



# Acton Gardens Primary School

## Newsletter- September 2023

### Term Dates 2023-2024

#### Autumn Term 2023

##### Teacher Training Days

Mon. 4<sup>th</sup> Sept & Tues. 5<sup>th</sup> Sept 2023

##### Term starts for Pupils

Wed. 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023

##### Half Term Holiday

Mon. 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct – Fri. 27<sup>th</sup> Oct 2023

##### Back to School for pupils

Mon. 30<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2023

##### Term Ends

Thurs. 21<sup>st</sup> Dec. 2023 at 1:15pm

##### Christmas Holiday

Fri. 22 Dec 2023 to Fri. 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024

#### Spring Term 2024

##### Teacher Training Day

Fri. 5<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2024

##### Term starts for Pupils

Mon. 8<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2024

##### Half Term Holiday

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Feb. – Fri. 16<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2024

##### Term Ends

Thurs. 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 1:15pm

##### Easter Holiday

Fri. 29<sup>th</sup> March– Fri. 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024

#### Summer Term 2024

##### Term starts for Pupils

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024

##### May Day (Bank Holiday)

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024

##### Half Term Holiday

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> May – Fri 31 May 2024

##### Back to school for pupils

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023

##### Term Ends for Pupils

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 1:15pm

### ClassDojo

Stay up to date by regularly visiting the school website and if you have not already, make sure you sign up to class dojo!



### Dear Parents/ Carers

Welcome back to the first newsletter of the year! We have had a fantastic start to the new school year; it has been wonderful to see how our children have settled back in to school life so happily. It is so wonderful to have had such a lovely warm welcome from the Acton community. Walking around the school and seeing our children revel in their love for learning has been such a pleasure to see! The first week at school is all about connection with our children. During our staff training I introduced a very special woman Rita Pierson. She is a teacher from Texas who changed so many lives and affected so many other teachers and pupils. We listened to her Ted Talk. In her talk she shared some of the best advice I have ever heard about teaching and connections. Here are just some of the beautiful words Rita shared with us and why she is a woman who I greatly admire.

#### Every child deserves a champion!

I started teaching in Hammersmith and Fulham in a school that shaped me into the educator that I am now. I first thought education was a process of imparting my knowledge on to the children. As I started my teaching career, I quickly realised that my job would not just be sharing of knowledge with the pupils. I needed to be their champion, their most adoring fan, and without a failure everyday my face would need to light up as they walked into my class. even, now as a headteacher on the toughest days, I'm grateful for Rita reminding me to be a champion for all our children. When people ask me, what job do you do, and I answer "Oh, I'm a headteacher," I think about saying, "Oh, I'm a champion for every child in my school." Thank you for choosing Acton Garden Primary School where every adult is a champion and will never give up on a child. We are a Growth Mindset school, so we are on a learning journey together.

*Ms. Patel (Headteacher)*

### Classes of 2023-2024

Nursery Tulip: **Ms. Halliday**

Reception Lavender: **Mrs. Titus**

Reception Iris: **Mrs. Atkins**

Year 1 Rose: **Mrs. Oleniacz**

Year 1 Marigold: **Ms. Michael**

Year 2 Dahlia: **Mrs. kerai**

Year 2 Sunflower: **Mrs. Kiseidu**

Year 2 Primrose: **Ms. Orlik**

Year 3 Hazel: **Ms. Omar**

Year 3 Poplar: **Ms. Davinson**

Year 4 Sycamore: **Mr. Phillips**

Year 4 Elm: **Mrs. Chiriac**

Year 5 Maple: **Mrs. Lamb**

Year 5 Oak: **Mr. Moalin**

Year 6 Chestnut: **Mr. Jeffs**

Year 6 Willow: **Mrs. Mangat**

PE teacher: **Mr. Martin**



Article 3: The best interest of the child must be a top priority in all things that affect children.

## Safety

Children in years **5 & 6** who go home on their own may bring a phone to school. The phone must be handed in to their teacher as soon as they arrive in school. The class teacher will then return the phone at the end of the day. Otherwise, children are not permitted to bring mobile phones into school.



If your child rides a bike or scooter to school, please can we remind them to dismount before entering the school grounds. Thank you.



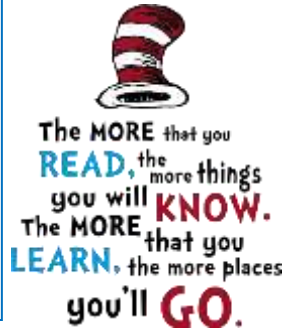
## Uniform/PE Kits



All pupils are expected to wear the correct school uniform and PE kit. All items can be purchased in the school office. Uniform checks are regularly carried out to ensure compliance in line with the school policy.

## Reading

Please encourage your child to read everyday! At Acton Gardens, we are extremely passionate about reading and we want to get all parents involved in their child's reading. Please, speak with your child's class teacher about how you can further support your child with their reading.



## Attendance

Please remember that the current Government legislation does not give schools any authority to approve leave for children to take holidays in term time. Any leave requests need to be done by filling in the Leave of Absence form which can be collected from the school office. There is no entitlement to leave during term time and it will only be approved under exceptional circumstances which need to be explained and evidence produced. Failure to comply with this will mean a referral to the Local Authority, which may result in a fine and court action. Thank you in supporting us to ensure your children have every opportunity for success in their education entitlement.

## Dates for the Diary

### Meet the head teacher

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September  
9am – 9:45am or 3:30pm-4:15pm

### Meet the teacher

Year 6	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	9am
Year 5	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	9am
Year 4	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	9am
Year 3	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	9am
Year 2	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	9am
Year 1	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	9am

## Medical Information

Please can we remind you that if your child uses an inhaler or requires any medication, it is vital that we also have this in school. All medication should be handed into the school office as soon as possible. Similarly, if your child no longer requires any medication, please let us know.



## Extra-Curricular Clubs

We have an excellent range of school clubs on offer for our pupils, giving them the opportunity to benefit from learning new skills to enrich their curriculum.

Clubs include a huge variety of sports, well-being, music, knitting, sewing, Shakespeare, arts and crafts. Most clubs run after school from 3.15pm to 4.30pm, and a few run before school starts. Letters will be sent out once the clubs are up and running.

