



# NEWSNOTE

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Autumn Term

Dear Parents

Welcome back to school after the summer holiday, and a particular welcome to our new children and their families! Year One – now Cairo Class – are settling back into the routines and expectations and have made a positive start to the year. It seems the highlight for them is their new class member – George the guinea pig – who is much loved by many already!

London class are gradually starting school, and are settling very quickly. They are exploring their classroom, the hall and the playground and field, much to their delight, and Cairo class are acting as wonderful role-models – we are so proud of them all!

Of course today has been an interesting experience for us all, with the BBC filming for Sunday Morning Live. Filming included our daily act of worship, classroom and playground activities, and interviews. The children, as always, were amazing and took the entire morning in their stride – we are so proud of them! The programme is scheduled to be broadcast this Sunday at 10.00am, though this is subject to last minute change based on any breaking news events

We look forward to an ambitious and exciting term ahead, and hope you are all able to join our School Birthday celebrations on 24th September.

Please may I remind all parents to use *only* the pedestrian walkway children’s entrance at the beginning and end of the day, located along Oldfield Road. Mr. Arthur our caretaker is on duty at the entrance to ensure everyone’s safety. (The pedestrian & vehicle entrance by the car park is for staff and visitors only during the school day.) These arrangements are for safety reasons.

Catherine Davis

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 24 September @11.30am – School Birthday**
- 25 September @ 7.00pm – Meet the Teacher : Mr Malin**
- 2 October – Cairo Class trip to Chessington World of Adventures**
- 3 October – Harvest Sharing assembly – 2.30pm All parents & friends welcome**
- 21 October – Annual PTFA@7.00pm; all parents & friends welcome**
- 23 October – Cairo Class assembly; all Cairo parents & families welcome @2.30**
- 23 October – Last day for children (Half Term)**
- 3 November – Children return**



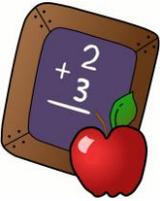
### Nut-free School

We have a child starting next week in London class who has a ‘severe’ nut allergy, and to this end we are becoming a ‘nut-free’ school - this is already observed in the school kitchen, & we will now additionally not bring in or consume products with nuts in the staff room. Therefore when bringing in treats for birthdays , please can the items be ‘nut-free’ – *Thank you*



**Cairo Class: ‘Meet the teacher’ – 25 September @7.00pm**

A chance to meet Mr Malin & to find out about the curriculum in Year 1 & visit the classroom



### Meet the new teaching assistants @ St Mary’s



Kathryn Dunnett

Miss Dunnett is the Teaching Assistant in Cairo Class - Year 1 with Mr Malin



Kirsi Korpela

Miss Korpela is working in both London & Cairo Classes

### School birthday – One year old!

Wednesday – 24<sup>th</sup> September

Parents & families are invited to a celebration assembly at 11.30am, followed by family picnics. There will be birthday cake for the children & you may take the children home after 1.15pm when the festivities are over.

All children will be provided with a special picnic box, but please bring food for the rest of the family & rugs/chairs to sit on. Hot & cold drinks will be provided.

Of course, school will continue until 3.15pm for any children whose family is unable to attend or take them home at 1.15pm. We will make sure they have a relaxed and enjoyable afternoon.

Please advise Mrs Parker if your child will be remaining at school (please note: it is your responsibility to inform Greenacres or other providers of any change of plan).



### Uniform

**Labels, labels, labels** – please ensure *all* clothes are labelled; with 60 children at the school by the 22<sup>nd</sup> it is very important to be able to repatriate & reclaim missing items.

**Spare clothes** – it is essential that all children bring a bag of spare clothes (not necessarily uniform – just joggers & a t-shirt) but most importantly a spare set of underwear (pants & socks)

### Meet George



George the guinea pig spends the school week with Cairo Class. At weekends he goes home with Mr Malin. He loves to eat carrots & other vegetables.

