



Harbinger News

On the back of this newsletter is the forecast from your child's class. We hope it is useful for supporting your child

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Welcome Back Give Your Car the Day Off

Welcome back to a new academic year. We are all looking forward to a happy and successful year at Harbinger. I am sure by now you have seen the new faces introduced in my letter last week.

We have a very full term ahead - starting with the 'Give Your Car the Day Off' London-wide event. To celebrate this on the Isle of Dogs, Saunders Ness Road (behind George Green's School) will be closed to traffic for the day and there will be activities and attractions there all day (9 am to 6.30 pm) - why not



take your children after school? We are asking everyone to travel to school WITHOUT their car and to choose a healthier greener travel choice. There will be a cycle line around the Isle of Dogs - any child who can safely ride a bike can meet these 'cycle trains' at a set 'station' - or meet us at school and do a full loop of the Island! Each train will have 4 qualified instructors in it and will take a safe and scenic cycle route - arriving in time for school! There will also be a cycle line home. Letters are being sent home - please look out for them - and sign up if you would like your child to join in.

Aiming High

This year we are planning to focus very hard on:

English - especially speaking and writing

Maths - especially basic operations (+ - x and ÷) and using maths in real-life situations (shopping, cooking, fund raising etc)

The Arts - continuing to develop our specialist Arts pilot status in artistic and creative ways!

Behaviour - continuing to work on coaching each other to stay in our BLUE brain!

Attendance - It is crucial that all children attend every day they can to learn as best they can. We are relying on you for this!

Please don't forget that all pupils do have homework. It will really help your child if you support them to complete this by putting some time aside in the week for them to complete it (TV and computer games off!) and encourage them to read every night. All school books should be taken to and from school daily in bookbags. If your child's is lost, new ones can be purchased from the school office; bags keep our precious books clean and dry - please look after them!

Dates for your Diary

❖ Clubs start

Tuesday 9/9/08

❖ School Closed

Monday 29/9/08 -

Wednesday 1/10/08

❖ Back to school

Thursday 2/10/08

❖ Parents Evening -

Wednesday 22/10/08

❖ INSET - school closed

Friday 24/10/08

Staff training day

❖ HALF TERM - Monday

27/10/08 - Friday 31/10/08

❖ Christmas Fair -

❖ Friday 5/12/08

❖ Eid-2 - Monday 8/12/08

❖ Last Day of Term -

Friday 19/12/08

❖ Back to school -

Tuesday 6/1/09

After School Clubs start on Tuesday 9th September 2008
Bengali Classes will start after Ramadan - 2nd October 2008

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