

### Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you had a safe and happy Easter Break. The Summer Term is very busy again this year with celebration assemblies, Year 6 leavers assemblies, secondary school transition days, instrumental concerts, Families Week and Keeping Healthy Week. We look forward to sharing the news with you through this newsletter. We also update our website regularly with news and dates as well as post to our social media channels.

This week classes across the school have celebrated the holiday homework projects which have been completed in preparation for new learning this half term. 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. Thank you for the time and support given to your child in undertaking the homework set!

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 platform to know how to raise their issues and to have a say in how key aspects of our curriculum and enrichment plans are developed. Our pupil teams continue to meet across our three school sites (and three Hackney post codes) including our School Councillors, Peer Mediators and Eco Team, working together on shared agendas. Our recent cross site timestable event was supported by our school councils who were keen to raise the profile of competition and our Eco Teams have been discussing and comparing evidence to support our Green Flag reaccreditation through key work on litter, water and healthy living.

As a school, we are very committed to ensuring that children are in school and receiving their full entitlement to education. We are also very committed to working with families to remove any potential barriers to children being in school. We want to say a big thank you to each family who are supporting our drive of taking attendance to 97% and above and supporting in decreasing our persistent absence figure by ensuring children attend school every day on time.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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

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### Reminders

#### School Shoes

Smart black shoes for school please.



#### Lost Property & School Uniform

If you have misplaced a jumper, lunchbox or other item, please call into the school office who will show you to the lost property cupboard.



### On The Farm

EYFS have been exploring their new topic of 'On the Farm'. They have enjoyed role playing as farmers and looking after the chickens, feeding them and taking them out of their coop. They have been working together to collect eggs and have been engaging in discussion about what the eggs might be used for.



### Counting & Sorting

Year 1 have been enjoying Maths where they have been learning how to recognise and share equal quantities. They used concrete manipulatives such as cones, hoops and counters to share out different quantities into two equal groups.



### Life Cycles

Year 4 took part in a gardening workshop to learn about the role of fruit in the life cycle of a plant. The children had an opportunity to extract seeds from various fruits. They then went into the garden to plant the seeds in soil. Year 4 will have the opportunity to take part in the process of looking after the seeds by watering them and watching them grow into fruit in the school's green house.





## Easter Art Competition

Orchard Art ambassadors helped launch an Easter Art competition. The ambassadors judged all the entries and chose a winner in each year group. In class, the ambassadors presented the winners to their peers and awarded them with their prize. We were all so impressed with all the hard work and effort everyone put in.



## Hackney Bike Race

Pupils in Year 5 and Year 6 competed in a borough wide bike race. It is with great satisfaction that we announce the achievement of two silver medals in the Year 5 boys' and girls' events, and a bronze medal for the Year 6 girls' event. Please join us in congratulating all the participants for their outstanding effort and sportsmanship!



## Key Dates

**SUMMER TERM 1 (2024)**

**Bring A Significant Female to School**  
Thursday 2nd May 2024 at 8:55am

**Grandparent Tea Party (1)**  
Thursday 2nd May 2024 at 2pm

**Grandparent Tea Party (2)**  
Tuesday 9th May 2024 at 2pm

**Science & Technology Day**  
Wednesday 22nd May 2024

**Science Fayre**  
Wednesday 22nd May 2024 at 3:30pm

## Coffee Mornings

Parents/Carers are invited to drop into our sessions on various themes which are held in the Flexible Space at 9:15am on a Friday. These allow you to meet with other parents as well as to learn more about what the school does and get some practical tips on how to support your child with their learning from home. EYFS Workshops are held separately. Please see the dates below.

Date	Focus
Friday 26th April	<u>PSHCE</u> : How do we celebrate diversity through our curriculum? (Families Week)
Friday 3rd May	<u>Art</u> : What skills does my child learn in Art throughout primary school?
Friday 10th May	<u>Humanities</u> : How can I encourage my child to ask questions about the world around them?
Friday 17th May	<u>MFL</u> : How can I use recall strategies to support language learning? (KS1)
Friday 24th May	<u>Eco-team</u> : How can I encourage my child to care for the environment?
Date	EYFS Workshop
Thursday 9th May	<u>SALT</u> : Using technology to support language development

## Term End and Start

The first half of the summer term ends on Friday 24th May 2024, and Summer 2 starts at 8:55am on Monday 3rd June 2024. [Please scan the QR code to view our 2024 - 2025 term dates.](#)



### School Uniform

Please scan the QR code to order school uniform,



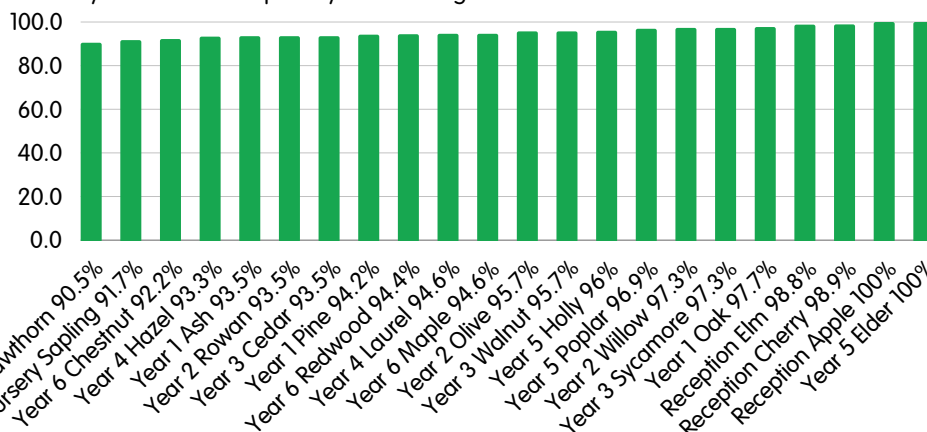
## Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 95.3%.

Well done to Reception Apple class and Year 5 Elder class, last week's winners with 100% attendance.

Attending school every day makes a real difference.

Please remember that WE DO NOT AUTHORISE HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME and unauthorised absences may result in a fixed penalty notice being issued.



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