

Friday 13th November 2020

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Dear **Parents and Carers,**

During this second national lockdown we are continuing to ensure that our priority is to teach our children, close learning gaps and provide enriching experiences where possible. Safety is paramount and we will continue to ensure that our risk assessment supports this with particular emphasis on hand hygiene, good space and ventilation. Thank you to all parents for supporting safety in the school playground by wearing a mask during drop off and collection times. We appreciate your continued trust in the school and for ensuring children continue to access their right to education. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank all the staff for their unwavering commitment during these times.

Our parents evening event will look a little different this term in order to ensure social distancing and to keep the community safe. Meetings will take place between the 7th December and the 17th December 2020. Each class will be allocated a specified day. Appointments will be telephone consultations with ten minute appointments available between 8:45am and 5.45pm. A letter will be sent out next week with information about how to book. Autumn Term reports will be sent home on the 10th December 2020.

You will have received the half termly curriculum newsletter this week. These detail the learning for this half term including PE days. Physical education is a statutory part of the curriculum and, particularly at this time, essential for both physical and mental well-being. Please ensure your child has their full PE kit each week to enable them to access the learning comfortably and safely.

Reception places are allocated in a cross London scheme which is organised by our local authority, Hackney Education, not the school. If you have a child who was born between 1st September 2016 to 31st August 2017 then you will need to make an application for a Reception place for September 2021 *regardless of whether your child attends our Nursery or has a sibling already in the school.* Our Reception classes are very popular so don't miss the deadline for these applications which is **Tuesday 15th January 2021**. You can access the application form at: www.eadmissions.org.uk

Thank you for your support.

Ms Aimee Walker
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie
Executive Headteacher

NURSERY ICEBERGS

In the Nursery, the children have been interested in learning more about Antarctica after reading our core text, 'The Emperor's Egg'. They had the opportunity to undertake 3D painting and explore different texture, by using 'puffy paint' to create their own icebergs.



CYLING BIKE LOAN

We distributed the first bicycles for the long term bike loan scheme, to Year 4 riders during Autumn 1. Another 12 will be given out to Year 5 riders in Autumn 2. There are still a few spaces so please contact the office for more information.



YEAR 6 ECO-TAPESTRIES

In Art last week, Chestnut Class used the school Chromebooks to research, compare and annotate ideas, to support their own eco-tapestries being developed this term. They focussed on Grayson Perry's "Comfort Blanket Tapestry" and identified what it tells us about modern Britain.

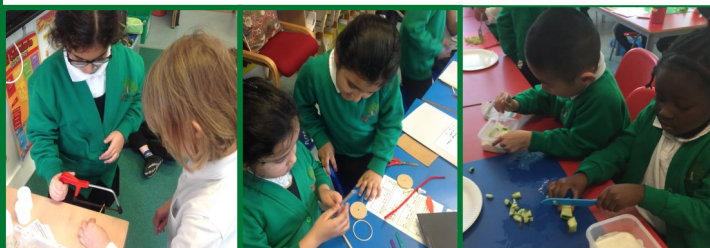


SMART BLACK SHOES FOR SCHOOL PLEASE!



KS1 DT DAY

Year 1 created some delicious dips and dippers as part of their DT day project. The children learned safe cutting skills and how to follow a recipe. Afterwards the children thought carefully about how to evaluate their recipes. Year 2 children constructed electric waterproof cars. They tested materials to see which would work best to keep their car waterproof, then used trial and error to build their own working, electric car with a partner.



YEAR 4 GARDENING

Hazel Class participated in the second part of the Year 4 gardening workshop, focusing on how to make Ancient Egyptian bandages using flax. In small groups, the children did some breaking, heckling and spinning of flax into yarn using special tools. They enjoyed working together and using new vocabulary to explain the process. We look forward to seeing the final outcome!



COFFEE MORNINGS AND APPOINTMENTS

Please remember, if you would like to talk to a member of the inclusion team, curriculum team or your child's teacher, please call the school office to book a telephone appointment.

Coffee mornings continue to be uploaded to our website. There are three more coffee mornings this term but all previous content can still be accessed too.

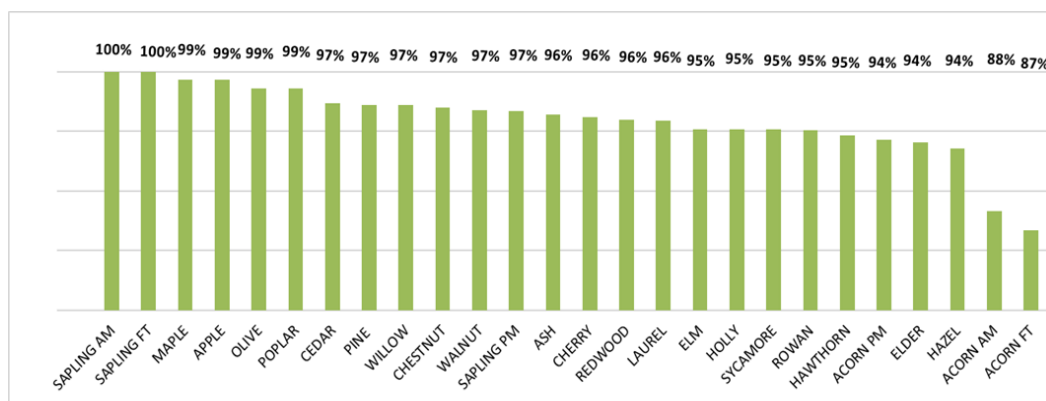
Date	Focus
Friday 20th November	Spelling and Handwriting: How to support your child with their spelling and handwriting at home.
Friday 4th December	Maths: How to support your child understanding and using the 4 operations effectively.
Friday 18th December	E Safety: Be aware of dangers online and how 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 **95.78%**

Well done to Sapling AM & Sapling FT Class the weekly winners with 100%



KEY DATES

Autumn Term 2020

Children Start Date:

Monday 2nd November

Reports Date:

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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