

**HIGHLIGHTS** 

19th July 2024

### Dear Parents and Carers.

Our end of term events including the Federation Music Festival and Celebration Assemblies were all very successful, thank you for your support, particularly the many parents and family members who joined us in person. Our pupils have so much to be proud of!

We hope that you found your child's end of term report useful and enjoyed looking at the learning in their books. Children continue to achieve very well in our schools and this is down to the hard work of children in classrooms, their teachers and of course yourselves in supporting and encouraging children on their learning journey.

As a federation we look to ensure that our schools have the best opportunities for continued success and this includes the placement of senior staff. Ms Grover is excited to start her role as Headteacher at Southwold School from September and Ms Carr is excited to be returning to Hoxton Garden School as Headteacher as we say good bye and thank you to Ms Kinder, the current Headteacher. Ms Kinder is known by many of the children across the Federation having worked in all three of our schools across the past eleven years. She is now moving out of the London area and will lead a primary school local to her new home. As Headteacher at Hoxton Garden for the past seven years, Ms Kinder has ensured Hoxton Garden has been a place of learning and success and that children are happy, safe and well cared for. Over the next few school days we will be saying goodbye, thank you and good luck as she starts her new chapter!

Children met their new class teacher on Wednesday and you will have received a letter on this day with the name of the class and class teacher for September 2024. Details of all of the staffing for 2024 / 2025 will be in the first newsletter of the Autumn Term. We are also planning ahead to say goodbye to Ms Davie, the Executive Headteacher, at the end of December as she will be moving to the Director of Learning role in a neighbouring borough. We are very fortunate to have an experienced and established leadership and staffing team who will continue to ensure the success of our Federation of schools and is one of the many benefits of our partnership which enables all our children continue to receive the very best educational experiences.

We will be setting tasks to support learning during the long summer break so that children come back ready for a new academic year. Please support us by making sure, that as well as relaxing, seeing friends and enjoying themselves, children also read regularly and complete the tasks that are set.

Enjoy the long summer break, term finishes at 2pm on Wednesday 24th July and we look forward to seeing children return on Wednesday 4th September 2024.

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

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### Reminders

### **School Open and Closure**

School closes to all pupils at 2pm on Wednesday 24th July.

The new term starts on Wednesday 4th September at 8:55am for Years 1 - 6.

Nursery and Reception children will receive individual letters identifying a staggered start date for the new term.



## **Hispanic Day**

EYFS celebrated Hispanic Day by dressing up in an outfit inspired by the flag of a Spanish speaking country or traditional clothes. They enjoyed telling their friends about which countries they are representing. EYFS even practised naming the different colours that they were wearing in Spanish!



### **Maritime Museum**

This term, Year 2 visited the National Maritime Museum, where they explored various types of ships, connecting their experience to their humanities unit on the 'Titanic.' The children had the opportunity to dress up as captains on board a ship and explore the Atlantic Ocean.



## **Thames Barrier**

Year 5 enjoyed a visit to the Thames Barrier as part of their Humanities topic. They discovered that the barrier is a defense mechanism that is designed to protect London from exceptionally high tides and storm surges. They enjoyed touring the barrier and attending the presentation on the history of the barrier.







# **Digital Leaders**

Digital Leaders from across the federation attended a cross-site meeting at our partner school, Orchard Primary, this week. They shared their achievements this year and suggested ideas for projects next academic year. Congratulations to them all on a job well done.



## **Federation Music Festival**

Pupils from across the federation attended the music festival at the Round Chapel this week. They enjoyed performances from the choir and from the pupils that have been having peri lessons in violin, keyboard, guitar and drums. We are so proud of our pupils, thank you to the parents and carers joined us.



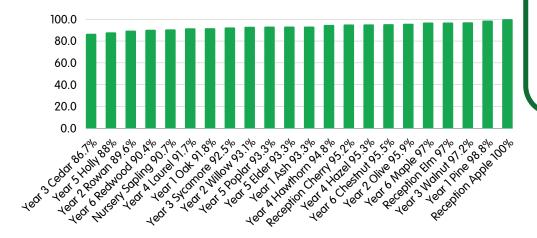
### **Attendance**

The whole school attendance for the last week was 93.6%.

Well done to Reception Apple 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.



## **Key Dates**

Year 6 End of Year Celebration Assembly

Monday 22nd July at 9:15am

Year 6 Disco

Monday 22nd July at 3:00pm

Year 6 Matilda Performance (1)

Tuesday 23rd July at 9:15am

Year 6 Matilda Performance (2)

Tuesday 23rd July at 2:00pm

#### Term End and Start

The second half of the summer term ends on Wednesday 24th July 2024 at 2pm. Please scan the QR code to view our 2024 -2025 term dates.



### **School Uniform**

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