



**Dear parents:** .... I was inspecting a school a while back and at the end of the day went out to talk to parents and look at how children were being let out. Premises Manager, great big guy and West Ham fan, said it was the hardest thing he had to deal with. Four cars were parked bang on the zig zag lines directly outside the school gate. Parents were inside collecting their children. It was dangerous and selfish and very 2017. We do our best here and it is actually quite good in Buckingham Road. I include an email I got this week from a concerned parent just to make you think. I always welcome feedback about Newsletters and issues and welcome any suggestions anyone has for improving safety. We must be doing something right as we have not had any accidents outside the school gates for the past 25 years. Be vigilant and careful please ! I have written many times about this and told the story of when I was deputy head in another borough seeing one of my pupils under a car. It is a sight you never forget. He made a full recovery and played for Arsenal at under 17 level thank God. Drive carefully.

### School news this week !!!....

Monday .... assembly read the story of The Three Trees ask your children about it. See if they remember

Tuesday ..... Year 1 went to the LSO to see "A cat called Scratch" + Year 6 Junior Citizenship scheme

Wednesday .. Our new RE adviser called in for the first time

Thursday .. Hackney Heads Conference

Friday .. 9-10 a parent is starting Yoga classes with Year 6 @ 1.30pm Y6 going to Cinderella at the Hackney Empire



### School news next week !!!....

Please remember PE shoes all week a heartfelt plea from Mr James .... my 10.15 assembly and Y5 @ the LSO

Tuesday ..... 4pm all teachers doing writing moderation @ Randall Cremer school

Wednesday .. Fire Survey

### A concerned parent writes this week ... about parking and driving

Dear Mr Flood,

I am pleasantly surprised to see that parking and driving to school has been finally mentioned on a newsletter, and I couldn't agree more with what the "concerned resident" has raised. Traffic around the school is dangerous, and in my opinion the school is not doing enough to maintain safety. Over the years I have witnessed some incidents including drivers/parents shouting at each other and at children, a few near misses and a even a minor collision.

We frequently cycle to school. I had hopes that the traffic restrictions introduced with the development of the cycling "quiet route" would benefit cyclists, but in my opinion it has made it worse, as it has created a bottleneck where drivers turn around after dropping off their children. I don't mind the swearing, as a cyclist I am quite used to unsolicited abuse, even my child is certainly learning to be the most hated and least respected road user. However at times I can't help feeling that by cycling to school I am putting my child's life at risk, and to be honest it doesn't surprise me that very few people choose to cycle to school.

I value that the children are encouraged to walk and cycle to school, and I understand that you do not have any control of what parents do, however, if driving cannot be discouraged, perhaps safety can be improved?

**pics of the week** ... Mr Nick James and our new School Council well done to all of them ,,,,

**and finally** ..I've converted most of the staff to Motherland and some of them have watched the whole series in block viewing ...highly recommended ... iPlayer BBC or Tuesday 10.00pm ... also loving Monica's skills tests in Masterchef the Professionals, some of them can't poach an egg !! ... will not be at the London Stadium for Leicester tonight atmosphere is too toxic but we'll have the best stadium in the Championship next year .. keep smiling !!