

SPRING TERM 2011

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to update you after my somewhat gloomy Governor's newsletter of last term!

Despite the tough messages coming from central Government and Camden Council, our budget next year will not be reduced as much as anticipated, and so, working to the budget reductions we had planned, we enter the new financial year in a good position. We still await central government changes to the national funding formula from April 2012 which will undoubtedly impact on Camden, such a historically well funded local authority.

We remain realistic that times are getting tougher for us as a school.

I also wanted to clarify that the changes to nursery funding – which will mean that only part time places will be fully funded by the Borough – will not happen until September **2012**. This is also the date for the withdrawal of Camden's Playcentre services. This may be somewhat cold comfort, but I wanted to reassure parents and carers that we are working on solutions both in-house and contributing to the borough wide discussions on these issues and that there is significant lead in time for our school to plan ahead. I very much hope that our Nursery parents will respond to the Day-care Trust Survey distributed this week. This seeks to guide Camden on how to allocate the limited subsidy for full-time Nursery places. It is in our interests to have a good response!

It has been a wonderful term in the school – Africa Evening, open-house maths mornings, the Strings Concert, drama productions and our triumph in the Camden schools cross country, to name but a few highlights and I very much look forward to the Summer term.

At the end of next term the Governors will be distributing the annual parental questionnaire – I hope that you will all have time to complete this and feedback on how you think we are performing as a school. In the meantime do not hesitate to contact me and the governors via Sarah in the office at any time.

Wishing you all a restful break,

Sarah Hodgetts

Chair of Governors