

Friday 10th July 2020

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## Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you your on-going support this year and throughout the challenging circumstances the pandemic has presented. We continue to have high expectations of what our pupils can achieve and we are looking forward to a return to in school learning for all pupils in September.

We will be setting tasks to support children's learning during the long summer break so that children come back as ready as possible for a new academic year. Please support us by making sure that, as well as getting out and about and enjoying themselves, children also read regularly, learn their times tables and complete the tasks that are set.

You will have received notification of the date and time you can access school to pick up the letter informing you of new classes, to collect your child's work books from this year and to say goodbye to the current class teacher. These scheduled events will take place in the playground and with social distancing in place. Please make time to speak to your child about their transition to a new year group and teacher. There will be details of the full staffing for 2020/21 in the first newsletter of the Autumn term for your information.

Our Year 6 children are leaving under unusual circumstances this year. We will be very sad to see them go, with many of them having been at our school since Reception and we wish them every success at secondary school. The Year 6 teaching team are working hard to provide an alternative end of year finale, keep a look out for the details!

Over the summer holiday we will continue to provide free school meal hampers to families. Hampers need to be booked in advance for all three scheduled dates. The school office should have contacted you but if you are unsure, please call before the end of term to confirm.

Enjoy the long Summer break, term finishes on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July and children return on **Monday 7th September 2020. A letter will be sent to you next week detailing arrangements for return.**

Ms Aimee Walker  
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie  
Executive Headteacher

## SPANISH DAY



There was a lot of culture and creativity throughout the school during Hispanic Day's theme of Art & DT. Children were able to create different pieces while learning about the origin of familiar objects such as castanets to more unknown objects such as Taino petroglyphs from Puerto Rico. A great day was had by all!

## YEAR 1 SEASONS

Children in Year 1 have been busy learning about their topic, 'Seasonal Changes'. Children onsite investigated and measured temperature, rainfall and also learned more about wind speed and direction. There were also some lovely projects created at home, depicting habitats during different seasons.



## NURSERY



In Nursery, the children enjoyed developing their very own perfume by using a variety of rose petals and scents. During the activity, they enjoyed smelling the flowers and mixing ingredients, in order to get fragrance out of the petals. The children also had the opportunity to describe different scents and express their opinions and preferences. They were incredibly proud of their final product.

## HOME LEARNING

## YEAR 6 WORLD WAR II



Year 6 have produced their own thought-provoking leaflet explaining the power of propaganda during World War 2. Pupils explored a range of writing skills including: identifying and exploring emotive language, differentiating between formal and informal language and writing from different viewpoints.

Thank you for all the lovely examples that have been shared of home learning. Recently, we have seen a range of pictures and videos from children participating in our virtual sports day, sharing science projects, writing and art. If you have any home learning you would like to share please send to: [orchardhomelearning@vs.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:orchardhomelearning@vs.hackney.sch.uk)



## BASIC SKILLS

Basic skills are important foundations for children. The curriculum is set to build on these each year in order for knowledge and understanding to grow over time. Lots of learning has been going on at home and at school during partial closure and in September, the school will be adapting the curriculum to help children catch up quickly.

Handy parent guides for each year group in reading, writing and maths are available as a check to what children need to know by the end of each year at school. These are available on the school website and will be included in the transition information sent home to you. The home learning resources provided between March and July support rehearsal of these basic skills. Please do continue to use these as this will give children the springboard to make good progress in the next year of school.



## KEY DATES

### Autumn Term 2020

**Children's Start Date:**  
Monday 7th September  
**Half Term Holiday:**  
Monday 26th - Friday 30th  
October

**Children Start Date:**  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November  
**Parents Evening:**  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December  
**Finish Date:** Friday 18<sup>th</sup>  
December at 2pm

### Spring Term 2021

**Staff Training Day:**  
Monday 4th January

**Children's Start Date:**

Tuesday 5th January  
**Work & Enterprise Week:** Week beginning  
18th  
January

### Half Term Holiday:

Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February

**Children's Start Date:**

Monday 22nd February

**Science & Technology Day (with Science Fair):** Friday 19th March

**Parents Evening:**

Thursday 25th March

**End of Term Finish Date:** Thursday 1st  
April at 2pm

### Summer Term 2021

**Children's Start Date:**

Monday 19th April 2021

**Families' Week:**

Starts Monday 26th April 2021

**Bank Holiday:**

Monday 3rd May 2021

**Half Term Holiday:**

Monday 31 May 2021 – Friday 4 June 2021

**Children Start Date:**

Monday 7th June 2021

**Staff Training Day:**

Friday 25th June 2021

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

Starts Monday 28th June 2021

**Parents Evening:**

Thursday 8th July 2021

**End of Term Finish Date:**

Thursday 22nd July at 2pm

**Staff Training Day:** Friday 23rd July 2021

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## SUMMER HOLIDAY IDEAS

Play is an important part of every child's development and essential both to their health and happiness. The vast majority of Hackney parks remain open as normal, with only sites that are too small to maintain social distancing currently closed. Park play areas will be re-opening from Wednesday 8th July and outdoor gyms will reopen on a phased basis between 8th and 15th July.

Our local play parks with play areas are:  
Broadway Market Green, Jackman Street, E8 4QX

**Hackney Downs** E5 8NP

**London Fields** Eleanor Road, London Fields East Side, E8 3EU

**Mabley Green** Lee Conservancy Road E9 5RN

**Stonebridge Gardens** Haggerston Road, E8 4EP

**Well Street Common** E9 7AS

**Victoria Park**, Grove Rd, London E3 5TB

For more information about Hackney parks and play areas visit:

<https://hackney.gov.uk/playgrounds>