



The Camelot

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#exceptionaleveryday



Parents Praise Proven Peckham Primary

*The school is thrilled to share the outcome of the recent annual Parents Survey for its support and praise for the efforts of the school staff and leadership in meeting the parent/carer definition of what makes you 'satisfied' with your children's school. We appreciate there is such a long way to go in securing everything a parent/carer would want for their child but in answer to the survey statement, "overall, I am happy with my child's school", this year 95% answered you were.**

Stopping to reflect back we can remind parents that at the end of 2016, only 52% supported this statement—your school rating a massive 37% below national averages for answering this statement. By the end of 2017 77% of you supported this statement—a great improvement but still 12% below what parents of other children said about their school. But in 2018, just two years after the school began their #exceptionaleveryday offer, the school has risen to be above national averages for parent/carer satisfaction with their child's school. Wow! That's truly exceptional!

Then the school's 2018 result was received this week. 95% of parents support the school which is 6% above national averages. This is an amazing result for the school—highlighting that parents/carers clearly recognise the trajectory of the school—elsewhere in the survey noting that further improvements are still needed but accepting that the efforts being made to improve the school are noted and praised. Pleasingly, in addition, 93% of parents/carers answered positively to whether they agreed that their child was happy at school—again above national averages and again huge praise for the school. Thank you parents/carers and well done everyone for the efforts being made to do the right thing for the children at Camelot School, SE15—exceptionaleveryday and one of Peckham's proven primary schools.

#ParentsPraiseProvenPeckhamPrimary

** National data comes from National Foundation of Educational Research (NFER) Annual Parent Surveys conducted by thousands of school nationally.*

September Key Event for Parents/Carers:

Parents Evening for children in Year 1 to Year 6
Tuesday 25th September
3.40—6.45 p.m.

Rio Hub—entrance from the Mauna Kea gate next to the ballcourt

Signing up from Tuesday 18th September at 3.15 p.m. or email the office at office@camelot.southwark.sch.uk to reserve a time

Black History Month 2018 at Camelot

How you can help?

The school will learn about 17 different countries with family ties in our school community over the 17 school days in October this year.

What we need is parent/carer/community/pupil support to learn more about the country on the allocated day.

The school will run assembly themes for the focus country, encouraging children and parents to dress in clothes associated with the country as well offering food to share. We will tweet facts about the country as well as posting on Instagram at @CamelotSE15 to better educate us all about the relevant facts that are all part of our school community.

We are aware of the following 13 countries from a black African or Caribbean heritage that we will be learning more about in BHM 2018 but we now need your help in confirming which countries are missing?



The countries we know are represented in our school community and we intend to celebrate are as follows:

Barbados, Cameroon, Eritrea, Ghana, Guyana, Jamaica, Malawi, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Senegal, Somalia, South Africa and Uganda

Are we missing your country—do we have children with family connections in such countries that we have previously been connected with such as Benin, Gambia, Mali, St Lucia, Togo or Trinidad.

Please could parents/carers confirm with Mr Robinson before the end of this week (by 21.09.18) about the other countries we will learn about.

Exceptional Summer Holiday Improvements

An exceptional thank you is owed to our School Business Manager, Mr Mabuso for overseeing the improvement works completed over the Summer Holidays at school. The highlights include:

- A fully useable Scafell building for adults and children alike
- The removal of the unnecessary outbuildings that had previously littered the main Scafell playground—and which so many of you have commented on being a significant success
- Internal window improvements across the main Everest building so that all windows open and close and with safety locks improved across the whole school—a not insignificant job
- Improvements to the roof playground, its fencing and the removal of a derelict water tank
- and a particular job in the Everest playground which we are very excited about and which will be the front page of the next newsletter

Camelot School Term and Holiday dates

Academic year 2018/19

Autumn term 2018

- Tuesday 4th September to Friday 19th October
- Half term: Monday 22nd October to Friday 26th October
 - Tuesday 30th October to Friday 21st December

Spring term 2019

- Monday 7th January to Friday 15th February
- Half term: Monday 18th February to Friday 22nd February
 - Monday 25th February to Friday 5th April

Summer term 2019

- Tuesday 23rd April to Friday 24th May
- Half term: Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May
 - Tuesday 4th June to Friday 19th July

Total number of days for children in school: 190

International Evening

Thursday 20th October from 6.00 p.m.

Every October, schools celebrate the 'internationalness' of their school community with a celebration free meal that relies on parents/carers generosity for its success.

This year, we are asking parents/carers to sign up to offer what they can cook for this celebration together.

The whole school community then come together on Thursday 20th October to eat, socialise and dance—with cultural dress encouraged for children and adults alike.

Miss Lou and Ms Wilkinson will be asking you about how you can help and signing you up to attend this school celebration of the 'internationalness' of our exceptional school.

Thank you for your support with this evening.

Are you up to date?

1. Emergency Contact Form Completion

The school requires all pupils to have up to date emergency contact forms with telephone contact details for parents/carers as well as additional adult contacts in case of emergencies.

School staff will only release your child to an adult on your emergency contact form so if you want someone other than yourself from picking up your child then their details must be listed on this emergency contact form. Please return your emergency contact form to the school office as an urgent action for this week.

2. Pupil Premium Funding Application

A separate letter has been sent out to request your action in support of the school being able to claim additional funding for your child. Parents/carers need to complete an application for every pupil entitled to receive this funding source which will then secure much needed support for the school.