

Friday 27th November 2020

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Dear **Parents and Carers,**

Last week children across the school thought about how we show that we are united against bullying. This included an assembly and class PSHE lesson focusing on what bullying is and how we prevent it. In Key Stage Two children discussed how we behave towards others, how others perceive our chosen behaviours and actions and how to stay safe when using online platforms. Last year the school achieved the Anti Bullying Silver Quality Mark due to the embedded approach to anti-bullying across the school. Our PSHE curriculum ensures that key themes around relationships are revisited every year to develop children's knowledge and awareness of strategies for keeping themselves and others safe.

We hope you will now have booked your telephone parent consultation appointment in order to discuss your child's first term of the new academic year. You will have received a letter with instructions explaining how to book online or alternatively, please call the school office who will be able to support you. Learning at home continues to be of high importance and ways in which you can ensure your child is maximising their learning opportunities in school include making sure there is time for reading every day, practising times tables (counting in steps for younger children) and the spellings that are sent home every week in Years 1 to 6 are learned.

We work very hard to be a smart school where children can feel proud. An important part of this is our school uniform. As the weather gets colder please remember that children are expected to wear black school shoes and not boots as these are not safe when they are moving around the school and in the playground. Please also ensure children are bringing a book bag to school rather than a large rucksack as space in classrooms for storage is limited. Book bags can be purchased through our uniform supplier: <https://www.mapac.com/>.

This year Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner Day will be held on the **11th December**. While we will not be able to hold our usual Sing a Long year group events or nativity for EYFS, we will be publishing a school video which all children will contribute to and can be watched from the comfort of home!

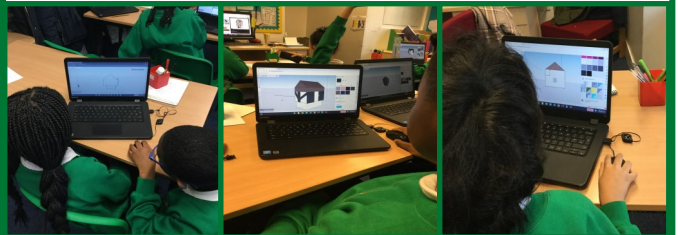
Thank you for your support.

Ms Aimee Walker  
Headteacher

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Executive Headteacher

## YEAR 5 SKETCH UP

Last week, Poplar Class began to create Tudor style houses using sketch up in ICT. They used the rectangle and push/pull tools to create pitched roofs and larger upper storey floors in a historical style. The line tool and paint were also used to create distinctive black and white wooden frames.



## UPPER SCHOOL DT DAY

During Upper School DT day, Years 3, 4 and 6 designed and created items that required a range of sewing skills. In Year 3 children constructed small bags, Year 4 juggling balls and Year 6 their own phone case. At the end of the day, all pupils evaluated their final outcome.



## RECEPTION EXPLORING

Last week, children in Reception read '*Blue Penguin*'. Children in Apple Class used their new found knowledge to explore the class role-play area, pretending to journey to Antarctica. They drew maps, made 'fires' at their 'base camp' and worked together to explore. The children also used collage to create their very own blue penguin!



**READING FOR 20 MINUTES EACH DAY EXPOSES CHILDREN TO 1.8 MILLION WORDS A YEAR!**

## YEAR 6 YOUTH SUMMIT

At the start of this half term, Year 6 took part in the Youth Climate Summit. This year the summit was being held online, which meant that the children got the chance to listen to some inspirational speakers, who discussed sustainability. They were also given examples about how to live more sustainably. This informative event linked to the Year 6 Geography topic this half term.



## YEAR 2 NETBALL

During P.E. this half-term, Rowan Class are enjoying learning the skills needed to play netball. Last week, the children learned the skill of chest passes. The children worked very well in partners and also in threes, where one person's job was to try and intercept the ball, as the two other players worked as a team to keep the ball safe. P.E is an important part of our curriculum learning each week!



## COFFEE MORNINGS AND APPOINTMENTS

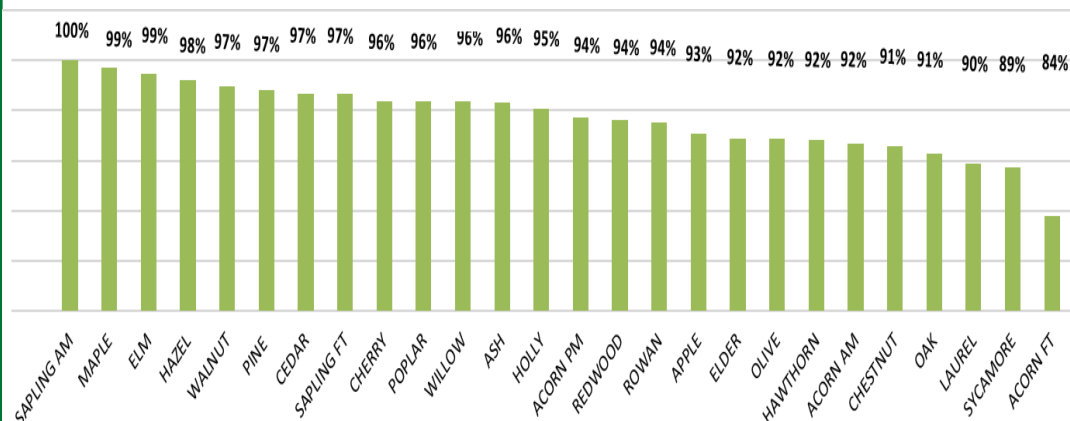
There are now only two coffee mornings left this term. Content can be accessed online at: <https://www.orchard.hackney.sch.uk/parents-guide/parent-and-school/coffee-mornings/>

Date	Focus
Friday 4th December	<b>Maths:</b> How to support your child understanding and using the 4 operations effectively.
Friday 18th December	<b>E Safety:</b> Be aware of dangers online and how to keep your child safe while using technology.

Our Autumn Term parent consultation meetings will take place between the 7<sup>th</sup> December and the 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020. **Each class have been allocated a day within this timeframe.** Appointments this term will be **telephone consultations** and appointments will be available between **8:45am and 5.45pm.** Please check the letter sent to you with information on how to book online. If you need to make an appointment to speak to one of the inclusion or curriculum team as well as the classteacher, please call the school office who will arrange this.

## 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 **94.28%**  
**Well done to Sapling AM Class** the weekly winners with **100%**



## KEY DATES

### Autumn Term 2020

**Children Start Date:** Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

**Reports Date:** Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December

**Finish Date:** Friday 18<sup>th</sup> 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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