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### Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you have been able to book an appointment to meet your child's class teacher and look at books at our parents' evening which is due to take place on Thursday 8th December. Sharing learning outcomes with children gives them a chance to feel proud of what they do in school and know that you value learning as much as they do. You can book an appointment online or through the school office.

Now that it is getting dark much earlier in the evening, please make sure that you have made arrangements to pick up your child on time if they attend an after school curriculum club or our after school care club. If your child is in Year 5 or 6 and you have given permission for them to walk home on their own, make sure that they know you are expecting them to walk straight home by the safest and most direct route, crossing the roads with care. Lots of jackets and bags have reflective strips and this will give some extra help and safety when negotiating the Hackney traffic. We are delighted that so many children arrive at school on scooters and bikes as this is an excellent way to get daily exercise. Our scooter and bike racks get full very quickly. Please help your child to show consideration to others by storing these safely and with care.

We have a number of end of term concerts and events approaching including sing-a-longs and for our Early Years children a traditional play. The dates for all seasonal events are displayed on gates, are on the school website and were sent home on the parent dates flier at the start of the half term. We had a high demand for pantomime tickets for Years 3 to 6 at the Hackney Empire and Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are being visited by a professional pantomime theatre company in December so that they do not miss out. Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner day will be taking place on the 9th December. Despite all the events, we will be ensuring children receive their full learning entitlement through until the end of term on the 16th December.

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

### Reminder



**CHILDREN MUST COME TO SCHOOL IN FULL UNIFORM AND SMART BLACK SHOES!**



**SCHOOL STARTS AT 8:55AM AND LEARNING STARTS STRAIGHT AWAY. BE ON TIME AT FIVE TO NINE!**

### Christmas Hoop Decorations

EYFS have been busy exploring textures and materials to make their Christmas hoop decorations this year. They have used a selection of craft supplies such as bells, penguins, robins, reindeers and gingerbread men to produce amazing decorative pieces which will be displayed in the New Hall.



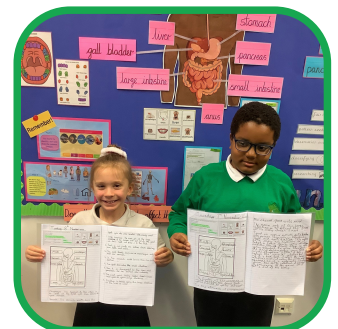
### Mini-Beasts Hunt

Linked to their Science topic of animals, Year 1 experienced a fantastic workshop searching for different types of mini-beasts. After collecting their findings, they observed the animals and discussed their features and habitats. They concluded their workshop by creating posters about their favourite creatures.



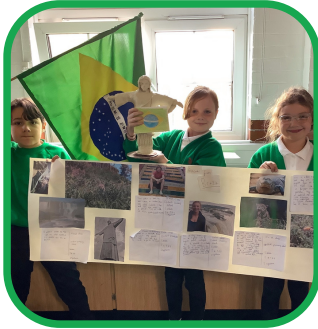
### Exploring the Digestive System

In Science, Year 4 have been learning about animals, including humans. They have explored the digestive system and have identified our vital organs, thoroughly explaining each of their functions to get a clearer understanding of how our organs work.



## Holiday Homework

Holiday homework is given to all children half termly as a way of supporting their upcoming learning topic. By researching the topic using the internet or by going to their local library, Year 4 were able to produce a few brilliant outcomes for display.



## Waste Reduction Assembly

We had the pleasure of receiving an informative assembly presented by Kelly, Hackney Council's Environmental Officer. The session helped to raise awareness on environmental matters, particularly waste reduction and we learnt ways in which to correctly dispose of household and domestic waste.



## Key Dates

### AUTUMN (2) 2022

Parents' Evening:  
Thursday 8th December

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

Christmas Holiday:  
Monday 19th December - Monday 2nd January 2023

### SPRING TERM 2023

Staff Training Day (SCHOOL CLOSED):  
Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Children's Start Date:  
Wednesday 4th January 2023

Work & Enterprise Week:  
Monday 23rd January - Friday 27th January 2023

Safer Internet Day:  
Thursday 9th February 2023

Half Term Holiday:  
Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February 2023

Children's Start Date:  
Monday 20th February 2023

World Book Day:  
Thursday 2nd March 2023

Parents' Evening:  
Thursday 23rd March 2023

End of Term Finish Date:  
Friday 31st March 2023 (SCHOOL CLOSES at 2pm)

## 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.

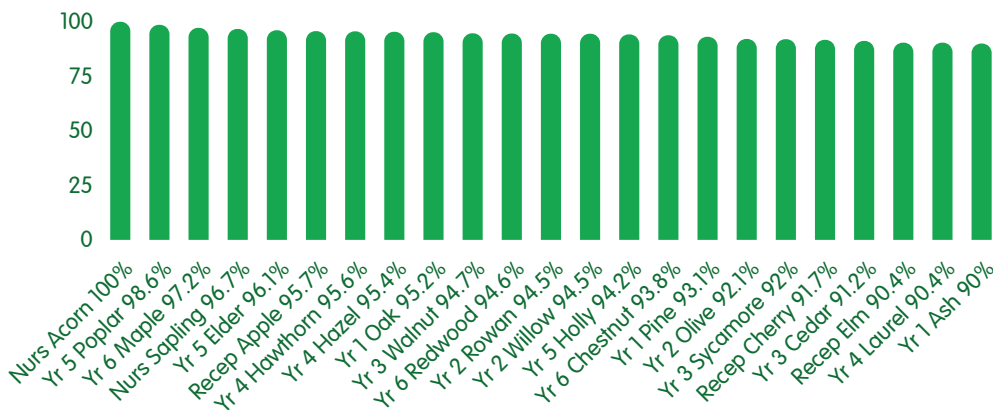
Date	Focus
Friday 9th December	<u>Christmas Holiday Activities</u> : What activities can we try in the holidays and what local places can we visit? (children can attend this coffee morning)
Friday 16th December	<u>Parent Reading Celebration Event</u> for EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2

## Attendance

As a school we take punctuality very seriously and we are proud that our children are at school and in their class lines at 8.55am. This means children have a settled and uninterrupted transition into the school, and teachers are able to ensure the day starts promptly. Thank you for your continued support!

Whole school attendance for the last week was **93.9%**.

Well done to Nursery Acorn class, the weekly winners with **100%**.



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