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Dear **Parents and Carers,**

Thank you to all the parents, children and staff who supported our World Book Day celebrations. We saw some fantastic book character costumes and the children took part in activities during the day to celebrate reading and share their favourite stories. Reading is not only important to learn new things and discover new ideas and ways of thinking but also to enjoy meeting new characters and travel without moving from your chair. We aim to ensure that all of our children are confident and fluent readers by the time they leave us so that they can fully access the secondary school curriculum. Although we teach reading skills at school, children need to also read regularly at home and we provide a wide range of home reading books for children to choose from. All of our home reading books are colour banded according to difficulty to make sure that children are accessing texts at the right level and continually improving their skills. Please help us with this by making sure that children read at home, ideally aloud with an adult or older brother or sister and that this is recorded in their home reading diaries. There are some tips for hearing children read and the kinds of questions that will help develop a better understanding of plot and character in the front of the diaries to help.

We are keen that all children have the opportunity to take part in weekly PE lessons and are also wearing the correct uniform for this. We have deliberately chosen a cheap and easy option for this with plain green shorts or black jogging bottoms (no logos please) and a plain white t-shirt. If you are not sure which day is the PE day please check the year group newsletters on the website or ask the class teacher.

We know that you will all be shocked and upset by the dreadful situation in Ukraine at the moment. The older children have been talking about this in school and we are responding to their questions and worries in a sensitive and age appropriate way. There is a lot of information on social media, some of which is misleading and worrying for children so please do keep a watch on what they are able to see and access. If you would like any support with how to monitor your child's online activities and how to make sure they are safe online, please do let us know.

Thank you for your support.

Ms Aimee Walker  
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie  
Executive Headteacher

## WORLD BOOK DAY 2022

To celebrate World Book Day and promote reading in our school, teachers spent the first fifteen minutes of the day visiting their neighbour class to share their favourite children's book. Every class took part in a peer reading session, which was a great opportunity for pupils to visit another class and read together for enjoyment.



## YEAR 1 MATHS ADDITION

Children in Year 1 have been learning to add numbers within 30. They used number cards to create a range of number sentences then used counting beads to work out the answer to each.



## RECEPTION ROLE PLAY

Reception Class are learning all about space this half term. They discussed why people might travel into space and have been planning their own missions in our Space Station. Children have also enjoyed retelling the story of *Whatever Next!* using props and puppets to do so.



**REMEMBER SCHOOL STARTS AT 8:55AM. PLEASE DON'T BE LATE!**

# YEAR 5 GARDENING

# COMMUNITY

Last week, Year 5 took part in gardening workshops based on Earth and Space. During which, they carried out experiments to understand how plants might potentially grow on other planets.



The current play area at Well Street Common is very popular, but is very limited and needs improving, so last summer Hackney Council spent time talking to users of the play area and some members of the park user group to help develop a new design. They would love to hear what you think of the ideas. Please take time to view the designs before completing the survey. You can do this by scanning the QR code in the corner!



## COFFEE MORNINGS AND EVENTS



Please see the list below of the rest of this term's coffee morning workshops and other key parent events. Our website and signs on the school gates will also announce upcoming events. Don't forget to check your child's book bag every day for information about events, class assemblies and trips!

Date	Focus
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Unconscious bias:</b> How can I ensure I tackle unconscious bias in myself and others?
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Easter Holiday Activities:</b> What activities can we try in the holidays and what local places can we visit?
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	<b>Parent Coffee Morning &amp; Reading Celebration Event</b>

## KEY DATES

### Spring Term 2022

**Half Term Holiday:**  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022

**Children's Start date:**  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022

**World Book Day:**  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022

**Parents Evening:**  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022

**End of Term Finish Date:**  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 at 2pm

### Summer Term 2022

**Easter Monday:**  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2022

**Children's Start Date:**  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022

**Families' Week:**  
Starts Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022

**Bank Holiday:**  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022

**Science & Technology Day**  
(with Science Fair):  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022

**Half Term Holiday:**  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022 –  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022

**Children's Start Date:**  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022

**Staff Training Day:**  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022

**Keeping Healthy Week** (including sports day): Starts Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022

**Parents Evening:**  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2022

**End of Term Finish Date:**  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022 at 2pm

**Staff Training Day:**  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022

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## ATTENDANCE

Coming to school everyday makes a real difference!  
Whole school attendance for last week was **95.7%**. **Well done to Olive Class**, the weekly winners with **99.3%**.

