

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

# KEY FACTS 2010–2011

### Longer school day

The primary school runs a longer school day. Primary school pupils are expected to arrive at school at 8:20am. Lessons begin at 8:30am and finish at 4:00pm. Children in Year 1 and above may take part in our after school clubs, which run five days a week between 4:00pm and 5:00pm. The clubs cost approximately £5 per club per half-term.

Our nursery runs from 9:30am to 4:00pm, with a breakfast club open between 8:30am and 9:30am. This is charged at £1.00 per day.

### The curriculum we offer

#### Depth before breadth

Our pupils take four literacy lessons and two mathematics lessons a day. We also provide regular opportunities for pupils to read to an adult on a one-to-one basis.

#### Our specialisms: Music and Mathematics

**Music:** Our pupils take part in daily music and singing lessons. We have a partnership with the Voices Foundation, which is a specialist singing programme, and Colourstrings, which focuses on teaching children how to play instruments. Our Year 1 pupils learn to play the recorder and every child from Year 2 onwards plays either the violin or the cello. We have a school choir as well as a parent/teacher choir, which practices weekly. Our pupils perform regularly during at our Celebration of Achievement assemblies as well as in our end of term performances.

**Mathematics:** We invest heavily in mathematics. All our pupils have two maths lessons a day and take part in our Mathematics programme. We hold maths weeks throughout the year during which pupils participate in workshops, investigations and problem solving activities.

### Enriched curriculum

Our primary pupils enjoy a wide range of learning experiences. Every child is offered the opportunity to participate in termly school trips linked to our topics. Parents are asked to make voluntary contributions to cover the cost of these trips. We also invite visitors to the school, including artists, poets and musicians. The primary school is involved in developing a new creative curriculum, in line with findings from the latest educational research.

### A healthy, happy place

#### Sports

Our pupils take part in daily physical activities in addition to their weekly PE lesson. We also provide a games club after school which children can join.

#### Lunch and nutrition

Infant school pupils may have either a school lunch or bring their own healthy packed lunch. From Year 3 all pupils are expected to have a school lunch. Pupils are provided with water bottles\* and a healthy midmorning snack, which are free of charge. A school lunch costs £2.00 a day.

\* Replacement bottles will be charged for if they are lost and broken.

#### Partnership with parents

Parents are welcome in our school and we extend many invitations. Parents are encouraged to attend our weekly Celebration of Achievement assembly, during which pupils are rewarded for good attendance, positive behaviour and academic achievement. Pupils also perform regularly during these assemblies. Other events include our sports day, end of term

performances, and our summer fair. Our parents are fully informed of their children's progress. We issue three reports a year and hold three parent-teacher conferences, in addition to having a truly open door policy.

## **Living up to expectations**

### **Uniform**

The primary school uniform is available from John Lewis on Oxford Street. Details of the primary uniform can be obtained from the school office.

### **Note:**

This information is to be read in addition to and in conjunction with that held in the main Academy prospectus.

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