

Friday 29th November 2019

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Dear Parents & Carers,

We hope that you were able to join us this week, meet your child's class teacher and look at books at our parents evening. Sharing learning outcomes with children gives them a chance to feel proud of what they do in school 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 class teacher or calling the school office.

Thank you to all parents who completed our parents survey yesterday evening, we are keen to know your opinions and copies are still available from our school office if you would like to contribute your thoughts.

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 so you can see the learning which takes place across the year. Our curriculum is designed for children to build on their previous learning and apply both learned knowledge and skills to their new learning. There are lots of opportunities to apply learning independently, in pairs and in small groups using a wide range of resources and enrichment to inspire, motivate and engage in the learning process.

Ways in which you can help at home include making sure that children read 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. Our annual 'Sing a Long' concerts 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 Thursday 19th December at 2pm.

Thank you for your support.

Ms Rachel Davie
Headteacher

ORCHARD GOES GREEN

The Eco Team have been busy creating a new Eco Code for the school to follow. They are passionate about helping the school become more eco friendly and have designed and made posters to be displayed



in each class. The Eco Team presented assemblies to the whole school this week. They gave top tips on how we can all become more eco friendly in school and at home.

PEACE AT LAST!



The children in Reception and Nursery attended the "Peace at Last" opera based on the much loved story book by Jill Murphy. They really enjoyed it. At the end, they learned about musical instruments, what they are made of and how human voices make a harmony.

HOLIDAY HOMEWORK

Look at the fantastic holiday homework created by pupils in Year 1 to 4 to support their topic learning this half term. As geographers, the children are learning about Hackney and the local area in Year 1 and the United Kingdom in Year 2.



In Year 3 children created projects on weather and in Year 4 projects about Brazil. Thank you to all parents supporting holiday projects, this helps the children to get the very best out of their learning in school.

AUTUMN TERM ENDS ON THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER AT 2PM

FLAX TO FABRIC



Year 4 have taken part in an exciting workshop demonstrating how linen is produced. Starting from flax as a raw material, the children had to break, scutch, heckle and spin to create yarn ready for weaving. The children worked as part of a team using a range of skills including co-operation, negotiation and coordination to create their finished piece. The children enjoyed getting outside to take part in the experience.

DEBATE MATE

Pupils from Year 5 visited The Emmanuel Centre in Westminster for this year's Debate Mate launch. The children were given an introduction to the world of



debate, met lots of lovely mentors and got to witness a debate in action. One pupil was fortunate enough to be selected as the timekeeper. Children will have the opportunity to participate in competitions across the year—watch this space!



COFFEE MORNINGS AND PERFORMANCES

We are holding one more coffee morning and the termly parent reading assembly this year in addition to our winter holiday events. Please do join us!

Friday 6th December	Speech and Language: How to develop and extend your child's vocabulary.
Friday 13th December	Parent Reading Assembly: EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2.

Date	Focus	Time/Location
Monday 9th December	Year 3 Sing Along Christmas	2:50pm / New Hall
Tuesday 10th December	Year 5 Sing Along Christmas	2:50pm / New Hall
Wednesday 11th December	Year 2 Sing Along Christmas	2:50pm / New Hall
Thursday 12th December	Apple Class Nativity	9:00am / New Hall
Thursday 12th December	Elm Class Nativity	10:00am / New Hall
Thursday 12th December	Cherry Class Nativity	2:00pm / New Hall
Monday 16th December	Year 4 Sing Along Christmas	2:50pm / New Hall
Tuesday 17th December	Year 6 Sing Along Christmas	2:50pm / New Hall
Wednesday 18th December	Acorn and Sapling Nativity	9:00am / New Hall
Wednesday 18th December	Year 1 Sing Along Christmas	2:50pm / New Hall

Key Dates

Autumn Term 2019

Parents Evening:
Thursday 28th November

End of Term Finish Date:
Thursday 19th December at 2pm

Spring Term 2020

Start Date:
Monday 6th 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

Summer Term 2020

Start Date:
Monday 20th April

Bank Holiday:
Friday 8th May

Half Term Holiday:
Monday 25th May to
Friday 29th May

Parents Evening:
Thursday 2nd July

End of Term Finish Date:
Friday 17th July at 2pm

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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 **95.70%**

Well done to Willow, Maple, Apple & Chestnut the weekly winners with **99%**

