

Dear Parents & Carers,

We hope that you were able to meet with your child's class teacher and have a look at their books at our parents evening yesterday. Sharing learning outcomes with children gives them a chance to feel proud of what they do and know that you value learning as much as they do. If you were unable to attend please do make a new appointment by either speaking to the classteacher or calling the school office. Thank you to parents who completed our parents survey yesterday evening, we are keen to know your opinions and copies are still available from our front reception area. This year we are trying a shorter, simpler format and hope to get a wider response.

All children receive a termly report which was given to parents last night. In each report children in Years 1 to 6 have been given targets for reading, writing, maths and science and we hope these are useful for you when supporting from home. Listed on the back of the report are the end of year expectations for your child's year group. Curriculum changes in recent years have made these more challenging for children so please take the time to read and see what children should be able to do to be secure in their year group by the end of the year. Ways in which you can help at home include making sure that children read, or are read to at home every day, that times tables (counting in steps for younger children) are practised and the spellings that are sent home every week in Years 1 to 6 are learned. There are some leaflets and policies both on our websites and in our reception areas with links to websites and useful tips.

We have a range of special concerts and events lined up for the end of term which are listed on the back of this newsletter. Please also look out for posters and information on our website. Our annual Christmas concerts which are always very popular so please make sure you arrive in good time. We will of course be teaching a full timetable until the holidays as no day is to be wasted and children are expected to attend school every day until we break up on Friday 21st December at 2pm.

Thank you for your support

Ms Rachel Davie
Headteacher

Mr Stephen Hall
Executive Headteacher

SCHOOL COUNCIL



School councillors from Orchard, Southwold and Hoxton Garden visited Orchard school last week. They toured the school and discussed what they thought was working well, and what could be better. They also shared what they have been talking about in each school including the organisation of debating teams and improvements to the play-ground. They will be taking visits to Southwold and Hoxton Garden over the next two terms.



THE GINGERBREAD MAN!



In Reception there has been lots of learning linked to the story 'The Gingerbread Man'. The children have enjoyed making boats for the Gingerbread Man, writing gingerbread recipes, playing at the role play bakery, measuring ingredients, baking their own gingerbread men, watching them bake and of course eating them before they could run away!



AUTUMN TERM ENDS ON FRIDAY 21ST DECEMBER AT 2PM
CHILDREN RETURN ON MONDAY 7TH JANUARY 2019

END OF TERM EVENTS

As well as our **Friday morning stay and read** sessions for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, all parents are invited to drop into our sessions on various themes which are held on the ground floor at 9:15am. Tea and coffee are provided! Our final coffee morning of the term is on **Friday 7th December** when you can learn to play a musical instrument with your child. We are also holding a number of special end of term events to which parents and carers are invited. Please make sure that you arrive on time as they can be very popular.

Monday 10 th December 2:50pm	Year 3 'Sing-Along'
Tuesday 11 th December 2:50pm	Year 5 'Sing-Along'
Wednesday 12 th December 2:50pm	Year 6 'Sing-Along'
Thursday 13 th December 3:30pm	Winter Fayre
Thursday 13 th December 9.15am	EYFS Nativity (Apple, Elm and Sapling)
Thursday 13 th December 2.50pm	EYFS Nativity (Cherry and Acorn)
Friday 14 th December 9:15am	Parent Reading Assembly for EYFS, KS1
Friday 14 th December	Christmas Jumper Day / Children's Christmas Dinner
Friday 14 th December	KS1 Pantomime The Snow Queen (Pupils only)
Wednesday 19 th December 2:50pm	Year 1 'Sing-Along'
Thursday 20 th December 2:50pm	Year 2 'Sing-Along'
Wednesday 19 th December	KS2 Pantomime (Hackney Empire – ticket only)
Friday 21 st December @ 2:00pm	End of Term

SURGEONS, ARTISTS & SPINNERS



Year 4 have been spinning flax that has been grown in our school garden. This year we are adding a hat to our 'flaxman.' The children have enjoyed learning how to break the flax, scutch it, heckle and finally spin the material. **Year 6** have been learning about heart and the circulatory system. Using the internet and non-fiction books, students

researched and created a model of a heart using recycled materials over the half term. **Oak class** have been taking inspiration from Paul Klee's use of geometric shapes to create their own interpretation of some Hackney landmarks.



Key dates

Autumn Term 2018

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

End of Term Finish Date:

Friday 19th July at 2pm

Autumn Term 2019

Start Date:

Wednesday 4th September

See our website for up to date events.

You can also follow us on Facebook & Twitter!

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 ??.%

Well done to ??????Class, the weekly winners with ??%