

Dear Parents & Carers,

We have lots of exciting news and events to share with you from the last two weeks including Work & Enterprise Week events. Although reading, writing and counting will always be a central part of what we teach, we are also keen that our pupils receive a wide and rich curriculum which inspires learning in other areas and teaches other life skills too.

Thank you to all the parents who completed our school survey last term. We had 228 responses from parents of children in all year groups. We are very pleased that 93% of the responses agreed or strongly agreed with the statement 'my child likes school' and 92% felt that they were happy with the progress their child was making. We will use your feedback to continue to make sure we are providing the highest quality education and care. As part of this, we are keen that all children understand how to be healthy. All classes receive lessons about the importance of a healthy lifestyle including the dangers of drugs as alcohol as well as the importance of exercise and healthy eating. Our school kitchen has a salad bar which is available for all children taking a school dinner to choose some vegetables or freshly made salad to go with their meal and we are encouraging them to take this option. If your child receives packed lunches we ask that you help with this by making sure that you do not send crisps, chocolate bars or fizzy drinks into school as we do not allow children to eat or drink these in our dinner hall. Instead please consider raisins, carrot sticks or other healthy alternatives. These release important energy over a longer period of time and help children to maintain concentration in the afternoon. Thank you for your help!

If you have moved or changed your telephone number recently please make sure you have let the school office know. It is essential that we can contact you quickly in case of an emergency, and also have a second number to call if we can't get hold of you. The number and email for our office is on the back of this newsletter.

Thank you for all of your support

Ms Rachel Davie
Headteacher

Mr Stephen Hall
Executive Headteacher

WORK & ENTERPRISE WEEK



Our celebration of all things work, business and enterprise related involved every class taking trips and meeting visitors as well as embarking on their own enterprise project at our enterprise fair.

Reception were visited by Dr George to learn about being a GP, **Year One** went to the fire station to find out what fire fighters do to help people around Hackney. **Year 2** were visited by a vet. They learnt all about the work that vets do in the local community and the kind of animals some vets treat.

The vet showed how he would treat a poorly dog, by giving it an injection and everyone had lots of questions to ask. Our enterprise fair was also a great success thanks to your support!



ENJOY THE HALF TERM WEEK!
CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 26TH FEBRUARY AT 8:55AM

TRIP TO MADRID

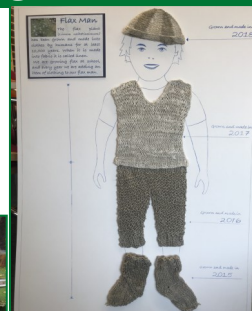


A group of nine children from Orchard, Southwold and Hoxton Garden travelled to Madrid last week to visit our partner school. They spent time catching up with our Spanish friends and practising their Spanish language in class as well as seeing the

sights and enjoying the good food. A very big thank you to Ms Joseph and Ms Perdomo for organising everything!

FLAXMAN HAS A HAT!

Following the harvest, threshing and spinning of our home grown flax, a weaver has been set to work. We are pleased to reveal that Flaxman now



has a new winter woolly hat to go with his jumper, trousers and socks!

SPRING 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 1st March	Special Educational Needs: Develop an understanding of how we teach and differentiate for children with special educational needs
Friday 8th March	Reading at home: How to promote a love of books
Friday 15th March	Wellbeing: How to support your child's well-being through conversation
Friday 22nd March	Healthy Eating: Find out how to provide a well-balanced diet at home and for packed lunches
Friday 29th March	Easter Holiday activities: Discover activities to try and places to visit during the holidays
Friday 5th April	Parent Reading Assembly for EYFS, Year 1 and 2

Key dates

Spring Term 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

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

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 **96.26%**

Well done to Apple & Cedar Classes, the weekly winners with 99%.

