

# ISL PTA NEWSLETTER



**September 2008**

**Please, note in your diary:**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September from 8:30 Welcome Coffee Morning**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October 13:00 to 16:00 Welcome BBQ**

Dear Parents,

The ISL Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is pleased to welcome you (back) to the school community.

We will try our best to keep you informed, to help integrate you into the life of the school and to help things go smoothly for you throughout the year. Therefore Betsy Goldstein (Y1 CR) will play a major role as she will be in charge of communications. She will mostly use e-mails to keep you up to date but other means of communication will also be used.

This monthly newsletter is one of them. It will keep the same structure throughout the year so you will quickly know where to go to find the info you want. The PTA information board is situated on the wall in front of the second main door, not far from the vending machines – please have a look from time to time!

If you are a new family joining ISL, you will be contacted very soon by a class representative and/or by another parent who speaks your language. Full details of who these individuals are, together with a copy of the PTA constitution and of the role of the CR & LR are contained within this newsletter.

If you have any questions or if you want to become a more active member of the PTA, please feel free to contact any of the parents listed. We hope to meet you all in the many PTA activities.

The PTA Team

# PTA News & Activities

## What is the PTA?

The PTA is a non-profit organisation involving all ISL parents and staff. It aims to stimulate communication and create a better understanding between the school and the parents, to encourage the growth and reputation of the school, to promote its policies and to provide support where appropriate.

Regular PTA activities include coffee mornings, cookery demonstrations, a Book club as well as different events taking place throughout the year. Full details of each activity will be circulated to you in due time. But you will already find [attached to this newsletter a “glossary” of the major activities that are taking place along the school year.](#) Keep it on hand!

As you will see on page 5, the PTA is made of an executive committee (Chair, Vice-Chair and Third Parent), the Class Representatives as well as some language representatives. Those people meet once a month to prepare the PTA events as well as to discuss any general issue with the school representatives (Mr. Davies - Deputy Head, Mrs Law and/or Mr. Pantehis – Primary representatives).

The Agenda will be sent to you every month. Those meetings are open, so feel free to assist.

## Class & Language Representatives

Attached to this newsletter is a description of the role of the Class and Language representatives. You will find their e-mail addresses and phone numbers on page 5 and 6 of this newsletter.

Please feel free to contact them!

## Coffee morning

**Wednesday 3rd September** will be the first day of the school year. As usual, we will take this opportunity to welcome you with a warm coffee (or tea, of course!) and some croissants.

This will give you the opportunity to meet many other parents and to have a first contact with your class or language representatives.

The event will take place **in the dining room and in the hall of the school from 8:30 am.**

We hope to see you all!

## **Annual Welcome BBQ**

**Saturday 4th October from 13:00 to 16:00 in the school playground.**

This will be another opportunity for new parents and children to meet others and for the remaining families to catch up with the latest news after the summer break !

The tickets (£5 per adult and £3 per child) for the BBQ will be on sale at the office during the previous week.

If you feel like it, **you can also volunteer to help us** preparing that event. Most of the help will be needed on Friday 3rd October (mostly to prepare the food) and on the Saturday morning (to set up the tables, chairs and all the materials and to decorate the place) and afternoon (to help preparing and serving the food and to help putting things in order after the BBQ).

See you there!

## **Clubs**

### **Book club**

The book club members meet once a month to discuss a book they had previously decided to read.

Interested? Contact Karen Lee-Campbell at [karen@lee-campbell.co.uk](mailto:karen@lee-campbell.co.uk)

### **Cooking club**

It's the place to share a recipe with other parents. You can either be the student or be the cook! The participants meet every Friday in the school kitchen at 14:00.

If you are interested, if you feel like cooking or if you just want some more information, please contact [vanessatds1@hotmail.com](mailto:vanessatds1@hotmail.com).

## Feel like going out?

Throughout the year we will organise visits to some of London's famous places and walks in some typical neighbourhoods. We will also offer you tickets for some of the best musicals or events that are taking place in the city.

For example, last year we had the opportunity to visit the BBC and the Neasden Temple or to go to Sunbury Antique Market. We also had the opportunity to walk around Richmond and to enjoy, among others, The Lord of the Rings, Mamma Mia or Grease.

All the information will be passed on to you in due time via this newsletter.

## ISL Baby-sitters

In the next newsletter, we will publish a list of the ISL students who wish to do some baby-sitting.

## A Message from Deputy Head – Guidance

Dear Parents,

I trust that you have had a good summer and I look forward to working with you during the year and meeting you at a number of the functions we will be holding in September.

You will soon be receiving a copy of the Parents' and Students' Handbook which contains information on the procedures, rules and routines which we have established at ISL. I would be grateful if all parents would take the time to read through the Handbook to familiarise themselves with our expectations.

I would ask that particular note be taken over student attendance during the school year. Our schedules have been constructed with the expectation that students will be in attendance for the full academic year and we trust that parents will cooperate with us to prevent any avoidable absence from school during term time. If you have any queries over information in the Handbook, you may bring these to the Class Presentations held in September.

Huw Davies  
Deputy Head - Guidance

# ISL Parent Contacts 2008-2009

## Executive Committee

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## Some worldwide dates to remember in September

### **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> - Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September: Ramadan**

Ramadan is the holiest month in the Islamic calendar. It lasts about 30 days, starting and ending with an official sighting of the new moon. Healthy Muslims who follow this tradition are not supposed to eat or drink between dawn and sunset during Ramadan - they eat meals just before and after these times. It is also a spiritual time: Muslims are encouraged to pray, to do good deeds (avoiding bad behaviour, thoughts or sights), and if possible to spend time with family members.

### **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September: Rosh Hashanah**

The start of the Jewish New Year. One of the traditions at this time is to blow the shofar (a ram's horn, used as an instrument) in the synagogues (Jewish places of worship).

### **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September: Autumn Equinox**

The autumn equinox is when day and night are of equal length

## Tips for September

### **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July - Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September: Houses of Parliament Summer Opening**

During the summer break for Parliament it is possible to buy a ticket for a 75-minute guided tour of the House of Commons and the House of Lords.

### **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July - Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September: Summer opening of the State Rooms at Buckingham Palace**

While the Queen visits Scotland each summer, it is possible to buy a ticket to see the State Rooms at Buckingham Palace.

### **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September: Heritage Open Days**

Free entry is offered at many National Trust properties across the UK. For information about the places which are taking part see:

<http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk> or <http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk>



Heritage Open Days: Free entry at National Trust properties such as Ham House (near Richmond)

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September: Last Night of the Proms**

Famous classical music concert at the Royal Albert Hall in London. Concerts at the same time in Hyde Park and some other places in the UK. If you cannot go to the concerts but are living in the UK, watch the first part on BBC2 and then the ending on BBC1, or listen on Radio 3. If you miss it or if you are not in the UK, you can listen on the BBC's internet site for a week or two after the concert (<http://www.bbc.co.uk/proms>).

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September: The Great River Race**

Over 200 different traditional rowing boats race along the River Thames, from Ham House (Richmond) to Island Gardens: [www.greatriverrace.co.uk](http://www.greatriverrace.co.uk)



Hundreds of boats take part in the river marathon

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September: Thames Festival (12:00 – 22:00)**

Two days of free music and entertainment on the south bank of the Thames, between Westminster Bridge and Blackfriars Bridge. [www.thamesfestival.org](http://www.thamesfestival.org).



Thames Festival: night carnival

One of the highlights is the Night Carnival (Procession of Lights) on Sunday evening. This procession starts on Victoria Embankment, just after

Waterloo Bridge, at 7:30pm. It follows the road east, crosses the Thames at Blackfriars Bridge, and continues west along the South Bank before finishing behind the Royal Festival Hall at 9:30pm. From 9:45pm to 10pm fireworks are launched from a barge between Waterloo Bridge and Blackfriars Bridge.

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September: [Tower Music Festival](#)**

A series of evening concerts outside the Tower of London (tickets required). For further information, see:

<http://www.hrp.org.uk/TowerOfLondon/WhatsOn/Default/TheTowerfestival.aspx>

***Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September (dates to be confirmed) : [Canary Wharf Jazz Festival](#)***

Free jazz concerts in Jubilee Park, Canary Wharf (nearest Tube/DLR station: Canary Wharf). There are lunchtime (1pm) and early evening (7pm) concerts on Wed-Fri, then a full afternoon event (1-7:30pm) on Saturday. See: <http://www.mycanarywharf.com/whats-on>

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> - Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September: [Riverfront Jazz](#)**

Also known as the Greenwich Jazz Festival, this is a series of jazz events (many of them free) in and around Greenwich (in south-east London; nearest station: Cutty Sark on the DLR). For details of times and venue, see: <http://www.riverfrontjazz.co.uk>

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September: [London Open House](#)**

During this weekend you can visit many buildings in London which are not normally open to the public. For the most popular buildings it is necessary to book in advance.

For more details, see: <http://www.openhouselondon.org>

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September: [Autumn Equinox](#)**

The autumn equinox is when day and night are of equal length. Druids celebrate this at Primrose Hill, London and at Stonehenge and other ancient monuments. For more information, see:

[www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/paganism/holydays/autumnequinox.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/paganism/holydays/autumnequinox.shtml)

## I recommend

Each month we will print some suggestions and recommendations from ISL parents. So if you have been to some restaurants, some shops, some exhibitions... that were really worth it, let us know!

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## House for rent



A period house with a fabulous contemporary finish, located on a sought after and desirable road in Central Chiswick. The property is offered in fantastic condition and comprises a bright reception room which leads out onto a South facing garden, master suite with ensuite bathroom, four further bedrooms, bathroom, shower room, utility room and ground floor cloakroom. Unfurnished.  
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