

The Swaminarayan

Education is that which liberates

Dear Parents, Guardians, Pupils and Friends,

Theme for the week

The theme for next week is “A school’s duty” as expressed by Ibrahim Lincoln. I have copied his letter to his son’s headmaster at the back of the newsletter.

His Holiness Mahant Swami’s visit Drive slowly, drive carefully and drive safely Instructions for dropping & picking children up

His Holiness Mahant Swami Maharaj will make his first visit to the Mandir as the spiritual guru of BAPS. So, on Friday 16th June, Monday 19th June, Tuesday 20th June and the morning of Wednesday 21st June, parents are advised of the following arrangements:

1. They should drop their child/ren off in the main school car park by entering through the main school gate.
2. Parents will not be allowed to leave their car parked in the main carpark after dropping their child/ren and must leave through the second gate adjacent to the caretaker’s bungalow.
3. Parents wishing to visit the Mandir, should park their cars in the car park across the bridge.
4. The security guards will be at both gates to ensure a smooth flow of traffic. Parents are requested to follow their instructions to the letter to maintain our high standards in the health and safety of everyone.
5. Parents are requested to maintain a 5 miles/hour speed limit whilst in the carpark.

TSS Summer Fair Saturday, 1st & Sunday, 2nd July 2017

**Parents & Friends wishing to book a stall and banners should contact the school office.
There are stalls still available, so book them now to avoid disappointment by phoning
the School Office**

Parents Questionnaire

I have attached the Parents Questionnaire at the end as promised in my previous newsletter before the half term. May I request that you complete it by Friday 16th June 2017 and send it to the school or ask you child to hand it into their House Tutors.

GSCE & A Level Examinations

We are only half-way through all the GCSE and A Levels examinations. So, work is still continuing. I am sure you will continue to support your children during this stressful period.

Sports Day

The Sports Day for the senior pupils will take place on Tuesday, 27th June in Gibbons Ground.

Lincoln's Letter to his son's Headmaster

The 16th President of the United States of America once wrote a very inspirational letter to the Headmaster of his son's school:

“He will have to learn, I know, that all men are not just, all men are not true. But teach him also that for every scoundrel there is a hero, and for every selfish politician, there is a dedicated leader. Teach him that for every enemy, there is a friend. It will take time I know, but teach him, if you can, that a dollar earned is of far more value than five dollars found. Teach him to learn to lose and to also enjoy winning. Steer him away from envy, if you can. Teach him the secret of quiet laughter. Let him learn early that bullies are the easiest to lick. Teach him, if you can, the wonder of books, but also give him quiet time to ponder over the eternal mystery of birds in the sky, bees in the sun and flowers on a garden hillside.”

“In school, teach him it is far more honourable to fail than to cheat. Teach him to have faith in his own ideas, even if everyone tells him they are wrong. Teach him to be gentle with the gentle people and tough with the tough. Try to give my son the strength not to follow the crowd when everyone is getting on the band wagon. Teach him to listen to all but teach him also to filter all he hears on a screen of truth and take only the good that comes through.”

“Teach him, if you can, how to laugh when he is sad. Teach him there is no shame in tears. Teach him to scoff at cynics and to beware of too much sweetness. Teach him to sell his brawn and brain to the highest bidders, but to never put a price tag on his heart and soul. Teach him to close his ears to a howling mob, and to stand and fight if he thinks he is right.”

“Treat him gently but do not cuddle him, as only the test of fire makes fine steel. Let him have the courage to be impatient and let him have the patience to be brave. Teach him always to have sublime faith in himself, because he will then always have sublime faith in mankind. I know this is a big order, but see what you can do. He is such a fine little fellow, my son.”

Yours sincerely,

Nilesh Manani