

Friday 7th January 2022

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## Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and a very happy new year to everyone! The Spring Term sees children starting new topics, and you will receive news of these in class newsletters which outline each theme and the areas to be covered. Don't forget also to look at class pages on our website as well as our Twitter feed and Facebook page which are regularly updated with news and events. In two weeks time we will be celebrating Work and Enterprise week with a range of activities including trips and visits to places of work as well as meeting people from different professions and an entrepreneurs fair.

Thank you to all the parents who supported with holiday homework projects in preparation for the new term. Each week in Years 1 to 6 we send home a literacy and maths task as well as some tricky spellings. We encourage children to *look, say, cover, write, check when* practising spellings and there is a list of common words that children should know in their homework diaries.

We have listed key dates on the back of this newsletter including new coffee morning themes to which all parents are invited to drop in. Please make sure you take note of our holiday dates as we will not authorise absences outside of the 3 months that children have as holiday each year. We monitor attendance very closely with the aim that our pupils get their full 190 day educational entitlement each year. Please also note that our classes start with learning activities from the very start of the day, so lateness means that practise of key skills such as handwriting, number facts or spelling will be missed as well as being disruptive for the rest of the class.

We continue to have extended cleaning taking place on school sites, ventilation monitoring across the day and a focus on regular handwashing for all pupils. We update our risk assessment to reflect current government guidance for schools as the national picture changes, this can be found on the school website. While the spread of the new variant is prevalent, we would ask you to remain vigilant in following government guidance to reduce the risk of the virus in our community.

Thank you for your support.

Ms Aimee Walker  
Headteacher

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Executive Headteacher

## HACKNEY CITY FARM

At the end of last term, Rowan Class enjoyed their visit to Hackney City Farm. The children learned more about the different animals and plants found on a farm and also had a go to undertake different farm work.



## EYFS PERFORMANCE

On Friday 10th of December our nursery pupils did a fantastic job performing our festive play 'ready steady elves' in front of their parents and carers. Thank you to all who came along!



## YEAR 5 ART

In Year 5, children completed their Andy Warhol inspired pop art outcome. At this stage, the pupils selected contrasting colours for each of their animal quadrants in order to effectively replicate Warhol's style.



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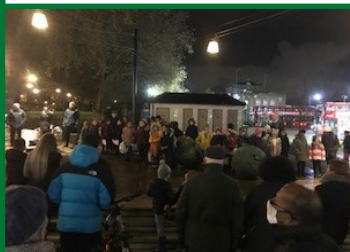
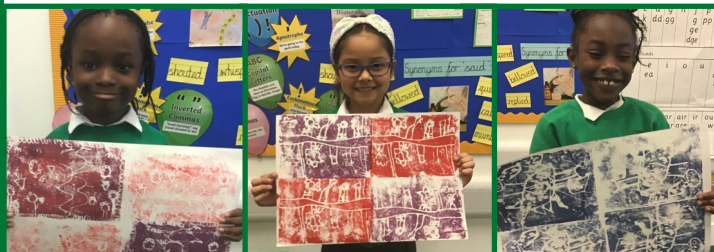
**SCHOOL STARTS AT 8:55AM AND LEARNING STARTS STRAIGHT AWAY  
PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU ARE ON TIME!**

# WILLIAM MORRIS YR2

# KS2 CHOIR CAROLS

At the end of the Autumn term, Year 2 completed and evaluated their final outcomes for Art. Students had created William Morris inspired prints that included aspects of nature such as: birds, insects and plants.

In December, our federation choir attended a carol service at the St Augustine Tower. Children sang next to the *Fruit* sculpture that were created by Veronica Ryan to honour the Windrush generation.



## SPRING TERM COFFEE MORNINGS

Our parent coffee morning sessions are held in the flexi space at 9.15am each Friday. Please do come and join us, even if you can't stay for the whole session. Tea, Coffee and biscuits are provided.

Date	Focus
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Communications:</b> How can I access information about the school, events and my child's learning through the website and social media?
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	<b>Music:</b> What does the music curriculum look like at our school?
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Writing:</b> How can I engage my child to write creatively at home?
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Wellbeing:</b> What will my child learn during the Children's Mental Health Week?
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Online safety:</b> How to support my child to use digital technologies safely, positively and responsibly? (Safer Internet Day parent workshop for KS2 parents only)

If you have a child in Nursery or Reception, you are welcome to join them for a parent reading session on Friday mornings. These sessions are very popular and the children really enjoy them.

## KEY DATES

### Spring Term 2022

**Children's Start Date:**  
Tuesday 4th January 2022  
**Work and Enterprise Week:**  
24th January 2022  
**Safer Internet Day:** Wednesday 9th February 2022

**Half Term Holiday:**  
Monday 14th February to Friday 18th February 2022

**Children's Start date:**  
Monday 21st February 2022  
**World Book Day:**  
Thursday 3rd March 2022  
**Parents Evening:**  
Thursday 24th March 2022  
**End of Term Finish Date:**  
Friday 1st April 2022 at 2pm

### Summer Term 2022

**Easter Monday:**  
Monday 18th April 2022  
**Children's Start Date:**  
Tuesday 19th April 2022  
**Families' Week:**  
Starts Monday 25th April 2022  
**Bank Holiday:**  
Monday 2nd May 2022  
**Science & Technology Day**  
(with Science Fair):  
Monday 23rd May 2022  
**Half Term Holiday:**  
Monday 30th May 2022 – Friday 3rd June 2022

**Children's Start Date:**  
Monday 6th June 2022  
**Staff Training Day:** Friday 24th June 2022  
**Keeping Healthy Week** (including sports day): Starts Monday 27th June 2022  
**Parents Evening:**  
Thursday 7th July 2022  
**End of Term Finish Date:**  
Thursday 21st July 2022 at 2pm  
**Staff Training Day:**  
Friday 22nd July 2022

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## ATTENDANCE

Coming to school everyday makes a real difference!  
Whole school attendance for last week was **94.6%**. **Well done to Hawthorn Class**, the weekly winners with **97.3%**.

