

## Dear Parents & Carers,

In the last week we have celebrated World Book Day. It has been fantastic to see children enthusiastically taking up the opportunity to share and talk about their favourite book characters and recommend reading to others. Our whole school peer reading event was particularly successful and the older children enjoyed reading with younger children across the school. Next week we will be celebrating Book Links week, with a number of children's authors visiting the school to share books and talk about the writing process. We hope that this celebration of reading will encourage children to read more and discover the types of books that they like best.

Teaching children how to stay safe is very much part of the curriculum in our school. To help with this, we ask that children are not left unsupervised in the playground before 8:45am as there are no school staff there until this time. If you have to set off to work early, we run a breakfast club from 7:45am. Children can have breakfast with their friends and be supervised until the start of the school day. Please also make sure that you show your children how to cross the road safely by using the crossings and showing them how to stop and check both ways for traffic. This way you can be more confident that they will do the same when you are not there.

Our termly parents evening is on Thursday 26th March. Thank you to everyone who has already made an appointment. If you have not yet been able to, please make an appointment to meet as soon as possible by calling the school office or by logging onto our booking system via the website.

Spring term ends at **2pm on Friday 3rd April**, when children have a two week break. We will be following our full timetable up to this point, with learning every day. Please help us make sure that children receive their full 190 days of schooling this year by not asking for absences during term time. Term time holiday absence will result in a no notice fine and a referral to School Attendance Officer monitoring.

Many thanks for your support.

Ms Aimee Walker  
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie  
Executive Headteacher

## WORLD BOOK DAY

A big thank you for helping us celebrate World Book Day this year. It was lovely to see the creative ways children chose to dress up. Through the day, there were many reading focused activities, as well as a book swap at the end of the day, which was run by the our school librarians in the main playground.



## 100 DAYS IN RECEPTION

The children in Reception had a wonderful day celebrating their 100th day of school. The children wore specially decorated t-shirts, read stories and sang songs all linked to the number 100. The Table top activities all linked to the number 100 and the children went on an adventure following numbered footsteps, which led to a treasure box full of special 100th day stickers!



## ECO TEAM MEETING

The Eco Teams from Orchard, Hoxton Garden and Southwold met this week to discuss eco issues and what each school is doing to help create a more eco friendly environment. Our Eco Team is working hard to ensure that we are environmentally friendly so remember: **Reduce, Reuse and Recycle!**



**PLEASE BE ON TIME AT FIVE TO NINE!**

CHILDREN THAT ARE LATE MISS OUT ON KEY LEARNING AND DISTURB THE LEARNING OF OTHER CHILDREN

## FAIRTRADE FRIDAY

The Eco Team organised another successful 'Fairtrade Friday'. Children dressed in Fairtrade colours and donated a £1 to the Fairtrade Foundation.



After school, leaflets were given out and a stall set up with Fairtrade products. A total of £422.13 was raised!



## YEAR 2 LITERACY

Year 2 have been reading the text *Crown: An Ode to a Fresh Cut*. Inspired by the book, they have planned their own transformation stories.



The children worked hard to ensure they used correct tenses, sequenced their ideas and included correct punctuation!



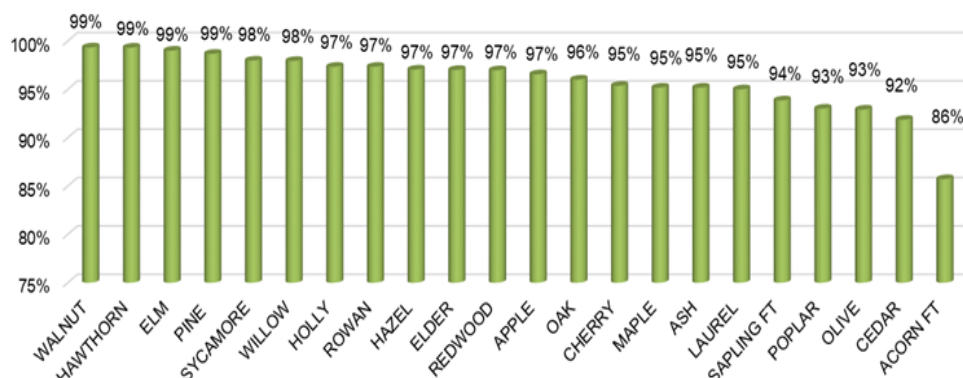
## COFFEE MORNINGS

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 coffee morning sessions on various themes which are **held in the Flexi Space** at 9:15am. **There are only two left this term!** The final Friday of term is an opportunity to celebrate with all of the parents who have joined reading sessions with children on Friday mornings.

Date	Focus
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Road safety:</b> Responsible passengers, pedestrians and cyclists
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Easter Holiday activities:</b> Discover activities to try and places to visit during the holidays
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	<b>Parent Reading Assembly for EYFS and KS1</b> (2:50pm)

## 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 **96.13%**. **Well done to Walnut, Hawthorn, Elm & Pine Classes** the weekly winners with **99%**.



## KEY DATES

### Spring Term 2020

**Children's Start Date:** Monday 6th January

**Half Term Holiday:** Monday 17th to Friday 21st February

**Staff Training Day:** Monday 24th February

**Children's Start Date:** Tuesday 25th February

**Parents Evening:** Thursday 26th March

**Finish Date:** Friday 3rd April at 2pm

### Summer Term 2020

**Children's Start Date:** Monday 20th April

**Bank Holiday:** Friday 8th May

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

**Children's Start Date:** Monday 1st June

**Parents Evening:** Thursday 2nd July

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

### Autumn Term 2020

**Children's Start Date:** Monday 7th September

**Half Term Holiday:** Monday 26th - Friday 30th October

**Children's Start Date:** Monday 2nd November

**Parents Evening:** Thursday 10th December

**Finish Date:** Friday 18th December at 2pm

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