

Friday 24th January 2020

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## Dear Parents & Carers,

At the very beginning of each school day children set straight to tasks whilst the teacher calls the register. These often involve rehearsing key skills such as spellings, handwriting or times tables. This is also the time that many children read one to one with an adult or receive additional help. It is very important that children are on time for these sessions by being in the playground ready to line up at 8:55am. Please help children to be ready on time and not miss out on this important part of the day.

The positive reading culture within our schools is as a result of lots of hard work. A big, big thank you to all parents who are signing and commenting in home school diaries and encouraging children to comment on or evaluate their reading. This supports learning in school and helps teachers to understand reading patterns away from the classroom. We aim to change home reading books at least once a week (more often for younger children) and completed diaries mean achievements can be readily celebrated and book content easily discussed.

Despite the changeable weather, we are keen that children get fresh air and play outside each day so please make sure that they bring a warm coat, hat and gloves to school and that these are clearly marked with their name in case they get lost. We expect children to wear black school shoes whilst at school and not boots for safety reasons as well as to make sure they are comfortable when in class, so please help us by ensuring children wear the correct footwear or bring a change of shoes with them. PE at this time of the year mostly takes place indoors but children should have their full kit for PE lessons in order to ensure hygiene and safety standards are met.

Children are expected to know all of their multiplication tables by the end of Year 4. We have given all children in Years 3 to 6 a password to access Times Table Rock Stars. Please encourage them to use this, as well as practise with you.

Ms Aimee Walker  
Headteacher

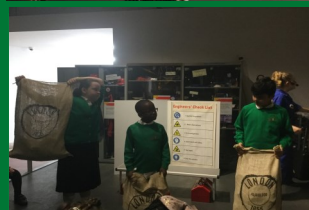
Ms Rachel Davie  
Executive Headteacher

## Y3 WELL STREET PIZZA

As part of Work and Enterprise Week, Year 3 visited Well Street Pizza on Well Street, where they had the opportunity to learn about how a restaurant is run. They met a chef, asked questions and made their own healthy pizzas using different toppings!



## Y4 POSTAL MUESUM



This week, Year 4 went on a trip to the Postal Museum as part of Work and Enterprise Week. They learned about the history of post and explored ways in which engineers solve complex problems by breaking things down into a process. The children then got to practise sorting mail.

## Y1 EVERYDAY MATERIALS

Year 1 are learning about everyday materials in science. The children investigated materials and discussed their properties. They thought about what the materials could be used



for as well as suggesting alternative materials for a range of uses. The children have practised using new vocabulary such as rough, smooth, bendy and waterproof.



**SCHOOL STARTS AT 8.55AM SO BE ON TIME AT FIVE TO NINE!**

## Y2 CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS

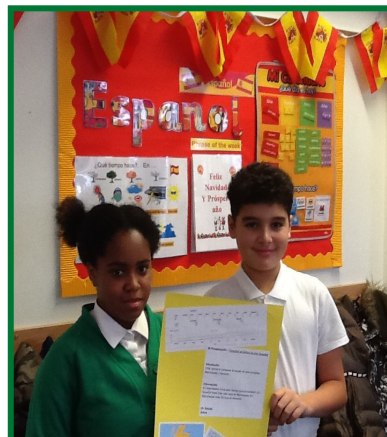
Year 2 are learning about Christopher Columbus in history. To discover more information they conducted some research using iPads. The children learned how to use an app for QR



codes, which took them straight to a specific website. They looked at a range of sources which was a quick way to find out more about the explorer.

## Y6 SPANISH

In Spanish, Year 6 extended their knowledge of weather by using comparative language to describe different weather patterns in the UK. The children incorporated ICT by using chrome books to research on the web and by using google classroom to create documents and spreadsheets. This work was shared with their partner school (El Caton) in Madrid.



## COFFEE MORNINGS

Thank you to all our parents attending **Friday morning stay and read** sessions for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. If you are interested in knowing more about our parent reading champion role, please ask in the office for more information. All parents are invited to drop into our sessions on various themes which are held in the Flexi Space at 9:15am on Friday mornings.

<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January</b>	<b>PSHCE:</b> How we prepare children for the wider world and what is means to be a Stonewall School
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Behaviour and Relationships:</b> Strategies for developing positive behaviour and sibling relationships
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Speech and Language:</b> How to use technology to support communication and language

## KEY DATES

### Autumn Term 2019

#### Children 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 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 the last week of term was **96.86%**  
**Well done to Sapling Class** the weekly winners with **100%**.

