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Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2014

Dear Families,

Events in school next week 10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> February 2014:

### TONIGHT

6.30pm Family BINGO (we usually end by 8pm)  
£3 buys you 9 games, each game with a £5 cash prize and one with a £30 prize!  
Come along and have some family fun.  
Bar and food for all available.

### TOMORROW

Cake Sale hosted by Year 3

#### Monday 10<sup>th</sup>

8am football for Years R-2. Arrive on time!  
Year 4 (rapidly becoming our international class!) are being filmed learning Chinese with Lin for the Confucius Institute.  
3.30pm Spanish Club.

#### Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>

8am football for Years 3-6. Arrive on time!  
Nursery visit Kentish Town City Farm.  
Frank Dobson, our local MP is coming to watch a philosophy lesson in Year 4.  
8.45am Parent surgery with Frank Dobson.  
*9am Shed Talk - sharing good apps for early learning led by parent Mark Drayton.*  
3.30pm Art Club, Chinese Club and French Club. Year 6 Football Club play league matches at Talacre at 4.20 and 5pm. Pick up from Talacre at 5.20pm.

#### Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>

8am football for Junior girls. Arrive on time!

#### Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>

8am football for Year 3. Arrive on time!  
Parent Gym course in the Shed at 9am.  
Y4 Dance Project sharing performance (thanks to parent Hanna Gilgren for facilitating this!).  
There are performances for parents at 2pm or 2.45pm, sign-up sheet outside classroom.  
3.30pm Code Club.

#### Friday 14<sup>th</sup>

8am Netball Club. Arrive on time!  
Year 4 are going to Golders Hill Park.  
Cake Sale hosted by 2.  
Half term begins! School is closed to children all the following week, 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> February.

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## Thank you!

To Sylvie Thomas in Year 2 for this week's border design.

To all the parents who went on trips yesterday, undeterred by the tube strike. And to all parents who consistently support our ambitious trip programme!

## Sierra Leone trip!

We have had a partnership with a charity called Planting Promise since September 2010. Led by the inspirational Rocco Falconer, it aspires to create sustainable schools funded by the profits from local farming, thus creating employment and education in one of the world's poorest countries, ravaged by years of civil war. Since our first visit, by Sally Hill and me in November 2010, we have seen the school move to larger, more permanent accommodation and grow in size. On Sunday, Anna McGrory and Nancy Cumming will fly there for the 3<sup>rd</sup> staff visit (and their staff have been to us twice). As well as being with the children, they will run staff training.

As Freetown and the school now has Wi-Fi, we are hoping to have some live exchanges during the week and Anna and Nancy will be posting daily blogs - find them on our website under 'Year 2 blogs'. Years 2 and 3 will be covered by familiar faces and all plans have been made for their week's learning already.

## Mid year Parents' Evening - Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February

As from TODAY, all teachers will have sign-up sheets up outside classroom. Please sign up for an appointment to see your child(ren)'s teacher. This is a key meeting: we are half way through the year and know your children well now. It is a chance to share perspectives on how the year is progressing and to be clear about next steps to ensure further progress. All teachers will offer an alternative date too.

This is the first week back after half term so please sign up tomorrow.

## Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February - App sharing session In the Shed - 9am-10am

As part of the series of sessions in The Shed aimed at FS and KS1 parents, we are delighted to be able to run an App sharing session led by parent, Mark Drayton (who also supports our really popular Coding Club) and teacher, Sally Hill. During the session, parents will get the opportunity to share some of the good apps that their children enjoy at home and pick up some recommendations for others too. Sally will be on hand to talk about the educational value of these different apps. Please come willing to share! We need some suggestions of brilliant Apps for Android devices as we only have IOS App recommendations so far. We have now installed guest Wi-Fi in school which makes it all so much easier!

## Frank Dobson M.P.

Frank is coming to watch Year 4 doing philosophy next Tuesday and has offered to be available for parents from 8.45-9.30. If you have any burning issues you'd like to discuss, I will be standing with him at the school entrance on Tuesday - or let me know beforehand.

With best wishes,  
Kate Froud and staff.

