

## Dear Parents & Carers,

Many of our Year 5 pupils are looking forward to their trip to Kench Hill activity centre in Kent during the next two weeks. This will give them the opportunity to experience the great outdoors with campfires and many adventure activities. It is an exhausting but fun week away from home for teachers and pupils alike and we look forward to sharing news of their activities through regular Tweets, noticeboard and website updates. Please could parents of children who are going carefully read the packing list so as not to forget anything!

Our school Governors held their termly meeting in the week before half term. They have agreed the schools budgets and have been discussing standards at each school as well as risks related to national issues such as recruitment. A number of improvements to the school building have been planned for the Summer break. We hope that the Governors' newsletter sent out last term was useful in understanding more about who they are and what they do, there will be another newsletter later this term to update you.

Our sports day this year is on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June and children will be refining their athletics skills in readiness. Parents are invited to join us with the opportunity to show off their own athleticism in a parent race at the end. This is not compulsory! A letter with more details of sports day and the other activities which have been arranged for Keeping Healthy week which is running all of that week, will be sent nearer the time. Both at sports day and when children have PE lessons we expect them to be wearing our school PE kit. This and other uniform items can all be bought online at Mapac via a link on the parents section of our school website. They aim to deliver items within 10 working days but during the busy summer period it can take a little longer. If you are ordering uniform in time for the new school year, please make sure you have placed your order with Mapac before August 2<sup>nd</sup> to ensure that it gets to you on time.

Thank you for all of your support

Ms Rachel Davie  
Headteacher

Mr Stephen Hall  
Executive Headteacher

## ART AMBASSADORS

KS2 pupils completing their Arts Award participated in an artist led workshop at Tate Britain. They recorded soundscapes inspired paintings on display, disrupted the tempo and rituals (with permission!) of the gallery by dancing through the spaces and created large scale art works inspired by what they had seen and heard. Next the children will be creating their own art works before submitting their portfolios and receiving their Arts Award.



## ROAD AWARE



Year 4 took part in an interactive and engaging road safety workshop. During this workshop, the children developed their skills in map reading and team work, as they were required to identify locations which they

knew on the map and work out the safest way to reach Orchard Primary School from these locations. They also discussed how to avoid main roads and use zebra crossings.

## HAPPY CHICKS

The children in EYFS have been fascinated by our eggs, which have now hatched into chicks. This has provided many opportunities for discussion around growth, change and life cycles. The children have been especially excited to handle the



chicks now they are a bit bigger! Our chicks are from The Happy Chick Company, who are an ethical company that rehome 100% of the chicks after collection from school.



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

## AWARDS

We are proud to have been awarded the Primary Language Award Gold Level. This is a Hackney based award to identify and celebrate the excellent language teaching that our children receive from Reception to Year 6.



Assessors observed lessons, spoke to children and visited learning environments to identify the embedded practice across the school. Orchard are proud to have been re-accredited the Inclusion Flagship Award for the third time. Assessors spent a day in school reviewing inclusive practice in classrooms and talking to leaders, parents, teachers and children. Well done to everyone for this fantastic achievement.



## HACKNEY HALF MARATHON

A selection of children from Year 3 to 6 competed in the Hackney Half Marathon Schools Challenge. Over the past 12 weeks they have committed to attending the school running club and run a mile a week. The final mile of the Half Marathon was then completed on Sunday with all the children receiving medals. Alongside the children, a number of staff also participated in the marathon and received medals too! Well done to all children involved and a big thank you to all staff and parents who supported the children on the day.



## 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.

<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Safer Community:</b> Including preventing gang violence
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June</b>	<b>Handwriting and Spellings:</b> Strategies to support your child's handwriting and spelling
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>No Coffee Morning – Sports Day</b>
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Geography:</b> Develop enquiry skills and learn how to be a geographer in the local area

## Key dates

### Summer Term 2019

**Keeping Healthy Week (including sports day):**

Starts Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June

**Parents Evening:**

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July

**End of Term Finish Date:**

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 2.00pm

### Autumn Term 2019

**Start Date:**

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September

**Half Term Holiday:** Monday

21<sup>st</sup> to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October

**Children Start Date:**

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October

**Parents Evening:**

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November

**End of Term Finish Date:**

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December

### Spring Term 2020

**Start Date:**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020

**Work & Enterprise Week:**

Week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> January

**Half Term Holiday:**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> to

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February

**Staff Training Day:**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February

**Parents Evening:**

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March

**Finish Date:**

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 2.00pm

See our website for up to date events.

You can also follow us on Instagram, 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 **96.37%**  
**Well done to Pine Class**, the weekly winners with 100%.

