

Thursday 24th June 2021

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## Dear Parents and Carers,

We are holding our termly parents meetings on the afternoon of Thursday 8th July. Please make sure that you have booked an appointment to meet with your child's teacher and arrive on time to talk through children's books with them. It makes such a difference to children to know that you share an interest in their learning at school. If you are unable to access our online booking system or unable to meet on this date, please call the school office as we will do all we can to facilitate a meeting with you. This year we are only able to have **one parent** attend and children must stay at home in order to ensure meetings are COVID safe for school staff and parents. School will close early on this day to allow for meetings to happen. Please see the parent evening letter for finish times.

Keeping Healthy Week is fast approaching and during this week there will be a number of opportunities for children to take part in sports and activities as well as learn about the importance of a healthy lifestyle and a healthy mind. Please help us with this by making sure that packed lunches contain food which will help growing learners. We do not allow chocolate bars, fizzy drinks or crisps to be eaten in our lunch hall or playgrounds and encourage children to try out snacks such as carrot sticks and raisins which have less sugar and more vitamins. For children eating school dinners, our catering company work in partnership with the school to exceed all nutritional standards, produce delicious freshly cooked meals that create a home from home experience. We regularly have 'executive chefs' quality assuring the school dinner offer.

During the next month we have a very busy schedule including assessment of pupil progress, achievement assemblies and end of year events for Year 6. The learning continues right up to the last day on **Thursday 22nd July** and it is important that children attend every day until then. Children only have 190 school days in a typical school year and this year more than ever, every one counts!

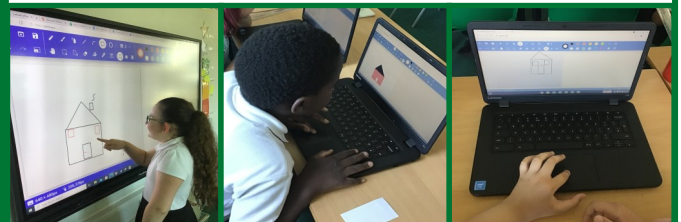
Thank you for all of your support.

Ms Aimee Walker  
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie  
Executive Headteacher

## YEAR 3 ICT

During ICT sessions this term, Year 3 have been learning more about an app called *PaintZ*. Pupils have enjoyed exploring the different features of this app, which has included: developing their own houses and also maps that linked to their Geography unit 'Who lives where?'



## NURSERY SEASIDE

The children in Nursery have been learning more about the wildlife and unique items that can be found in the ocean and on beaches. Pupils explored these items scientifically, asking questions, using magnifying glasses and discussing their findings.



## YEAR 2 ART

In Art last week, Year 2 undertook research of African landscapes. Children discussed different colours visible and made comparisons between a range of landscapes. They then discussed the techniques they would use for their own painting including blending and mixing different colours to achieve their desired outcome.



**PARENTS EVENING IS ON THURSDAY 8TH JULY. PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO TALK ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING!**

## EARTH DAY

Last week during 'Earth day', children developed their understanding of how to protect our planet as a school. In Year 1, pupils learned more about recycling through the book, *'George saves the day'* and by developing collages from recycled materials. In Year 2, links were made to their prior minibeast learning, as they applied their knowledge to create bug hotels out of recycled items.



## APOLLO WORKSHOP YEAR 4

As part of our partnership with the Apollo Music Project, Year 4 children had the opportunity to watch a pre-recorded concert performed by an orchestra. The concert was introduced by one of the musicians working with our school, as part of the project. During this session, children were able to pose questions and learn more about the different instruments that musicians performed.



## COFFEE MORNINGS AND KEY DATES

There are three coffee mornings remaining this academic year. Please tune in to our coffee morning page to view the content.

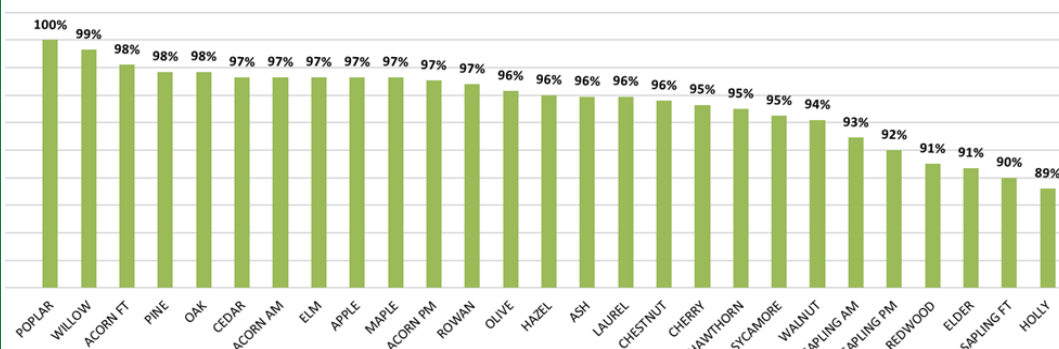
Date	Focus
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Keeping Healthy:</b> Find out how to provide a well-balanced diet at home and for packed lunches
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Maths:</b> Strategies to support your child with their timestables
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	<b>Summer Holiday activities:</b> Things to do at home and in the local area to prepare your child for the new school year

Celebration assemblies will be taking place to recognise pupil achievement, progress and contribution this academic year. For Years 1 to 5. Please check out our website calendar or the 'parent event' posters displayed on playground notice boards for arrangements. Year 6 performance and assembly times can also be found there!

## ATTENDANCE

Coming to school everyday and on time makes a real difference to progress in learning. Whole school attendance for last week was **95.7%**

**Well done to Poplar Class** the overall weekly winners with **100%**



## KEY DATES

### Summer Term 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

### Autumn Term 2021

**Staff Training Days:** Wednesday 1st,  
Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd  
September 2021

**Children's Start Date:** Monday 6th  
September 2021

**Meet the Teacher:** Monday 13th,  
Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th  
September 2021

**Bring a Dad/Significant Male to School Day:** Wednesday 29th  
September 2021

**World Week & Democracy Day:**  
Monday 11th October 2021 – Friday  
15th October 2021

**Half Term Holiday:** Monday 25th  
October 2021 - Friday 29th October  
2021

**Children Start Date:** Monday 1st  
November 2021

**Parents Evening:** Thursday 9th  
December 2021

**End of Term Finish Date:** Friday 17th  
December 2021 at 2pm

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