

Friday 23rd October 2020

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Dear **Parents and Carers,**

As London has moved into Tier 2 it is paramount that we do what we can to reduce the rate of transmission of the virus. We continue to review our risk assessment every two weeks and revisit hygiene expectations in school throughout each week. Thank you for your continued efforts in ensuring drop off and collection go as smoothly as possible each day by observing social distancing, wearing face masks and telephoning to book appointments with the teaching team, senior leaders or admin staff if needed.

Our coffee mornings next half term will continue to be remote in order that we can provide information about a variety of topics including mental health and the curriculum. If you have missed any of the previous content, this can still be accessed by clicking on the coffee morning page in the parent section of the website.

In order to risk manage the current context, the school have a remote learning policy in the event that a child, a group of children or a class / year group bubble need to self isolate. It is a requirement that children continue to access their educational entitlement and we will provide a mixture of concrete resources through work packs and online learning resources in the event this should happen. All learning will be designed to support a smooth reintegration into school on return in order that children do not fall behind. The partnership between home and school is the key to making this successful and we will give clear instructions should self isolation impact your child.

The first half term has gone by very quickly, with school breaking up for half term today. **Children return on Monday 2nd November.** Staggered times will continue to be in place to support a manageable transition at the start and end of the day. During the first few weeks of the school year we have been focussing on important key skills such as reading confidently and with understanding as well as key maths knowledge such as pairs of numbers that add to 10, 100, 1000 and essential confidence in times tables facts. Please support us by making sure that children practise these at home including the use of Mathletics and Timestable Rockstars. This week you will have received the half term holiday project information to support children in getting ready for the new half term of learning and we look forward to seeing the creative outcomes worked on at home when children return!

Thank you for your continued support.

Ms Aimee Walker
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie
Executive Headteacher

DEMOCRACY DAY RESULTS

During Democracy Day, children in years 1-6 had the opportunity to cast their own vote to elect Year 6 School Councillors. After watching election presentations, the children completed a voting ballot. They elected *Liberty* (Head Girl), *Tristan* (Head Boy), *Manpreet* (Treasurer) and *Marlow* (Secretary) to lead the School Council this year.



NURSERY HANDWASHING

This week the children in nursery have learned about germs and the importance of washing hands. As part of their learning, all children took part in an experiment with pepper and soap. They have all been very curious, watching the germs "going away" as they said, every time they added soap into the water.



YEAR 2 FIRE SAFETY



In Year 2, children enjoyed learning all about fire safety in school and at home. They were able to share what they already do to keep safe and listened carefully to London Fire Brigade share more information. The children took a checklist home so they could inspect their own homes with their families to check they were fire safe. They also learned about the importance of checking a smoke detector regularly.



CHILDREN RETURN ON MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2020
STAGGERED START TIMES EYFS: 9:15AM / KS1 9:05AM / KS2 8:55AM
STAGGERED FINISH TIMES EYFS: 3:10PM / KS1 3:20PM / KS2 3:30PM



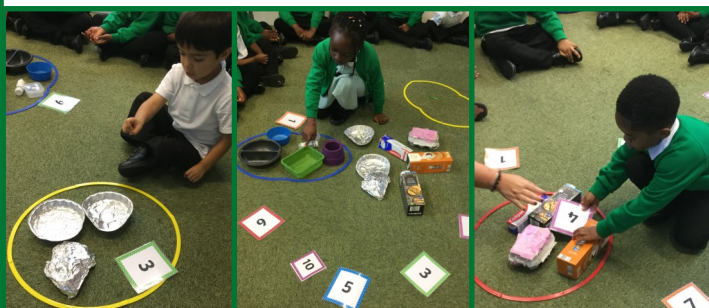
WORLD WEEK

During Week 6, we celebrated World Week. This year's theme was **'belonging'**. Children explored that sense of being somewhere where you can be confident that you will fit in and feel safe in your identity. Many children talked about family and school and felt that strong sense of belonging to both. In classes, children explored both belonging and the concept of identity. Each class developed a cultural identity map to explore their cultural heritage, thinking about customs and traditions passed down between generations.



RECEPTION MATHS

In Reception, the children have been learning about recycling. During maths lessons this week, the class had an opportunity to sort and group different types of materials before counting the items in each group and matching the correct numeral to each group of sorted recycling.



COFFEE MORNINGS

Coffee mornings will continue next half term remotely. Thank you to all parents and carers who have watched the online presentations and completed the survey. We continue to use feedback to inform the content of future sessions. Videos will be uploaded on the following dates:

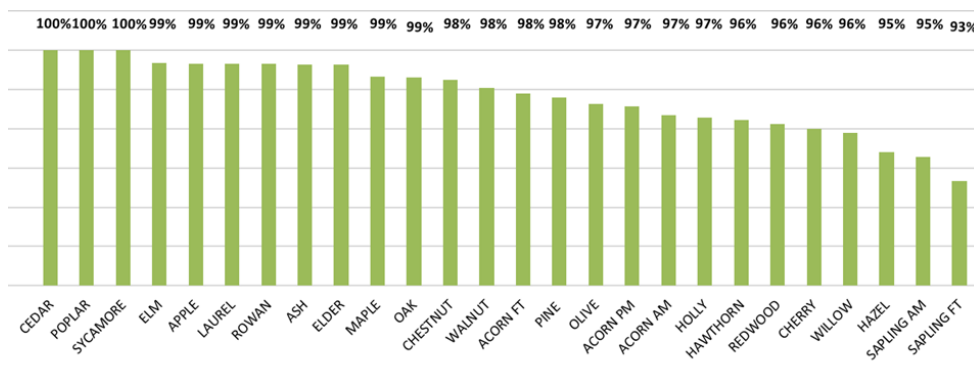
Date	Focus
Friday 6th November	Wellbeing: How to have a healthy mind and healthy body
Friday 20th November	Spelling and Handwriting: How to support your child with their spelling and handwriting at home
Friday 4th December	Maths: How to support your child understanding and using the 4 operations effectively.
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 **98.00%**

Well done to Cedar, Poplar & Sycamore Class 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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