

Dear Parents & Carers,

The warmer weather is very welcome, but also results in a number of lost school jumpers as children take them off and forget to put them back on again. Please help us return them by making sure that full names are clearly written on labels. Whilst we can't take responsibility for lost items we will do everything we can to help return them. We expect all children to be wearing our uniform to school, including black school shoes all year round.

This week Year 6 have been sitting their end of Primary phase SATs tests with papers on Reading, Arithmetic, Mathematics and Grammar. They will also receive assessments for writing. These are an opportunity for children to show off everything they have learned. They have worked incredibly hard to make sure that they were ready for them. Well done to them, and also to the Year 6 teaching team who did everything they could to make sure that children felt confident and as relaxed as possible on test days.

During this period leading up to half term, we are also assessing children in other year groups so that we are able to report back on progress at our parent conferences at the end of June. These will also help to make sure that anyone falling behind gets the right help and support to catch up. We are very proud of how well our pupils achieve, and this is helped enormously by the support that you give from home. If you would like to know how to help more, then please speak with your child's class teacher, or attend one of our weekly drop on sessions on a Friday morning. We are also updating the home learning section on our school website, with links to a variety of free online resources.

After half term we have our final group of children from Orchard, Southwold and Hoxton Garden visiting our partner school in Madrid and we have recently made an application for the Hackney Languages Award to sit alongside our International Schools Award, thanks again to Ms Alexander Joseph and Ms Perdomo our Spanish teachers who have made these things possible. We will update you with news in the next newsletter.

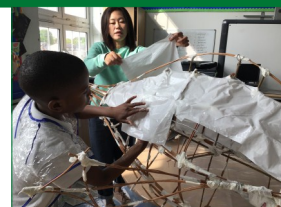
Thank you for all of your support

Ms Rachel Davie
Headteacher

Mr Stephen Hall
Executive Headteacher

BOW ARTS

Year 4 have been working alongside our artist in residence, Heather Libson to make 3d sculptures created from designs children created on the topic of mythical creatures. The children have



learned how to manipulate willow withies, join them and then create a 3d replica of 2d designs. Children worked in groups to contribute towards the final structures. These will be installed in the upcoming half term holiday.

AFTERNOON TEA

Once again this year we welcomed grandparents to our annual afternoon tea to celebrate the end of another successful Families' Week.



136 grandparents were able to join us and enjoyed sandwiches, cakes and cups of tea with their grandchildren. The choir entertained everybody with some super singing!

HOLIDAY HOMEWORK

Well done to our holiday homework winners from this half term. Children from across the school presented a range of creative projects that they completed during the Easter break. The School Council have been discussing how they can support homework projects and are creating a top tips guide—watch this space!



BE ON TIME AT FIVE TO NINE! PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE ON TIME SO THAT CLASSES ARE NOT INTERRUPTED.

FAMILY CYCLING



The new family cycling club got off to a great start last Tuesday. Four

children and four adults attended. Six bikes were safety checked and fixed too! A further three parents approached the team for advice on cycling with children. If you are interested in joining, the cycling club, please ask for details in the school office. Everyone is welcome!

TESCO TRIP



Nursery went on a local trip to Tesco's and bought lots of different exotic fruits to try.

The children were able to feel the texture of the different fruits and also taste some. The children have had a range of fruits on their snack table and have used the fruits for many different activities including painting and writing!

SPRING SCIENCE

Year 2 children have been learning about mini beasts in science. The children discussed the different species they might see in our local area and did a tally chart survey after investigating what mini beasts could be found in the school garden. The children were surprised at the number of different mini beasts that they found.

Can you identify what has landed on Oscar's jumper?



SUMMER TERM COFFEE MORNINGS

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.

Friday 24th May	Reading: How to support and engage reluctant readers
Friday 7th June	Speech and Language: How to use technology to support communication and language
Friday 14th June	Safer Community: Including preventing gang violence
Friday 21st June	Handwriting and Spellings: Strategies to support your child's handwriting and spelling
Friday 28th June	No Coffee Morning – Sports Day
Friday 5th July	Geography: Develop enquiry skills and learn how to be a geographer in the local area

Key dates

Summer Term 2019

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

Half Term Holiday:

Monday 21st to Friday 25th October

Children Start Date:

Monday 28th October

Parents Evening:

Thursday 28th November

End of Term Finish Date:

Thursday 19th December

Spring Term 2020

Start Date:

Monday 6th January 2019

Work & Enterprise Week:

Week beginning 20th January

Half Term Holiday:

Monday 17th to Friday 21st February

Staff Training Day:

Monday 24th February

Parents Evening:

Thursday 26th March

Finish Date:

Friday 3rd April at 2pm

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 **97.24%**
Well done to Laurel & Acorn Class, the weekly winners with **100%**

