

## **Spring Newsletter 2020**

14<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Dear Parents and carers

Thank you for all your support regarding the sad news of Peter Danco's passing. Peter had been diagnosed with cancer and it has been shared that he did not suffer for long. Marius Byleveld attended the funeral in Slovenia on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February on our behalf. The family were very appreciative of Marius' presence and he laid a beautiful wreath on all our behalf. The family stated that they would be pleased, if we wished, to contribute to Cancer Research.

We will be presenting 'Peter's Trophy' for 'Best Dance' at our Summer Social in his memory.

### **Parents in Partnership**

We apologise for the cancellation of the Parents in Partnership Workshop on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February. We will be in touch soon with the next Workshop date.

### **Coffee Morning**

Our next Coffee morning is on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March** at Havelock Road. Please feel free to drop in, between 9.30am-12.30pm.

### **Parents Evening**

Parents Evening is **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March**. Teachers will be contacting you soon to confirm your appointment times.

### **Policies**

All of our key policies, including Complaints and Safeguarding can be found on our website, at the following link: <https://www.autism.org.uk/services/nas-schools/sybil-elgar/about-us/policies-and-procedures.aspx>

If you would prefer a hard copy, please do not hesitate to contact the school and we will post a copy to you.

### **Coronavirus**

#### **Advice for parents/guardians**

You should not be unduly worried about the possibility of your children catching the Coronavirus.

There is no reason why your children should not continue to attend their early years, school or further education setting as normal.

We recognise that some families or children may be planning to travel to China during the forthcoming half term period. If so, please refer to the FCO's latest travel advice via the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/china>

### **What action you can take**

A UK wide campaign has been launched to provide clear advice on how to slow the spread of Coronavirus.

Please help to support the campaign which promotes basic hygiene practices, such as regularly washing hands and always sneezing into a tissue, to stem the spread of viruses.

### **Manager Sybil Elgar 16-22 Campus Woodlands, Acton**

We are pleased to welcome Richard our new Manager for Woodlands; Richard has worked in special needs schools as Head of School and is passionate about ensuring each student has the very best opportunities to learn and enjoy life. He is extremely committed to quality and hard work and is very much looking forward to meeting you. Richard has spent time with Marius and will commence his induction with us. We wish him all the best and look forward to seeing Woodlands go from strength to strength.

### **Term and Holiday Dates**

If you are unsure of when school holidays are taking place, please do not hesitate to contact reception on 020 8813 9168. We will be very happy to post or email you a copy of our term dates. Alternatively, they can be found at [www.autism.org.uk/sybilelgar](http://www.autism.org.uk/sybilelgar)

Please **only use the school website** for the most up to date information, including weather alerts and school opening.

### **Important dates for your Diary**

#### **FEBRUARY 2020**

<b>Monday 24th February</b>	<b>Staff &amp; Students Return</b>	<b>All Sites</b>
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#### **MARCH 2020**

<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Coffee Morning</b>	<b>Havelock Road</b>
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>World Book Day</b>	<b>All sites</b>
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Parents Evening</b>	<b>All Sites</b>


#### **APRIL 2020**

<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	<b>Break up for Easter</b>	<b>All sites</b>
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Inset Day – School closed</b>	<b>All sites</b>
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April</b>	<b>Staff &amp; Students Return</b>	<b>All Sites</b>

### **Summer Social/Graduation Party**

This year our Summer Social/Graduation Party will be on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July** at Havelock Road. Further details will be sent soon.

I wish you a calm and happy half term break and we look forward to greeting our young people back at school on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020**



Chloe Phillips  
**PRINCIPAL**