

Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance at school continues to be a national focus, a Hackney focus and a focus for our schools. Central to raising standards in education and ensuring all pupils can fulfil their potential is the understanding that pupils need to attend school regularly to benefit from their education. Missing out on lessons leaves children vulnerable to falling behind. A big thank you to all parents who are supporting children to attend school every day and are punctual each morning. This has a positive impact on confidence, engagement in learning and progress. Top tips shared by parents to help children take responsibility for good timekeeping include giving children their own alarm clock, having a set morning routine and preparing things needed for the next day the night before.

Our coffee mornings have been well attended this term and on the back of this newsletter are the dates and themes of the first half of the Summer Term coffee morning sessions for parents. The second half of the Summer Term will include a trial of a class-based coffee morning as feedback from parents has suggested that the most enjoyable content is when children participate too. Themes for coffee mornings are based on your feedback and those that will support home learning.

Physical Education is a requirement for all children and they should have the correct PE kit to participate safely. We have deliberately chosen a cheap and easy option for this with plain black 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 sent home this week. Managing a PE kit has the additional benefit of teaching children organisational skills which become more and more necessary as children get older.

Spring term ends today, Friday 31st March 2023. We have set holiday homework projects including research projects for the topics classes will be studying in the first half of the Summer term. Please encourage children to explore the themes they will be learning about and, of course, continue to encourage them to read, write and count every day.

When children are using the internet, either through phones, games or on a computer or tablet please make sure that you monitor and observe that this is being done safely. Whilst the internet is a wonderful resource it also holds risks to children. There are some very useful resources for parents about how to protect children from online dangers at www.thinkuknow.co.uk.

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Reminder

Our parent comment box is located in the main office and we welcome suggestions and ideas from our school community. If there is something you would like us to consider, please fill in the parent comment slip and post it in the box!

**Spring term ends on
FRIDAY 31st March 2023.
Summer term begins on
MONDAY 17th APRIL 2023
at 8.55am for all pupils.**

Shamrocks for St. Patrick Day

The children in EYFS spent an afternoon in their outdoor creative area crafting shamrocks to mark St. Patrick's Day. They carefully selected different shades of green tissue paper to stick to their shamrocks and then further developed their motor skills by cutting along dotted lines.



St John's Church Visit

Year 2 went on a local trip to St John's Church. The children enjoyed hearing about how the Christian community celebrate Easter, which is their current RE topic. The children learned how the church has been renovated and how the community use the space as a place of prayer and reflection.



Postal Museum

Year 4 visited the Postal Museum to explore the history and journey of postal communication and its impact on global society. They also learned about five centuries of communications history and went on an immersive ride on the Mail Rail, London's secret Post Office underground railway.





Head Gardeners

Our Head Gardeners had a chance to share their thoughts on why they wanted to be involved in the school garden. They discussed the importance of having a garden and brainstormed ideas for their responsibilities as head gardeners. They are looking forward to sharing their progress soon.



School Councillors

School councillors from across the Federation gathered for their termly cross-site meeting. They discussed a range of events they have organised and suggested ideas for future events. Then in small groups, they conducted a learning walk looking at class/school displays and identifying best practise.



Key Dates

SUMMER TERM (1) 2023

Earth Day:
Thursday 20th April 2023

Families Week:
Monday 24th April - Friday 28th April 2023

Bring a Significant Female to School Day:
Wednesday 26th April 2023 at 8:55am - 9:45am

Grandparent Afternoon Tea (1):
Wednesday 26th April 2023 from 2pm onwards

Grandparent Afternoon Tea (2):
Thursday 27th April 2023 from 2pm onwards

Early May Bank Holiday:
Monday 1st May 2023 (SCHOOL CLOSED)

King's Coronation Bank Holiday:
Monday 8th May 2023 (SCHOOL CLOSED)

KS1 SATs:
May 2023

KS2 SATs (Year 6 only):
Tuesday 9th May - Friday 12th May 2023

Science Fayre:
Wednesday 24th May 2023

Science & Technology Day:
Thursday 25th May 2023

INSET DAY:
Friday 26th May 2023 (SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS)

May Half Term Break:
Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June 2023

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.

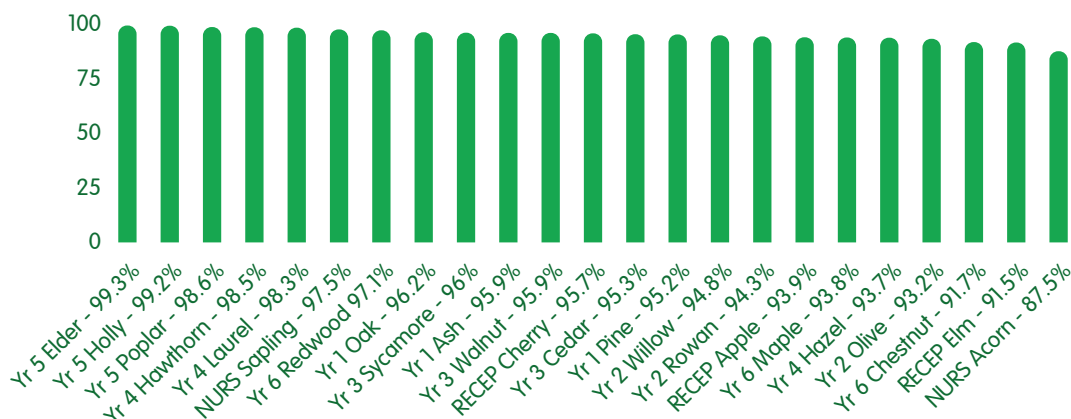
Date	Focus
Friday 21st April	<u>PSHCE</u> : How do we celebrate diversity through our curriculum? (Families Week)
Friday 28th April	<u>Eco Team</u> : How can I encourage my child to care for the environment?
Friday 5th May	<u>Humanities</u> : How can I encourage my child to ask questions about the world around them?
Friday 12th May	<u>Reading</u> : How do we develop children's understanding of what they are reading?
Friday 19th May	<u>Art</u> : What artistic skills does my child develop in school?
EYFS Coffee Mornings	
Thursday 4th May	<u>Speech and Language</u> : Using technology to support language development

Attendance

Children have only 190 school days in a year so coming to school every day makes a real difference!

The whole school attendance for the last week was 95.5%.

Well done to Year 5 Elder class, the weekly winner with 99.3%.



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