



11 July 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

## **School House System, Non Uniform Day, Sports Day and last day of term**

### **School House System**

Following a rigorous and extensive process, the students have discussed and agreed about how our school will organise its house system. This has been a tremendous example of democracy in action and our students have appreciated being fully involved in this important decision.

We will have three houses made up of two tutor groups per year. The house names are based on mythical creatures but also relate to the elements:

Griffin (a creature of the earth). House colour will be **Green**.

Phoenix (a creature of fire). House colour will be **Red**.

Triton (a creature of water). House colour will be **Blue**.

To bring our current tutor groups into line with the new houses, the tutor groups will be renamed:

7G1 and 7G2 will form Griffin house and will become 8G1 and 8G2 next year.

7R1 and 7R2 will form Phoenix house and will become 8P1 and 8P2 next year.

7Y1 and 7Y2 will form Triton house and will become 8T1 and 8T2 next year.

The house system will allow students to have a sense of belonging across year groups and will be the structure that we use for school competitions.

### **Non-uniform day Thursday 14 July**

On Thursday 14 July we will have a non-uniform day. The purpose of the day is to raise money to support the children of El Hato Primary School of Guatemala. The money will be used to buy much needed school supplies for the young students such as textbooks and English resources. If they wish to wear their own choice of clothes, students are asked to bring a £1 donation. Students may also donate stationery, coloured pencils, rubbers etc. and these will be taken to El Hato School. Students are expected to dress neatly; clothes should be decent and free from any offensive slogans. Students are not permitted to use coloured hairspray or face paints, or bring them to school.

### **Sports Day Tuesday 19 July**

Sports Day will be taking place at Palmer Park Stadium on Tuesday 19 July. This will provide competitors with a top class track and field arena, which can only enhance their performance. The stadium setting also offers an excellent vantage point for spectators to enjoy the day and cheer for their house representatives. All students will attend Sports Day either as a competitor or a spectator. I am pleased to say that we have many enthusiastic volunteers for the different track and field events. This year's Sports Day will then be followed by a community picnic back at the school and, if appropriate, on our own sports field. The arrangements for the day are as follows:

8.40 am Students arrive at school for registration (normal time)

9.00 am Extended tutor period preparing for sports day, making banners etc.

10.00 am Tutor groups are escorted over to Palmer Park and are registered in the stadium

10.45 am Sports Day commences.

1.00 pm Sports day finishes. Tutors escort their groups back to the school

1.30 pm Community Picnic in tutor groups. Students are registered.

2.20 pm\* Students are dismissed from the school.

\*Please note the early finishing time.

We will use the medical information and emergency contact detail that you have provided for us. Should there be any changes to these details, please could you notify the school in writing by Monday 18 July.

**Competitors** may arrive to school already changed into their PE kit and may stay in this for the duration of the day. There will be time for them to perform suitable warm up exercises. They should bring plenty to drink, a snack, a tracksuit (or other suitable warm clothing – weather dependent) as well as wet weather clothing. We would also recommend sunscreen and a hat to wear as protection from the sunshine.

**Spectators** should either wear their school uniform or be dressed in their new house colours (Green, Red or Blue). They should bring a pen, a snack and plenty to drink (no cans please). They should bring a sun hat, sunscreen and a warm jacket.

If Sports Day has to be cancelled due to circumstances outside of the school's control, for example inclement weather, please check on the school website for updates. If Sports Day does have to be cancelled, pupils should report to school at the normal time with the appropriate books and equipment for lessons on a Tuesday. They should, however, bring a packed lunch as the school picnic will go ahead and the school canteen will be closed. The school day will still finish at the earlier time of 2.20pm

#### **Final day of term**

Finally, a reminder that we finish early on the last day of term (12.05pm).

Yours sincerely



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