



Howard Headlines

Key dates:

- **Sunday 31st October** – Secondary school application deadline.
- **Monday 1st November** – Return to school after half term.
- **Friday 10th December** – Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day.
- **Thursday 16th December** – Class Christmas parties.
- **Friday 17th December** – Last day of term.
- **Tuesday 4th January** – Staff inset day.
- **Wednesday 5th January** – start of Spring term.

New school awards

We are very proud to have received a bronze healthy schools award as well as receiving a gold STAR (School Travel and Road Safety) accreditation.

Christmas

Pabulum will be providing the school with a lovely Christmas lunch on Friday 10th December

This year we will be having our Christmas jumper day on the same day as our Christmas lunch, Friday 10th December. Every year we help to raise money for Save the Children by asking for a donation of £1 on Christmas Jumper day. If you don't have a Christmas jumper don't worry! You can be creative and decorate a jumper you already own.

Parents' Evening

Thank-you to everyone who has attended their remote parents' evening, we hope you found them useful. We hope to return to face to face meetings in the Spring Term, with all being well.

Sporting events

Congratulations to all children who have represented the school in all sporting events this half term. Look out for more opportunities for other sporting events during the next half term.

Back to school

We hope you all have a restful and enjoyable half term break. We look forward to seeing you when we return.

Into Film Festival

Every year we try to provide an opportunity for all our children to visit the local cinema for the London Into-Film Week. This year all year groups will be going to watch a film at Croydon Grants cinema. Following their visit, teachers will be engaging the children in writing activities connected to the film they saw.

We find that this is an opportunity for children to learn a lot about story structure, character development, plot and sequencing and can often help the children to produce some excellent writing.

Cinema trips will take place as follows:

- Reception – Wednesday 17th November (Spirit Untamed)
- Y1 and 2 – Thursday 18th November (Abominable)
- Y3 and 4 – Wednesday 17th November (The Boss Baby 2)
- Y5 and 6 – Friday 19th November (Onward)

Welcome

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to several new members of the Howard team. Mr Mbanga (Class Teacher - Year 6 Tower Bridge), Miss Oasgood (Class Teacher - Year 4 Southwark) and Miss Enwonwu as the new Office manager. In addition to staff we would also like to welcome the youngest members of the Howard team – our new Reception pupils! We are looking forward to seeing them learn, develop and above all, enjoy their first year of school with us.

Parent governor election

We have a new opportunity for a parent governor to join Ms F. Ahmed. Please look out at the start of next term for a letter which will include further details.