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Dear Parents and Carers,

During the next month we have a very busy schedule including achievement assemblies, music concerts and productions. The learning continues right up to the last day on Thursday 20th July 2023 and it is important that children attend every day until then. School attendance continues to be a core priority to ensure that all children are making the most of their 190 school days each year.

Sports Day this year is on Friday 30th June 2023 and we are hoping for good weather. On this day children need to come to school with or in PE kits of a plain white t-shirt and green or black shorts/plain black jogging bottoms. Friends and parents are welcome to join us, a separate leaflet will be sent with key timings and location. Sports Day forms part of our Keeping Healthy Week and during this week there will be a number of opportunities for children to take part in sports and activities as well as learn about the importance of a healthy lifestyle. Please help us with this by making sure that packed lunches contain food which will help growing learners. We do not allow chocolate bars, fizzy drinks or crisps to be eaten in our lunch hall or playgrounds and encourage children to try snacks such as carrot sticks and raisins which have less sugar and more vitamins.

Next week you should receive a letter inviting you to make an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher for Parents' Evening which is on Thursday 6th July. You can book a time by either logging onto our booking system or by calling/visiting the school office. We encourage all parents to come and take advantage of this opportunity to talk about how your child has got on this year and find out what you can do to further support them at home. We have had some fantastic examples of home learning projects, completed reading diaries and homework tasks this year!

As the weather starts to warm up please remember our school uniform policy does not allow children to wear sandals to school. This is to protect their feet in busy playgrounds and whilst moving around the building. We ask all children to wear black school shoes.

Our school Governors held their termly meeting in the week before half term. They have agreed the Federation budget and have been discussing standards at each school as well as risks related to national issues such as recruitment. We hope that the Governors' newsletter sent out last term was useful in understanding more about who they are and what they do. There will be another newsletter later this term.

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

Reminder

As the days are getting hotter, please ensure sun cream is applied before coming to school so children are protected during break and lunch times.



We are proud of all our families for walking, scooting or cycling to school! Please make sure bikes and scooters left at school are stored carefully, respectfully and safely in the designated areas.



Spitalfields City Farm Visit

EYFS visited Spitalfields City Farm to learn about different types of animals, their habitats and behaviours. They met quacking ducks, clever sheep, shy guinea pig, friendly donkeys and fantastic Mr Holmes the pig (Detective Holmes!) Children had a fantastic time and enjoyed the farm!



African Landscapes

In Art, Year 2 have started a new topic about African Landscapes. The children have been learning about the different landscapes you may find in the many countries of Africa and have been comparing paintings of them, looking at the similarities and differences.



Plants and Their Environments

Year 3 visited Kew Gardens as part of their Science unit on plants. They learnt about many different types of plants and their environments. One of the favourite attractions was the tropical palm house where they learnt about plants from rainforests all over the world and experienced the humidity of these places.



Language Captain Training

Some of the Year 6 Language Captains have been training and supporting the Year 1 Language Captains to say the date in Spanish using the classroom calendars. The Year 6 Language Captains showed great leadership skills and patience when helping their younger peers. Everyone received a Spanish sticker in the end for their effort and hard work.



Art Ambassadors Hard at Work

This term our Art Ambassadors have worked hard to ensure that our art spaces are looking their best by sorting and organising storage cupboards in preparation for the upcoming DT days. They have also created spaces so that all classes are able to show their best finished pieces of work. We are so proud of our new Class Galleries!



Key Dates

SUMMER TERM (2) 2023

Year 5 PGL Residential Trip
Monday 19th - Wednesday 21st June 2023

Keeping Healthy Week
Monday 26th - 30th June 2023

Sports Day (more information to follow)
Friday 30th June 2023

Hispanic Day (pupils only)
Tuesday 4th July 2023 (children can wear red and yellow)

Hackney Year 6 Transition Day (pupils only)
Thursday 6th July 2023

Parents' Evening:
Thursday 6th July 2023

Year 5 End of Year Celebration Assembly
Friday 7th July 2023 at 2:30pm (new hall)

Year 4 End of Year Celebration Assembly
Monday 10th July 2023 at 2:30pm (new hall)

Federation Festival of Music
Tuesday 11th July 2023 at 1:15pm (The Round Chapel)

Year 2 End of Year Celebration Assembly
Wednesday 12th July 2023 at 2:30pm (new hall)

Year 1 End of Year Celebration Assembly
Thursday 13th July at 9:15am (new hall)

Year 3 End of Year Celebration Assembly
Thursday 13th July at 2:30pm (new hall)

Year 6 'The Greatest Showman' Performance (1)
Monday 17th July 2023 at 9:15am (new hall)

Year 6 'The Greatest Showman' Performance (2)
Monday 17th July 2023 at 2:15pm (new hall)

Summer Fayre (Orchard Friends event)
Friday 14th July 2023 at 3:30pm (playgrounds)

Children meet their class teacher for September (pupils only)
Tuesday 18th July 2023 at 2pm

Year 6 Disco (pupils only)
Wednesday 19th July 2023 at 3:30pm

Year 6 End of Year Celebration Assembly
Wednesday 19th July 2023 at 9:15am (new hall)

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

INSET Day (school closed to pupils)
Friday 21st July 2023

Children's Start Date (Years 1 to 6)
Wednesday 6th September 2023 at 8:55am

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.

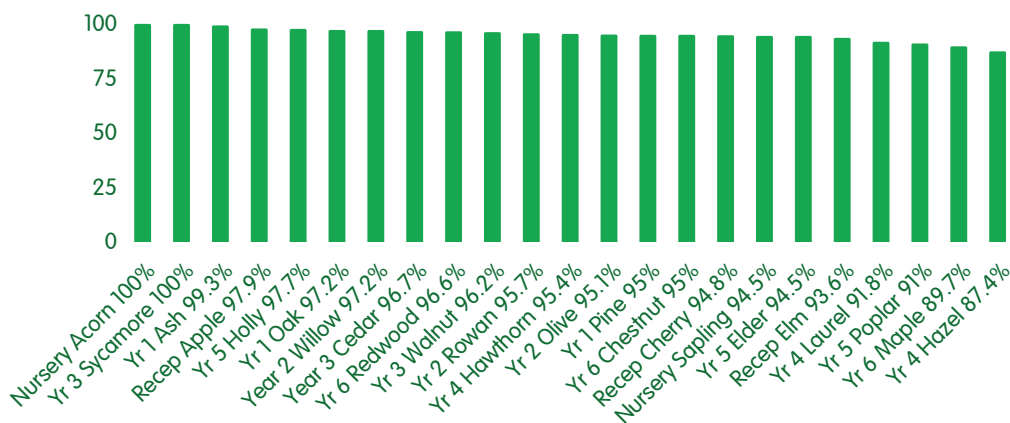
Date	Focus
Friday 23rd June	<u>Transitions:</u> How can I prepare my child for transition to a new class?
Friday 7th July	<u>Summer Holiday activities:</u> What activities can we try in the holidays and what local places can we visit?
Friday 14th July	<u>Parent Reading Celebration Event:</u> EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2.
Date	EYFS Coffee Mornings
Wednesday 28th June	<u>Transition to Year 1:</u> How can I prepare my child for Year 1?

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 95.2%.

Well done to Nursery Acorn and Year 3 Sycamore class, last week's winners with 100%.



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