

# East Sheen Primary School

## Headship Headlines December 2018



### Teaching and Learning

What a busy term it has been! It is a real joy going around the school, popping in to lessons to join the children in their learning and observe their enthusiasm and engagement! Visitors always comment on how motivated and interested our children are in lessons. The Headship Team has just completed the formal round of lesson observations and can confirm the quality of teaching in the school is outstanding. All lessons have been planned highly effectively and all children are encouraged to try their best; children are eager to know how to improve their learning and are self-motivated and proud. Their books demonstrate that they are responding to feedback and making progress. They were all keen to share ideas and explain to us what they were working on and learning. We also saw much evidence of Thinking School strategies which are clearly embedded in practice and are used confidently by children to support their learning and understanding.

OFSTED is preparing a new inspection framework for September 2019 and we are delighted to see that quality of education as a whole will be a main focus. Many schools have concentrated so much on achieving the expected standards in Reading, Writing and Maths that the broader curriculum was being squeezed out of timetables. We have never done this at East Sheen Primary and have ensured children access high quality lessons covering

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Science, History, Geography, Art, Music, Drama, Sport, RE, PSHE and French in KS2 (as shared with you through the year group termly bulletins) as well as opportunities to cook, learn chess and enjoy theme days and visits to bring these subjects to life.

Our School Improvement Partner continues to make regular visits where she challenges and looks for evidence of the impact of the teaching in school and her report for governors makes very positive reading. She is extremely impressed with the quality of teaching throughout the school and of the leadership and management of the school as a whole. We are fortunate also to have a very active Governing Body who challenge and support to ensure the school is always moving forward and striving to meet the ambitious targets we set ourselves in all areas of school development.



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### Wellbeing

We continue to work towards achieving the Wellbeing Award for Schools and have many interventions and strategies in school to support good mental health for children and adults. Staff enjoyed a training session on the October INSET day which gave an opportunity to reflect on existing good practice and share ideas as well as introducing additional activities to use in school. We all need to practise focusing on the positive things that happen in the day or exist in our lives and give time to talk and celebrate who we are.

We are also part of a cluster of schools who have been invited to take part in a pilot scheme, working with the NHS to develop a programme to support mental health in schools with the intention of it being rolled out nationwide next year.

We continue to focus on keeping children physically active with high quality sports lessons, the introduction of the daily mile and active learning in the classrooms.

The school nurse “drop-in” service has been very well received with parents able to raise a range of issues and explore strategies to deal with them.

We are very impressed with the quality of lunches prepared by our new contractor, Accent. Nicoleta Pasca has been appointed as our school chef and she is looking forward to getting to know you all! She certainly appears to be leading a happy team!



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### Safeguarding

We are very excited to announce that we will be introducing an online management system called CPOMS which will not only reduce the amount of paper files we have to keep but will hold important safeguarding information centrally and in one place. It will be a more efficient and effective way of sharing important information.

Our Safeguarding governors have completed the annual review and are satisfied with safeguarding procedures in school. We have also had two fire drills this term, including one after school while a variety of clubs were in progress. The evacuations from the building were completed very quickly and safely.



We look forward to welcoming you to the end of term festive celebrations at school and wish you all a peaceful hoilday and happy start to 2019. Term begins again on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January.

Best wishes, The Headship Team