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'Being and doing our very best'

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Dear all.

A warm welcome to the start of the Easter term. We hope it has started well for you and the children.

The staff at Sefton Park began the term, amongst other training, reviewing our **equality objectives**. These can be found shared with all on our website by [following this link](#). We would appreciate it if you took a moment to read our equality objectives for the next 3 years. If you have any thoughts or have any helpful suggestions for us here at Sefton Park about these, please do get in touch with us.



On the Inset day last week, staff in years 4 to 6 had training from an organisation called [YGAM](#).



The Young Gamers and Gamblers Education Trust (YGAM) is a national charity with a social purpose to inform, educate and safeguard young and

vulnerable people, helping them build resilience and understand the potential harms caused by gaming and gambling. The training session supported staff in the delivery of our curriculum as we navigate the highs and lows of the digital world. Our PSHE topic at the start of term is 'Reach for the Stars' but in week 6

we move to '**Our Digital Selves**'. This includes the annual Safer Internet Day and this year we are hosting a talk for parents only from [PAPAYA](#) (Thank you to Zoe, formally our PTA Chair, for organising this) . Early in Term 4, following the discussion from PAPAYA, we have additional parental support specifically about the impact of gaming on young people and how as parents and carers we can be mindful of this impact. More details about this talk will follow later in the term.

PAPAYA 
Parents Against Phone Addiction in Young Adolescents



Performances play a prominent role at Sefton Park. Over 800 tickets were sold for Frozen Junior and if you didn't get a chance to see it, you missed a treat. However, it is more than just our Sefton Spotlights Club although their performance is a highlight of the school year. Each year group throughout school performs a play or musical to parents at some point over the academic year. Reception performed their festive version of Babushka at the end of term 2 and this term it is the **Year 3's version of Jungle Book** that will light the stage. Olive class performance will be on the afternoon of the 12th February with

Baobab on the afternoon of the 13th. Performances galvanise and enthuse children and is a great way of building community, resilience and teamwork. Everyone has a role to play in putting on a successful performance and children remember them for a long time. We are proud of our continued focus in these areas as year on year, children develop confidence in their performing abilities.



As always, there is plenty going on in school. **Years 1 and 2 visited the Old Vic** to see 'Little Red and Other Winter Tales' which was great whilst Year 5 visited the local Mosque in St Werburghs as part of their Religious Education curriculum. Amongst other exciting opportunities this term we have a Quidditch games taster session for some fortunate children in KS2 and Year 4 visit 'We the Curious ' in a week's time. Should you wish to know more about your child's specific year group then the **Year Group Newsletters** are now online at the [following link](#) for you to peruse. Simply click on the appropriate year group for your child to access Term 3 information.

Have a lovely weekend.

Dan Simson and the Team at Sefton Park

A date for your diary: PTA Annual General Meeting:

Sefton Park School Annual General Meeting

Thursday January 30th

7-8:30pm

Venue:

Sefton Park School
All welcome.

Contact: Zoe van der Velden chair.sefton.pta@gmail.com

Dear Parents, Guardians and Staff

The Sefton Park School Parent Teacher Association annual general meeting will take place on Thursday January 30th. The current chair and committee members are all standing down providing an exciting opportunity for a new committee to establish themselves. All are welcome to present themselves for nomination. The nomination requires a 'second' to be eligible for voting. Each committee role will then be voted on by all attendees.

Suggested Committee structure:

- **Minimum of six and maximum of fifteen members.**
- **Three trustees acting as committee 'officers' who have overall responsibility for running the charity and whose details must be lodged with the Charity Commission.**
 - **Chair**
 - **Treasurer**
 - **Secretary**

If you have any questions or would like to add any items to the below agenda please email Zoe van der Velden, current chair, by January 10th.

We look forward to welcoming nominees and those who wish to show their interest and support at the meeting.

Best Wishes

The PTA

Agenda

1. Chair's Welcome
2. Chair's Annual Report
3. Treasurer's Annual Report
4. Nominations for and voting on new committee members, including trustee roles as outlined above.

