



Hoxton Garden Primary School

HIGHLIGHTS

Friday 10th September 2021

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to welcome everyone back after the summer break. We hope that you had a wonderful summer break. As usual during the summer closure we have been undertaking building works including painting classrooms and some playground maintenance. You will have noticed the scaffolding up around the school building as a result of works being undertaken by Hackney Education to maintain the building façade. This work is due to complete in December.

During the summer break, the COVID 19 guidance to schools has changed and means that children are no longer restricted to year group bubbles and will be able to mix with other children in assemblies and in the playground as well as sitting at group tables again in their classrooms.

The children have settled quickly back into learning with their new teachers. The school staffing profile is included on the back of the newsletter and a full staffing list is available on the website. We are committed to ensuring that children receive a broad curriculum as well as ensuring pupils catch up quickly on the lost learning as a result of school closures earlier this year. Our Meet the Teacher sessions will take place next week on **Monday 13th September for Year 1 and 2, Tuesday 14th September for Years 3 and 4 and Thursday 16th September for Years 5 and 6**, all sessions will start at **3.40pm**. We ask that one family member attends only to hear about the upcoming half term from the teacher and receive a copy of the half termly curriculum newsletter.

Please make sure that children look smart in our uniform for school everyday. Our school uniform is available from the MAPAC website (link from the school website). If you are struggling to access this online please ask for help at our school office.

As well as reading our fortnightly newsletter, please also follow us on Twitter and Facebook and add our website to your 'favourites' to learn about all the exciting things taking place in school.

We look forward to working in partnership again with you this year.

Ms Rachel Adams
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie
Executive Headteacher

WELCOME BACK!



The children have been settling into the routines and expectations of school. As well as core subjects such as reading, writing and maths, children have also enjoyed Spanish and music lessons and singing assemblies.

Year 2 children have moved into the main playground and are enjoying new games such as king ball. We extend a very warm welcome to our new EYFS children and their families. They have settled in really well and have been making new friends and exploring their classrooms. Well done to all our children and families for a great start!



HOME SCHOOL DIARIES

By now you should have received a new **home school diary**. Please make sure that comments and page numbers are recorded in this every day and that the diary is cared for and signed weekly. There is information inside to help in knowing what to ask and write after reading with your child, including some helpful questions. There is also a times tables square to help practise these. Knowing times tables off by heart makes maths much easier! **Homework** is sent home every **Thursday** and is due back early the following week so that it can be marked. Your help with making sure that tasks are completed is very much appreciated!



Key Stage 2
HOME-SCHOOL
LEARNING DIARY

NAME
CLASS



BE ON TIME AT FIVE TO NINE!

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE ON TIME SO THAT CLASSES ARE NOT INTERRUPTED.

STAFFING PROFILE 2021 / 2022

Ms Rachel Davie (Executive Headteacher) Ms Rachel Adams (Headteacher) Ms Charlotte Houchin (KS2 Deputy Headteacher) Ms Jessie De Veer (EYFS and KS1 Deputy Headteacher) Ms Petra Beckmann (SENCo)	
Y6 Primrose Class Ms Jennifer Jordan	Y6 Thistle Class Mr Michael Kelso
Y5 Foxglove Class Ms Alana Asare—Ansa	Y5 Orchid Class Ms Rhianna Anderson-Ikpa
Y4 Carnation Class Mr Lewis Folkard	Y4 Lilac Class Ms Anna Willberg
Y3 Poppy Class Ms Lucy Murgatroyd	Y3 Sunflower Class Ms Natalie Wright
Y2 Tulip Class Ms Lauren Dagg	Y2 Daffodil Class Ms Sarah Joyce
Y1 Lily Class Ms Elizabeth McGrory	Y1 Lupin Class Ms Rukshana Ali
Reception Bluebell Class Ms Claire Baird	Reception Rose Class Ms Heba Qawatin
Nursery Daisy Class Ms Petra Beckmann	

We are very fortunate to have a dedicated team of staff who are committed to ensuring the best learning opportunities for our children. This term we welcome some new members to our teaching team and welcome back many familiar faces too.

Our senior leadership team remain the same with Ms Adams as Headteacher of our school, Ms De Veer looking after EYFS and Key Stage 1 and Ms Houchin looking after Key Stage 2. Ms Beckmann continues to oversee our inclusion provision.

Last week all staff attended three days of induction and training in order to prepare for the new academic year. As well as revisiting our vision, values, core routines and our curriculum, we also talked about mental health, well being and prepared class environments for pupil return.

Our staff will be in the playground each morning and afternoon however we are asking parents to enter and leave school site promptly to help keep our community safe. If you need to meet with the teacher, please support us by calling the school office who will organise an appointment for you.

COFFEE MORNINGS

Parents are invited to drop into our sessions on various themes which are held in the **Lower Hall at 9:15am on a Friday morning**. These are an opportunity to meet with other parents as well as learn more about what the school does and get some practical tips on how to support your child with their learning from home.

Date	Focus
Friday 10th September	Reading: How can I help my child to read? What books should children be reading at home?
Friday 17th September	Anti-Bullying and behaviour: What does bullying mean? What do I do if I think bullying is happening?
Friday 24th September	Maths: How do I use Timestables Rockstars and Mathletics at home?
Friday 1st October	Online-Safety: How can I keep my child safe when they are using technology?
Friday 8th October	Homework Support: How can I set a routine and help my child with their homework?
Friday 15th October	Spelling and Vocabulary: How do I help my child to learn their spellings and learn new words?
Friday 22nd October	Science: What exciting experiments can I try with my child at home?

Key Dates

Autumn Term 2021

Staff Training Days: Wednesday 1st, Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd September 2021

Children's Start Date: Monday 6th September 2021

Meet the Teacher: Monday 13th, Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th September 2021

Bring a Dad/Significant Male to School Day: Wednesday 29th September 2021

World Week & Democracy Day: Monday 11th October 2021 – Friday 15th October 2021

Half Term Holiday: Monday 25th October 2021 – Friday 29th October 2021

Children Start Date: Monday 1st November 2021

Parents Evening: Thursday 9th December 2021

End of Term Finish Date: Friday 17th December 2021 at 2pm

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