



CSEP HALF TERM NEWSLETTER

October 2004

CLASSES COMMENCE

SATURDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2004

Re-schedule of Lessons for Years 8,9,10 and 11

As you are aware, due to the success of CSEP, we have a lengthening waiting list. You may also be aware that our aim at CSEP is to provide for and help as many children as possible towards raising their self esteem and reach their potential. We will be re-scheduling our timetable so that CSEP can operate morning and afternoon sessions on Saturday. This new change will be effective from Saturday 6th November 2004. Years 1–7 will attend as normal, Years 8,9,10 and 11 will commence from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. The Science Workshop will be from 11:30am–12:30pm.

Parents & Children Association

It's that time again - The festive season is upon us. The Parents and Children Association will be having a meeting on Saturday 6th November at **10.00am sharp** to discuss activities planned for Students & Teachers. Parents please put your thinking caps on for any suggestions.

Diaspora kick Start

The first session took place Saturday 9th October - Facilitator was Garfield Robinson of the Voice Newspaper. This session was enjoyed by all. The websites visited during the workshop were www.rootsforreal.com , www.everygeneration.co.uk , www.pro.gov.uk . Several books were recommended for further research especially "Tracing Your West Indian Ancestors" by the National Archives.

Future workshops scheduled for Saturday 6th November, Saturday 20th November, and Saturday 27th November **All in the NEW BME Network Resource Library using PC's and Laptops.**

Diaspora Kick Start - Half Term Family Sessions

Thursday 28th October 2004 10.00am- 1.00pm

The author **Kate Ernest** author of "Hope Leaves Jamaica", "Birds in the Wilderness" "Festus & Felix" and "Tricky Tricky Twins" will be coming to CSEP to read extracts from her books and discuss her books (all part of Black History Month) everyone welcome, All age groups Children, Mums, Dads, Grandparents. Call to book your place now

Diaspora Kick Start - Visit to National Archives, Kew, on Saturday 13th November 2004, Re: Caribbean Family History Day 9.00am - 4.00pm

If you would like to attend our special excursion from CSEP please indicate your attendance no later than Saturday 23rd October 2004 by telephoning 0208 686 7865 we will then request that you complete a booking form to reserve your seat(s) (Pre-booking is essential as places are limited) **Adults are £5 Children free (ALL children must be accompanied).** There will be special children activities suitable for ages 7 to 12 (limited spaces please book quickly).

OTHER ACTIVITIES

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Please visit display table in reception regarding other activities in the Borough and London wide.

Croydon Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia Support Group

Will be holding an Aboriginal Art & Cultural Workshop on the 25th October 2004 9.30am - 3.00pm at the Boston Road Baptist Church Hall, Boston Road, West Croydon. Please contact Alice Allison on 0208 251 7229 for further details or email sickle.cell@virgin.net

CSEP 2nd Annual Careers Week—Monday 25th to Friday 29th October 2004 inclusive

CSEP Careers week will take place at CSEP, 32-34 Sydenham Road. Employees and representatives from professional organisations will be available to give advice, answer questions and run stimulating workshops. Details of the workshops are available from reception.

Parents of children in Years 6,7,8,9,10 and 11 please remember to discuss your children's choices and return reply options by Thursday 21st October 2004 to Jacinth Martin.

Transition Workshop

Transition workshop for parents/carers of children in Years 1,2,6 and 9 will be rescheduled after half term. Information regarding the new date will be sent to parents.

Prize Giving 2005

Parents/carers wishing to attend the Prize Giving Committee meetings, are more than welcome to do so. We welcome suggestions from Parents and Children regarding a theme for our 222nd Prize Giving event, which will take place on Saturday 9th July 2005, at Stanley Halls, South Norwood from 7:00pm. Please give your suggestions to Linda Hanson, Pat McCarthy or Vee Benn.

Mobile Phones

Some children have their mobile phones turned on in class, they also receive and make calls. **THIS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.** Children must turn their phones off whilst in class, and must not make or receive calls. In addition to this, hands free ear pieces must be removed. We would appreciate parents help in relaying this information to their children. We will confiscate mobile phones if the above happens in the future and will request parents collect the phone from us.

Calculators, Pens, Pencils

Children in Years 8,9,10 and 11 **MUST** have a calculator for their Maths lesson. **ALL CHILDREN MUST** have a pencil case with a pen, pencil, ruler, colouring pencils, eraser and pencil sharpener. Parents, please encourage your children to have the right equipment for their lessons.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

6th November 2004	PUPILS RETURN
6th November 2004	Children in Years 8,9,10 and 11 Start at 1:00pm
6th, 20th & 27th November 2004	Diaspora Kick Start
13th November 2004	Diaspora Kick Start visit to National Archives, Kew
4th December 2004	LAST DAY OF TERM
8th January 2005	PUPILS RETURN
8th & 15th January 2005	CV Workshop
15th January 2005	SATS Workshop
22nd January 2005	Parents and Children Association AGM