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### Attendance Update

For period 7<sup>th</sup> Sept – 30<sup>th</sup> Sept

**Whole School Attendance: 93.7%**

Class with highest attendance: **Reception = 98.2%**

Class with lowest attendance: **Year 6 = 91.5%**

### Welcome Back!

It has been a fantastic start to the new school year including lots of new children joining our Early Years in Nursery and Reception classes. We also welcome Miss Fry (Year 3) and Mr Holmes (Year4) who have joined the teaching staff this year.

### LONDON CALLING!!

Year 6 had the most phenomenal start to the year when they spent five days and four nights in our country's capital city! The children enjoyed learning lots about themselves and others as well as visiting the Science Museum, Natural History Museum and the Houses of Parliament. The children also enjoyed a magnificent tour of the Warner Brothers Studio Harry Potter film set and a spectacular matinee of the West End's 'The Lion King' at the Lyceum Theatre! As if all this wasn't enough, another trip highlight included a very special visit to Southall's Gurdwara (Sikh Temple) where we were made so welcome. The experiences shared and memories made will, I'm sure, last a lifetime! Thank you to all the children for being such great ambassadors for our school throughout the week – we are all so proud!

Mrs Alana McGovern



The Natural History Museum

***'This has got to be one of my best school trips ever!' (Amber, Yr6)***

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If you cannot access the internet, a few printed copies will be available for collection from the office.

### **Parents' Evening w/c 7<sup>th</sup> November**

You will be able to sign up to a meeting with your child's class teacher using the online eSchools login or app from Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October. Further information about how to do this will be sent home before the October half term.

### **Virtual Learning Environment (VLE)**

Our VLE has been used by the children for some time. Now it's the adults' turn! We will be in touch over the coming weeks with your personalised login details for our eSchools website. In the meantime, ask your child to show you how they can log on to their own VLE and use it for extended learning opportunities at home.



### **Lisa Mannall – Associate School Governor**

Key Roles: School Improvement

I am the Executive Principal of The Learning Academy Trust and have been Headteacher of Trenance Learning Academy since 2007. Trenance is a National Support School and is graded Ofsted Outstanding.

My passion is school improvement and I am a National Leader of Education and an elected member of the Regional Schools Commissioner's Headteacher Board.

I have lived in Cornwall for 9 years and when not working enjoy spending time with my husband, 3 children, 1 son in law and our 2 Border Collies.



*'Kara Parshad' A sweet food gift as we left the main prayer hall. (A sweet flour and oil based food)*



*'I just want to congratulate your children and staff at The Lion King. They were so well behaved and a pleasure to sit behind!'*

(email received from audience member)

### **Dates for your diary:**

**Inset Day:** Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October – School closed for pupils.

**Half Term:** Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October

**Inset Day:** Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November – School closed to pupils.

**Last day of Autumn Term:** Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December (2pm finish)

**Inset Day:** Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017

**Mass Dates:** In school at 2.40pm – all welcome!

Weds 5<sup>th</sup> Oct – Mary Mother of Jesus, Year 6

Weds 19<sup>th</sup> Oct – Harvest Festival, Year 2

Weds 9<sup>th</sup> Nov – Remembrance, Year 1

Weds 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov – Friends of God, Year 5

### **SOS**

The Sustain Our School (SOS) group are inviting all children to take part in a poster design competition to raise the profile of recycling in our school and the wider community. Think of ways you recycle at school and at home. Think about the reasons why we recycle. Use pencils, crayons, felt-tips, collage or paints to create your very own SOS poster. All entries must be clearly named with year group and handed to the Yr6 SOS group by Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Oct.

### **Headteacher's Special Mention is awarded to:**

Elowen Rogerson for being a super star skipper in the Skipping Zone at lunchtimes!