

Reminders:

- ✚ Staff Training Day - Friday 21 March school will **CLOSE** to all pupils at 1.15pm
✚ **RE-OPENING** on Monday 24 March at the usual time.

- ✚ School will close on Friday 4 April at 1.15pm for the end of Spring term
- ✚ Summer term begins on Wednesday 23 April at the usual time.

St Patrick's Troupe – A Celebration for St Patrick's Day

Every year on March 17, the Irish and the Irish-at-heart across the globe observe St. Patrick's Day. What began as a religious feast day for the patron saint of Ireland has become an international festival celebrating Irish culture with parades, dancing, special foods and a whole lot of green.

On Wednesday 12 March the St Patrick's Troupe visited Stormont House to celebrate. Due to high demand the troupe spends a week visiting schools in East London to pass on the traditions of the event.

The St Patrick's Troupe is made up of pupils from across East London who either come from Ireland themselves or have parents / grandparents with Irish heritage. They performed using traditional Irish instruments (small harp, banjo, tin whistle bodhran, concertina, guitar and fiddle) and dance set dances wearing soft shoes known as ghillies and hard shoes that are similar to tap shoes.



Lá Féile Pádraig – St Patrick's Day

Next week's events

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| ✚ Monday 17 March | Connexions Advisor (Shaaline Sivalingham) to see Year 11 |
| ✚ Tuesday 18 March | School Dental service in school |
| | London Youth Games – Boccia |
| | Governing Body Committee Meeting |
| ✚ Wednesday 19 March | School Dental Service in school |
| ✚ Thursday 20 March | William Lea Mentors in visiting Y10 |
| ✚ Friday 21 March | National Junior Indoor Rowing Championships |

Sports Relief Day - Friday 21 March 2014

During the morning of Friday 21 March we are holding a Sports Relief fund raising activity session; pupils will be participating in a selection of sporting activities instead of the lessons they would normally have in periods 3 and 4.

This will be a non-uniform day; pupils can pay £1 **NOT** to wear uniform. Members of staff can come in casual clothing, but it will cost them £2 to do so.

The pupils will be taking part in a range of activities which will include – 'Row as far as you can go', Dance-a-thon, Basketball shoot out, Penalty shoot-out, skittles, skip-a-thon and Wii U tournament.

All proceeds from the morning will be going to 'Sports Relief Charity'.



Contact Details

For most of our parents and carers, we have a range of contact numbers, which becomes very important if there is an emergency. However, in some cases we have out of date numbers, or only one emergency contact. It is too late to sort this out when an emergency or urgent situation involving children has happened. We must have at least TWO people named as emergency contact in case your child has an accident or there is another unforeseen emergency at school. We will continue to use our text messaging service, as so many parents and carers have told us they like this service, so it is vital that we have the correct numbers for you at all times.

Dates for your Diary 2014

Staff Training afternoon
Year 7 Easter Play
Reward Outings

Friday 21 March (school closes at 1.15pm)
Friday 28 March (parent/carers are welcome)
Thursday 3 April

End of Term for Pupils

Friday 4 April 2014 (school closes at 1.15pm)

EASTER Holiday (7 April – 21 April)

Staff Training Day
Pupils return for summer term
Bank Holiday
Half term

Tuesday 22 April (School closed)
Wednesday 23 April
Monday 5 May
Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May

End of Term for Pupils

Friday 18 July (school closes at 1.15pm)

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