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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy start to the Summer Term. This week classes across the school have celebrated the holiday homework projects. A huge thank you to all family members who have supported children in preparation for new topics. As part of our teaching pedagogy we regularly revisit prior learning in order to help children make connections and to know more and remember more over time, this includes reviewing the research children have done outside of school as well as revisiting learning covered in previous school years.

This week we have also celebrated Families' Week. We have linked the week with the key themes of love, respect, tolerance and belonging, acknowledging the different types of families to support children in developing understanding, empathy and to value others. Later this term we will also be holding our Science Day and in June our Keeping Healthy Week with a focus on physical and mental health.

Pupil voice is a key feature of our school and, as you have seen from previous newsletters, we think it is very important that children are given a voice and an opportunity to impact positively on the school community. A particular success has been joining up our pupil teams for meetings across our three school sites (and three Hackney post codes)! Our Eco Team have organised an Earth Day focus, our School Councillors have been raising money for charity and our Peer Mediators have organised visits to the different school sites to learn from each other about how to be the best at what they do.

During the next month children are being assessed to inform year end standards and any areas which need to be taught further in grammar, spelling & punctuation, reading, writing and maths. This includes Year 2 and Year 6 who will be sitting Government standardised tests. We will of course let you know how they get on later in the year and do everything we can to make sure that children feel confident, happy and ready to show off everything that they know. Your child's achievements will be reported back to you in July at our final parents evening of the academic year.

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

## Reminder

**WE ARE A SMART  
SCHOOL - BLACK  
SCHOOL SHOES NOT  
TRAINERS TO SCHOOL  
PLEASE!**

**PE DAYS CAN BE FOUND  
IN THE YEAR GROUP  
CURRICULUM  
NEWSLETTER - PLEASE  
MAKE SURE CHILDREN  
HAVE THE CORRECT PE  
KIT IN ORDER THAT  
THEY CAN  
COMFORTABLY  
PARTICIPATE IN ALL  
ACTIVITIES.**

### EYFS Egg-static!

EYFS enjoyed witnessing the process of eggs hatching before the holiday as part of their topic themed learning. The children were excited to take care and feed the little chicks before they went back to the farm.



### Chess Challenge

Year 3 have been practising their problem solving skills in their weekly chess lesson. By playing chess, children learn to think deeply about the decisions they make, and how those choices might affect them or others.



### Author Visit

Year 4 had a special visit from author Katherine Wheatley. She taught the process of writing, illustrating and publishing a book, as well as the importance of cutting down single use plastic consumption.





## Significant Female Morning

On Wednesday we welcomed female family members into school to experience classroom learning. We were delighted to see so many grown ups in attendance - thank you for joining us!



## Road Safety Awareness

Our Junior Road Safety Officers had a special visit from Max Moorcroft, a Road Safety Officer. He shared his tips and knowledge on road safety which will be presented in assembly very soon!



## Key Dates

### SUMMER TERM

Children's Start Date:  
Monday 17th April 2023

Families' Week:  
Starts Monday 24th April 2023

Bank Holiday:  
Monday 1st May 2023

Bank Holiday:  
Monday 8th May 2023

Science & Technology Day (with Science Fair):  
Thursday 25th May 2023

Staff Training Day:  
Friday 26th May 2023

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

Children Start Date:  
Monday 5th June 2023

Keeping Healthy Week (including sports day):  
Starts Monday 26th June 2023

Parents Evening:  
Thursday 6th July 2023

End of Term Finish Date:  
Thursday 20th July 2023 at 2pm

Staff Training Day:  
Friday 21st July 2023

## Coffee Mornings

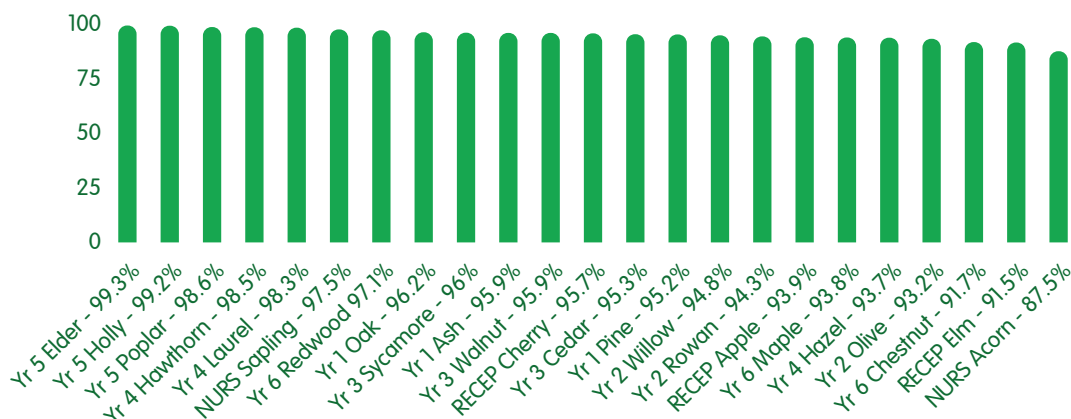
Parents/Carers are invited to drop into our sessions on various themes which are held in the Flexi Space at 9:15am on a Friday morning. These are an opportunity to meet with other parents as well as learn more about what the school does and get some practical tips on how to support your child with their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

Date	Focus
Friday 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

Statistics show that pupils with good attendance have higher attainment in school and studies show that children with attendance above 96% make better progress socially and academically. Regular school attendance is an important part of giving children the best opportunity for maximising their learning.

The whole school attendance for the last week of the Spring Term was 95.5%.  
Well done to Year 5 Elder class, the weekly winner with 99.3%.



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