

## January 2019

Dear Parents / Carers,

Happy New Year! The Christmas holidays already seem a long time ago as we settle back into school life.

I was very pleased to see that we have already had two successful trips since we have been back. Miss Linehan took Year 5 to the National Portrait Gallery and Year 2 went to Pizza Express. I know that all the children involved thoroughly enjoyed these experiences.

I was also delighted to be able to take four Year 5 pupils to the House of Lords just before Christmas so that the historian, Professor the Lord Hennessy of Nympsfield, could present them with certificates for excellent work in British History lessons. This was a really lovely occasion and I hope to do it again so that more children can be rewarded when they do great work.

Thank you as always for your generosity with all the fundraising we continue to do. We raised £174 for the Christmas Jumper Day and we raised £234 on the last day of term. The money raised on the last day of term will go towards replacing the broken football goal in the playground.

Please could I remind you to check that dinner monies have been paid up-to-date. Some parents have started to build up large debts and I have had to make a number of telephone calls to the worst offenders. Please do not allow large debts to build up. If you are not sure then check on the Parent Pay system.

As always, if you have any queries or concerns then come up and see me in the playground either before school or at the end of the day.

Best wishes,

**Dr Matthew Laban**  
Headteacher

## Purchasing of uniform changing from February 2019

As of Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019, our uniform will no longer be sold on site at Millbank Academy. The uniform will be retailed through Whitehall Clothiers who are located in Camberwell. Details on the new price list, opening times and how to get to the store are below.

This will apply to all items of uniform we will currently sell. We will not be able to take any more uniform orders on site from Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January.

Whitehall Clothiers offers longer opening hours, including Saturday's to allow parents more flexibility, particularly during the summer holidays. We hope this will be easier than the ordering system we currently have in place and will benefit many parents.

Unfortunately, there will be a price increase from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February, to reflect the increase in uniform purchased from our suppliers. Whilst the price increase is unavoidable, we still believe that our uniform is a very competitive price.

Item	Price	Item	Price
 V-neck jumper	£16.99	 Cardigan	£16.99
 Elastic Tie	£4.50	 Traditional Tie	£4.99
 Book bag	£6.50	 PE Bag	£6.50

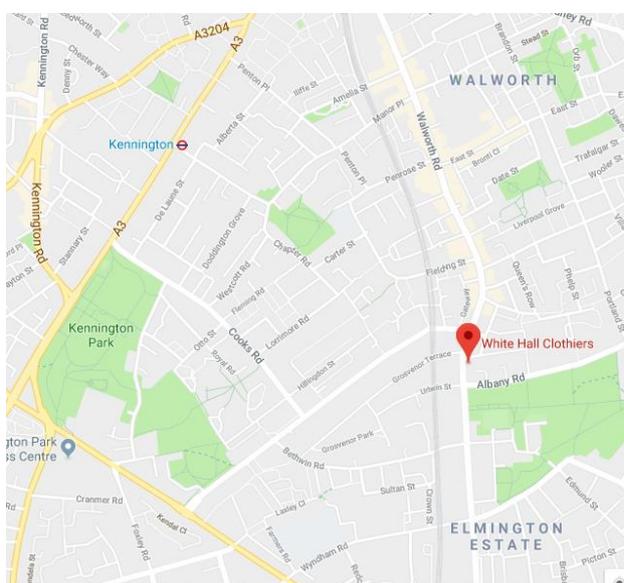
## How to get to Whitehall Clothiers, Camberwell

Whitehall Clothiers  
77 Camberwell Road  
Camberwell  
London  
SE5 0EZ

**Buses 12, 35, 40, 45, 68, 148, 171, 176, 468**  
**Nearest tube - Kennington**

Phone: 020 7703 3604  
Website: [www.whitehallclothiers.com](http://www.whitehallclothiers.com)

Store Opening Hours  
Monday to Saturday 9:15am - 5:30pm  
Sunday CLOSED



## Praemium Litterarum

Congratulations to Maryam in 6 Red and Armani in 1 Blue who won the award in November. We haven't had any winners from Year 4 yet, so let's hope that this year group submit lots of entries in the next few months.

### December Award

I know that many of you wanted to write over the holiday, so please submit your entries for December by Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January to Mrs Klibi or your form tutor. Your writing for December must be about our theme 'light'. Make sure that you have written your name and class on your A4 sheet.

### January Award

It is now time to think about entering for the January award! This month, you can write about anything you want. You could write a poem, a set of instructions, a persuasive letter, a recipe, a book review or something else. Have you heard of a non-linear story or a reverse cumulative story? Find out what they are and have a go. These are a couple of my favourite story shapes.

Enjoy writing!  
Mrs Klibi

## Online safety tip of the month

As we start the new year, it is a good time to think about our children's online activities, and how we can best keep them safe when using technology. Having open and positive conversations with them about their online world is central to this, so that they feel safe and confident to talk to parents.

These tips are a useful reminder of the key messages about keeping safe online:

- Find out which apps your children are using, and ask them to show you how they work and why they like using them. Or just have a go at using the app yourself to become familiar with the content.
- Be aware of age restrictions and why they are in place.
- Use privacy settings and be aware that when things are posted online, they can always be copied and shared.
- Block and report users or posts that are worrying or upsetting to the website/app involved.
- If you are worried or upset by something you see or experience online, then talk to a trusted adult. Support can also be accessed from CEOP or Childline through the net-aware link below.

For more support with talking to your child about what they do online,

see <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety>

To find out about the apps and sites commonly used, and age limits, see <https://www.net-aware.org.uk>

## Parents: 3 reasons why it's worth having 'that online-safety chat'



## Homework Club

Homework club is a quiet place for children from Years 2-6 to work independently on their homework.

Homework club is open on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays.

Two members of staff, Mrs Banit and Ms Jacobs are there to give support when needed.

Attendance is free. Children should make their way to the library at 3:30 and will be dismissed from the office at 4:15.

To attend this club, the child must have homework given by their teachers. No snacks are permitted and no requested extra homework will be allowed.



## Free NHS app launches in Westminster

Westminster residents can now access all their NHS appointments, services and health advice in a new free app. The Health Help Now app allows you to manage GP and hospital appointments, find the right health services and find health advice in a hurry. The timing comes as NHS services prepare for extra demand over the winter period, encouraging patients to use the right service at the right time.



### Benefits of the app:

- **Find the right service:**  
Health Help Now helps people check their symptoms and find the best place for treatment – showing which nearby services are open. Importantly, it will help people to know when to go to A&E, and when not to.
- **Appointments in one place:**  
GP online is available through the app to book and change GP appointments, there's also a service to book and change hospital appointments, putting people in control of their care.
- **Symptom checker:**  
Find symptom checkers and NHS approved health apps for information on living a healthier life and support in managing long-term conditions.

Find out more, download free from your app store and search 'Health Help Now'.

## Upcoming Dates and Events

### January

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January- Year 3 & 4 Athletics team, competing in the Westminster tournament, Moberly sports centre NW10

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January- Year 5 & 6 Athletics team, competing in the Westminster tournament, Moberly sports centre NW10

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February – Year 5 Outward Bound Residential, Cumbria

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January – I Can Be workshop, Year 3 girls group, Guy's Hospital

### February

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February – Year 4 & 5 Music Hub workshop

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February- Behaviour reports sent home

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February – I Can Be workshop, Year 3 girls group, IF\_DO Architects

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February- Last day of term, 3:30pm finish

### Half term holidays- Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February until Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February

*Family holidays outside of these dates will be unauthorised and you may be at risk of a Penalty Notice issued by the Local Authority*

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410 Photos and videos

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Year 5 visited the Taylor Wessing Photographic Portrait Prize exhibition at the National Portrait Gallery. They explored different components of photography through workshops, and awarded their own prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place! #photoprize #photography @NPGLondon

