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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year, we hope that you all had a restful summer break. A very warm welcome to all of our new Reception and Nursery parents who are joining our school community this year.

We hope you were able to attend our Meet the Teacher sessions this week and to hear about the learning that will be taking place across this half term. If you missed this, please take a moment to read the curriculum newsletter sent home on Monday which includes what children will be learning, homework expectations and what day PE will be taking place. Included on the back of this newsletter you will find details of who is who on our whole school staffing structure for this academic year. Don't forget, staffing and lots of other useful information can be found on our school website so don't forget to check this regularly.

Thank you for contributing to all of the fantastic holiday homework projects which are being proudly displayed in classrooms and celebrated in assemblies. Children have been given new home reading diaries and reading books this week and these will be changed regularly. Please help us to support children in developing this most important of skills by ensuring they read to, or with you each day.

At the end of last term we were pleased to receive our Key Stage 2 results which again places the achievement of pupils at Orchard, Southwold and Hoxton Garden schools well above national averages. This is down to the hard work of pupils and teachers but also very much due to the support that you give from home in ensuring that children read every night, learn times tables, complete homework tasks and come to school ready to learn.

On a final note, please make sure that children look smart in our uniform for school everyday. Our school uniform is available to purchase from the MAPAC website. [Please scan the QR code on the next page to access it.](#) If you are struggling to access this online please ask for help at our school office.

Thank you for your support.

Mr Stephen O'Brien - Headteacher | Ms Rachel Davie - Executive Headteacher



Our school community is deeply saddened by the passing of Queen Elizabeth II on Thursday 8th September 2022. Within school, we have taken time this week to celebrate the extraordinary period in British history over which she reigned and the contribution she made to both the British Isles and the Commonwealth. Children have also had regular opportunities to talk about their response to the news of her death. We now know the state funeral will be held on Monday 19th September and that schools will be closed on this day in line with Government guidance.

Holiday Homework Winners

Well done to all our homework winners and to all the children in the school who spent time researching their new topics over the summer break. As well as some fantastic research, they worked very hard creating models using recycled materials from around the house.



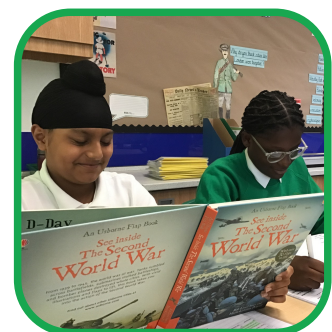
Settling in

Year 2 have been exploring sources in their humanities lesson using a variety of images and short written extracts to investigate and order the key events of 'The Great Fire of London'. They have really enjoyed being able to figure this out independently and share their ideas with their classmates.



Studying World War II

In Humanities, Year 6 have begun their journey back in time to 1939. They have been gathering information about how World War II began and who was responsible. They are also studying 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas' in Reading and Literacy to learn more about the perspective of German children during this time.



Staffing Profile 2022-23

Children have now settled into their new classes and are back into a routine. A big welcome to the new members of the teaching team who joined us this September!

Ms Rachel Davie - Executive Headteacher Mr Stephen O'Brien - Headteacher			
Ms Lauren Sutherland KS1 Deputy Headteacher		Ms Maxine Cufforth KS2 Deputy Headteacher	
Ms Heba Qawatin EYFS & KS1 Assistant Headteacher	Mr Zammedin Siddique KS2 Assistant Headteacher	Ms Lorna Ward KS2 Assistant Headteacher	
Year 6	Maple Class Lorna Ward	Redwood Class Lenna Marson	Chestnut Class Annie McIntosh
Year 5	Poplar Class Bethany Buttery	Holly Class Rehana Begum	Elder Class Marishae Sotiri
Year 4	Hawthorn Class Malgorzata Jezierska	Laurel Class Natasha Tannis	Hazel Class Nathania DaCosta-Hyman
Year 3	Cedar Class Hakan Durak	Sycamore Class Vicki Shephard	Walnut Class Myles Hoary
Year 2	Willow Class Hatice Sadrettin	Olive Class Megan Lovett	Rowan Class Catherine Nawrat
Year 1	Ash Class Ayse Akdogan	Pine Class Jessica Brown	Oak Class Sophie Higgins
Reception	Apple Class Ivita Grodze	Elm Class Zara Khan	Cherry Class Zaida Islam
Nursery	Sapling Class Apia Ankar-Holly		

Coffee Mornings

Parents/Carers are invited to drop into our sessions on various themes which are held in the Flexi Space at 9:15am on a Friday morning. These are an opportunity to meet with other parents as well as learn more about what the school does and get some practical tips on how to support your child with their learning from home.

Date	Focus
Friday 9th September	<u>Homework Support</u> : How can I set a routine and help my child with their homework?
Friday 16th September	<u>Reading</u> : How can I help my child to read? What books should children be reading at home? (children can attend this coffee morning)
Friday 23rd September	<u>Communication</u> : How can I access information about the school, events and my child's learning?
Friday 30th September	<u>Maths</u> : What times tables should children be learning and when? How can I help my children to learn all of their timetables? (children can attend this coffee morning)
Friday 7th October	<u>Online-Safety</u> : How can I keep my child safe when they are using mobiles and devices at home?
Friday 14th October	<u>World Week</u> : What will my child be learning during World Week? (children can attend this coffee morning)
Friday 21st October	<u>Science</u> : What exciting and simple experiments can I try with my child at home? (children can attend this coffee morning)
EYFS Coffee Morning	
Thursday 13th October	<u>Language Walks</u> : How can I develop my child's listening and vocabulary skills whilst exploring the outdoors?

Key Dates

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Staff Training Days:
Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd September

Children's Start Date:
Monday 5th September

Meet the Teacher Days:
Monday 12th September - Years 1 & 2
Tuesday 13th September - Years 3 & 4
Thursday 15th September - Years 5 & 6

Queen Elizabeth II Funeral (SCHOOL CLOSED):
Monday 19th September

Bring a Dad/Significant Male to School Day:
Wednesday 28th September

World Week
Monday 17th October - Friday 21st October

Traditional Dress Day / International Evening:
Wednesday 19th October

Democracy Day & School Council Elections
(pupils only):
Friday 21st October

Half Term Holiday:
Monday 24th October - Friday 28th October


Children's Start Date:
Monday 31st October

Parents' Evening:
Thursday 8th December

Last Day of Autumn Term:
Friday 16th December (SCHOOL CLOSES 2PM)

Christmas Holiday:
Monday 19th December - Monday 2nd
January

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