involved taking part in a balloon rocket challenge where you had to move a balloon across the room using only string, pasta and a straw!!! Keira and Abi from Sycamore said it was "great fun!" and they can't wait for next weeks' session.

## PARENTS' FORUM

A huge thank you to all the parents that came to the meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> September. The meeting was well attended and it was generally felt that there had been a very positive start to the new academic year.

Parents told us that they liked the new school uniform and they felt that the children looked really smart. It was felt that communication between school and parents was good.

The subject of reviving a PTA (Parent/Teacher Association) was discussed. This has been extremely productive in the past with lots of events for our families and fund raising activities. If anyone is interested in getting involved with this then please let the school know.

**The next forum will be held on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October at 2:30pm. All welcome.**

## MORNING DROP-OFF

Please note that the back playground and any apparatus is completely out of bounds before school. We would appreciate you keeping your children away from both.

Would junior parents and children be mindful of the younger children in the infants lining up in the morning. Please do not walk through the line of children but go behind the line so that there are no accidents.

## CLUBS

We have a variety of afterschool clubs with some spaces still available.

Please log into the School Gateway to see which clubs are available for the different year groups and sign up for the remaining sessions if your child is interested.