

Friday 9th October 2020

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Dear **Parents and Carers,**

We hope that you have now fully settled into the routine of the new school year and the structure of the school week. You will have recently received a letter in your child's book bag about our reading diaries and how these should be filled in which we hope was helpful. As reading at home is so important we regularly restock home reading books and make sure that there is a diverse choice for children. Please help us to stock enough books in the school by making sure that home readers are returned. Look under beds, behind sofas and in bedrooms to check that none are left behind!

October is Black History Month in the UK. It is an annual event honouring the contributions and accomplishments of the Black British community. It celebrates both current and historical individuals and the positive impact they have made to our society. It is important to celebrate contributions and the multi-culturalism and diversity that helps shape our communities. In order to ensure that pupils receive multiple opportunities to learn about Black History, instead of Black History Day, there will be four assemblies across the month of October on key themes including 're-building Britain: The Windrush Generation' and 'shaping our world: Impacting science, technology, medicine and the arts'.

Next week we will be celebrating our annual World Week. This year will look a little bit different as we follow the current COVID guidelines. This means we will not be holding our International Evening or our International Dress Day. Instead, we will focus this year on a community video that celebrates the theme of 'belonging'. 'Belonging' is the sense of being somewhere where you can be confident that you will fit in and feel safe in your identity. Schools are one of the shared social contexts which can create that sense of belonging. We encourage pupils to be conscientious global citizens who do their part to build a kinder, more inclusive, and compassionate world. Through World Week this year, we are aiming to create safe spaces for our pupils to ask questions and share their own perspectives as well as talk about experiences in relation to recent and significant global events. If you haven't already done so, follow us on twitter or Facebook to see the work outcomes as they happen!

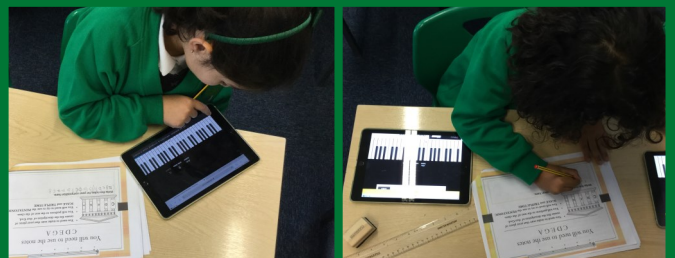
Thank you for your support.

Ms Aimee Walker
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YEAR 4 MUSIC MAKERS

Last week, Year 4 explored the use of a virtual piano during their music lesson. Through this, they made links to their history unit by composing and then playing a leitmotif for Hades, the Greek god of the Underworld.



YEAR 2 SPANISH

In Spanish, Year 2 children have been learning how to name different fruit in Spanish. They have also incorporated their understanding of Spanish numbers to say exactly how many items of this fruit they had. For example: *Tengo tres peras = I have 3 pears*. Next, they will expand on this by describing the colour of a range of fruit.



RECEPTION ROLE PLAY

This week, children in Cherry Class have been exploring the home themed role play corner. They linked their creative play to class learning by experimenting with their own menus that they then 'cooked' for their classmates. Through this play the children rehearsed new vocabulary with their friends.



PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS: WASH YOUR HANDS FOR AT LEAST 20 SECONDS



YEAR 3 CHECK MATE!

BOOKTRUST PACKS EYFS

Each academic year, our Year 3 pupils participate in weekly sessions with a chess master. This week the children learned the basics rules of chess, they were introduced to the different chess pieces and learned how to set up their board. Through these sessions, they will develop their strategic thinking skills, learning to combine problem solving, pattern recognition and creative thinking to make their moves. The children will also discover how to be patient until just the right moment for a big move!



Each year, our Reception children receive a reading book pack from the BookTrust. This year the book is called *The Runaway Pea*. The children in Cherry Class enjoyed predicting what the story would be about based on the front cover. They are all excited to read the book and answer the questions, with their families.

COFFEE MORNINGS

Our coffee mornings can be accessed this term as online video presentations. Please don't forget to complete the online evaluation to let us know what you think! Videos will be uploaded on the following dates:

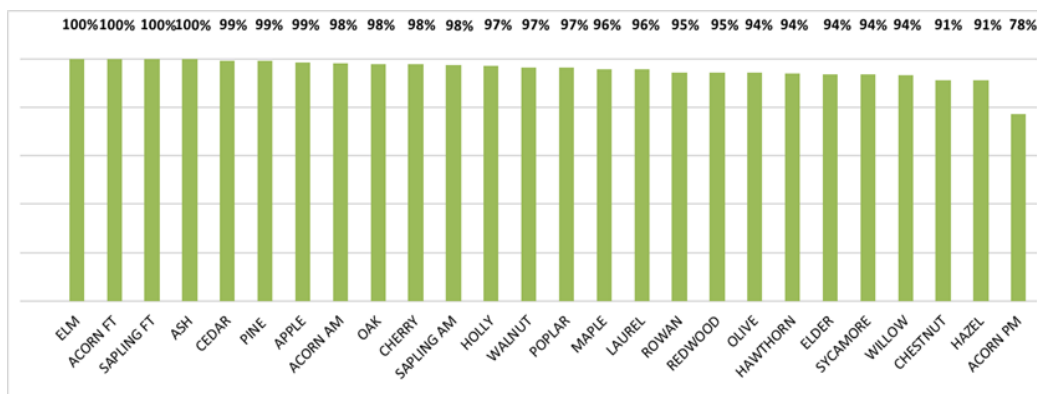
Date	Focus
Friday 23 rd October	Anti-Bullying: Learn what the school does to prevent bullying.
Friday 6 th November	Wellbeing: How to have a healthy mind and healthy body
Friday 20 th November	Spelling and Handwriting: How to support your child with their spelling and handwriting at home
Friday 4 th December	Maths: How to support your child understanding and using the 4 operations effectively.
Friday 18 th December	E Safety: Be aware of dangers online and how to keep your child safe while using technology

<https://www.orchard.hackney.sch.uk/parents-guide/parent-and-school/coffee-mornings/>

ATTENDANCE

Children have only 190 school days in a year so coming to school everyday makes a real difference! Whole school attendance for last week was **95.83%**

Well done to Elm, Acorn FT, Sapling FT & Ash the weekly winners with **100%**



KEY DATES

Autumn Term 2020

Children's Start Date: Monday 7th September
Half Term Holiday: Monday 26th - Friday 30th October

Children Start Date: Monday 2nd November
Parents Evening: Thursday 10th December
Finish Date: Friday 18th December at 2pm

Spring Term 2021

Staff Training Day: Monday 4th January

Children's Start Date: Tuesday 5th January

Work & Enterprise Week: Week beginning 18th January

Half Term Holiday: Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February

Children's Start Date: Monday 22nd February

Science & Technology Day (with Science Fair): Friday 19th March

Parents Evening: Thursday 25th March

End of Term Finish Date: Thursday 1st April at 2pm

Summer Term 2021

Children's Start Date: Monday 19th April 2021

Families' Week: Starts Monday 26th April 2021

Bank Holiday: Monday 3rd May 2021

Half Term Holiday: Monday 31 May 2021 – Friday 4 June 2021

Children Start Date: Monday 7th June 2021

Staff Training Day: Friday 25th June 2021

Keeping Healthy Week (including sports day): Starts Monday 28th June 2021

Parents Evening: Thursday 8th July 2021

End of Term Finish Date: Thursday 22nd July at 2pm

Staff Training Day: Friday 23rd July 2021

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