

Friday 7th May 2021

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As the weather slowly warms up, children take off their jumpers and coats which can sometimes get lost or left behind. Whilst we cannot take responsibility for lost uniform we will always remind children to pick up their jumpers and coats at the end of playtime / lunchtime and help to find lost items. To support us in this please make sure that all uniform is labeled with both a first name and surname. Please also make regular checks to the jumper your child brings home to make sure it is theirs and return it if it has the wrong name! Our school continues to look very smart and we very much want our children to feel a sense of pride. Please also ensure that children are wearing the correct uniform including black shoes and by wearing trousers not jogging bottoms. We also expect children to bring a PE kit of a white t shirt and black shorts.

School Streets is the Council's programme to transform roads outside schools, so that only pedestrians and cyclists can use them at school start and finish times. The scheme tackles congestion and improves air quality at the school gates, making it easier and safer to walk and cycle to school which creates a more pleasant environment for everyone. Parents and carers are reminded cars are not to enter Holcroft Road during school hours. 8:30am - 09:30am and 3:00pm - 4:00pm. The zones will operate Monday to Friday during school term-time only.

Today you will have received the Parent Governor nomination form and instructions on how to vote for your favourite candidate. As one of our current parent governors is from Orchard School, nominations have been accepted from Southwold and Hoxton Garden Schools to ensure equal representation. However, parents across all three schools have the opportunity to vote. Please follow the survey link on the election sheet to have your vote counted!

We are currently giving consideration to a number of summer events that would normally take place at school. The Government continue to move ahead with their 'roadmap out of lockdown' and we are planning how this will affect some of the events towards the latter part of the term including Celebration Assemblies and arrangements for Year 6. We will provide you with more information as soon as we can.

Thank you for your support.

Ms Aimee Walker
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie
Executive Headteacher

YEAR 6 BLITZ WORKSHOP

Year 6 took part in a workshop learning more about the Blitz in London during WWII. They learned more about the different air raid sirens and shelters. As well as, what to do when different bombs fell. Children then had an opportunity to explore different artefacts and ask questions about these.



YEAR 4 HUMANITIES

During their Victorian unit, pupils in Year 4 have used a variety of primary and secondary sources to explore life and technology advancements during this era. They used these resources, as well as key topic vocabulary to develop their own curiosity, asking questions about life during that time.



NURSERY FAMILIES WEEK

During Families Week, children in Nursery have explored their own families, through images and by sharing their favourite family activity with Simon the squirrel. As a class they read a key text that explained why it is ok for us and our families to be unique and special.



SMART BLACK SHOES FOR SCHOOL PLEASE!



YEAR 3 GARDENING

Last week, Year 3 children enjoyed taking part in a gardening workshop with our school gardener, where they learned about the germination process of plants. The children had the opportunity to plant their own seeds and begin their Year 3 gardening enterprise.



YEAR 2 PURPLE MASH

In ICT, Year 2 have been creating their own branching database about minibeasts. The children worked in pairs, using their growing knowledge to ask questions such as, *Does it have wings?* and providing answers such as *butterfly for yes and worm for no*.



COFFEE MORNINGS

Thank you to everyone who has left feedback or made suggestions in the parent comment box, we use the feedback to inform the content of our coffee mornings. The Summer Term coffee mornings are now underway. If you have missed content, it is easy to catch up. Go to the coffee morning page in the parent section of our website and watch any of the coffee mornings from the Summer, Spring or Autumn. Watch to the end of the videos this term to see our new feature: three top takeaway tips from the session!

Date	Focus
Friday 21 st May	ICT: How to support your child with home learning using Google Classroom
Friday 11 th June	Reading: How to support your child to develop their comprehension skills
Friday 25 th June	Keeping Healthy: Find out how to provide a well-balanced diet at home and for packed lunches
Friday 9 th July	Maths: Strategies to support your child with their timestables
Friday 23 rd July	Summer Holiday activities: Things to do at home and in the local area to prepare your child for the new school year

KEY DATES

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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ATTENDANCE

Coming to school everyday and on time makes a real difference to progress in learning. Whole school attendance for last week was 97.00%
Well done to Acorn FT Class the overall weekly winners with 100%

