

Dear Parents & Carers,

We hope that you are all settled into the routine of the new term. Please take note of the dates on the back of this newsletter or on our website for up and coming events. This week we had Dads/Significant male family members join us in classrooms and there are special days for Mums/Significant female family members and Grandparents as well as our World Week celebrations in October to look forward to. Class assemblies are starting, so also look out for invitations in book bags and for dates on the website calendar. We are again running a series of drop in sessions for parents on different themes on Friday mornings which are listed on the back of this newsletter, you are welcome to drop in, even if you don't have time for the whole session.

Last week we sent home class newsletters which give information about the topics that each class is studying this half term and there are more details of our curriculum on our website. Please take note in particular of PE days. We have a PE kit that we expect children to wear which will need to be brought into school on these days. Children have brought in some fantastic summer homework projects related to their curriculum themes, thank you for your support with this. It is very helpful if you can talk with children about the topics being studied at home, encouraging them to explain and describe what they are doing and to do their own research. During their time with us they will learn about a range of local and global historical events as well as about different cultures and religions. We aim to provide children with lots of meaningful, creative, inspiring and above all educational opportunities, which with your support will ensure they become enthusiastic life-long learners. Part of this is our fantastic school garden which has become more of a jungle during the Summer holidays. Our garden specialist, Cassie has already been out with groups of children preparing for this year's projects which again will include growing flax to make thread and wheat to make bread. We look forward to sharing news of this and all of our other curriculum projects during the year.

Thank you for all of your support

Ms Rachel Davie
Headteacher

Mr Stephen Hall
Executive Headteacher

HOMework CHAMPIONS



Children created many excellent holiday homework projects during the Summer reflecting their up-coming topics. As well as some fantastic research, they worked very hard creating models using recycled materials from around the house. Some of the projects created include a fantastic marionette and a terrific thatched house. Well done to all our homework winners! Each holiday period we send home a homework project, so that children can start their new topics already knowing something about the themes they are going to study.

YEAR 1 HAVE A SPECIAL VISITOR



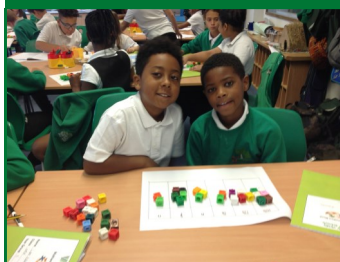
Last week, Year 1 classes met Florence Nightingale! They learnt all about her life, why she went to the Crimea, how she made things better for the soldiers and what

happened as a result of her work. Mrs Nightingale also brought a selection of real and replica historical artefacts, and replica uniforms for a Nightingale nurse and a Crimean soldier, which everyone had great fun trying on.



**BE ON TIME AT FIVE TO NINE! PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE ON TIME.
THE LEARNING STARTS STRAIGHT AWAY.**

POPLAR NEWS



Poplar class have been making frames for their versions of Anglo-Saxon looms using lollipop sticks and string and they are now ready to begin weaving! In their maths lessons they

have been investigating number properties in the context of place value (the values of each number depending on its position), using investigation skills to create numbers from given clues.



PUPIL VOICE FAIR



This week we held our first Pupil Voice Recruitment Fair and children applied for a range of leadership roles across the school. Applications were filled out for many roles including

head gardeners, librarians, digital leaders, green team members, playground peer mediators, art ambassadors, times table ambassadors and more!



DROP IN SESSIONS FOR PARENTS

As well as our **stay and read** sessions every Friday morning for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, all parents are invited to drop into our sessions on various themes which are held in the flexi space on the first floor at 9:15am on Friday. 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.

Friday 5th October	Spanish: Learn some Spanish with your child
Friday 12th October	Developing Enquiry Skills: Asking questions about the world around us
Friday 19th October	Family Team Building: Take part in games and activities you can play at home
Friday 2nd November	Play Pod: Experience the creative opportunities
Friday 9th November	Spelling Strategies: How to support your child
Friday 16th November	Celebrating Life Experiences: Create a scrap book to document special time together

Key dates

Autumn Term 2018

Half Term Holiday

Monday 22nd to

Friday 26th October

Children Return

Monday 29th October

Parents Evening:

Thursday 29th November

End of Term Finish Date:

Friday 21st December at 2pm

Spring Term 2019

Start Date:

Monday 7th January 2019

Half Term Holiday:

Monday 18th to Friday 22nd

February

Staff Training Day:

Monday 25th February

Children Return

Tuesday 26th February

Parents Evening:

Thursday 28th March

Finish Date:

Friday 5th April at 2pm

Summer Term 2019

Start Date:

Tuesday 23rd April

Half Term Holiday:

Monday 27th May (Bank Holiday) to Friday 31st May

Keeping Healthy Week

(including sports day):

Starts Monday 24th June

Parents Evening:

Thursday 4th July

ATTENDANCE

Children have only 190 school days in a year so coming to school everyday makes a real difference! Whole school attendance for last week was **97.50%**
Well done to Sapling FT, Acorn FT, Elm and Maple Classes, the weekly winners with **100%**

