



# GUJARATI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## Winter 2017 Edition



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# Introduction

Jay Swaminarayan, Hope you all have had a festive Diwali and New year!

New for this year: We have started teaching children from as young as 4 in our new Pre-Ankodi classes.

Here at Gujarati school we've had quite the year... filled with loads of learning, achievements, competitions along with fun and games.

We have had to say goodbye to our fellow GCSE students who all passed with fantastic grades. They mentioned they have enjoyed every step of the journey with us at Gujarati school and we look forward to seeing them excel.

In this issue we will be enlightening you with useful information, poems and activities that have taken place throughout this year.

Hope you enjoy!



# Calendar

## For 2017 –2018:

**Saturday 2th September 2017** – Start of New Term

**Saturday 21st October 2017** – Closed for Diwali

**Saturday 23rd December 2017** – Closed for Christmas

**Saturday 30th December 2017** – Closed for Christmas

**Saturday 6th January 2018** – Start of Classes

**Saturday 31st March 2018** – Closed for Easter (One week)

**Saturday 16th June 2018** – End of Year Exams & Enrolment of  
New Students

**Saturday 7th July 2018** – Open Day/ Awards & Last Day of School  
before Summer Break

**August 2018** – Closed for Summer Break

**Saturday 1st September 2018** – Start of New Term.

Please note that the School's phone number is enter **020 8909 9389** (Ext.239) (during school hours - 10am to 3pm).

# Diwali Poem

## *The first Diwali*

*All the people shed so many tears  
When Ram left for 14 years.  
14 years, in a forest deep  
Where he and Sita used to sleep.  
Until Ravana spoiled Ram's life  
By stealing Sita for a wife.  
Ravana took her in his chariot high  
Over the sea and across the skies.  
The Indian monkey king, called as Hanuman  
Helped the king Ram with a plan.  
He built a bridge across the sea  
So king Ram could set Queen Sita free.  
Then, in a battle, fierce and long  
Ram showed how strong he was.  
Ravana killed, and Sita was saved  
Ram was so bold and brave.  
On Ram's return to Ayodhya city  
The people made king Ram's journey  
pretty  
By lighting lamps (diya) along his way  
And so it was until this day.  
That diya lamps, like guiding lights  
Reminding all of us that good is right.  
And from the dark of ignorant ways  
Grants knowledge for our bright future days.*



# Navratri Poem

*The temple priest has rung his bell.  
A cloud of smoke from candles  
and lamps  
Haloes the Goddess, glowing  
bright  
This beat of drums both maddens  
and dulls.*



*The incense burns: so heady the  
musk,  
Our senses flounder in the flood.  
This endless chant of sacred words  
Soon drugs our lips and stuns our minds.*

*The Goddess, always staring down:  
Her painted pupils cut through smoke  
And read the secret thoughts we think.  
We somehow feel this within our hearts.*

*To Mother, we know, we bow and pray –  
Her form not just this image of clay.*



# Rangoli

## ***Our Rangoli competition 2017 winners***



# Fun Memories!



# GCSE Gujarati 2017 Results

**2016-2017**

**3 A\***

**11 A**

**11 B**

**4C**

***Well done Everyone!***

