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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you will now have booked your parent consultation appointment in order to discuss your child's first term of the new academic year. You will have received a letter home with instructions explaining how to book online or alternatively, please call the school office who will be able to support you. Learning at home continues to be of high importance and ways in which you can ensure your child is maximising their learning opportunities in school include making sure there is time for reading every day, practising times tables (counting in steps for younger children) and the spellings that are sent home every week in Years 1 to 6 are learned.

We work very hard to be a smart school where children can feel proud. An important part of this is our school uniform. As the weather gets colder please remember that children are expected to wear black school shoes and not boots as these are uncomfortable when sitting on the carpet and can compromise safety when playing on equipment outside. Please also ensure children are bringing a book bag to school rather than a large rucksack as space in classrooms for storage is limited. Book bags can be purchased through our uniform supplier: <https://www.mapac.com/>.

As part of our wider offer, all children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 access cycling lessons. Many people in Hackney cycle, and the borough has the highest number of people cycling to work in London and the second highest number in England (after Cambridge) by total numbers. Cycling is a healthy, low cost and environmentally friendly way to travel and we believe learning to cycle at primary school will support our next generation of safe cyclists. Each school has a bike bus taking place each week led by our cycling team. If you are interested in joining this, look out for posters on the gates or speak with the school office for more information.

Children have accessed a range of trips and workshops across this term to enhance their learning experiences. If you have not already done so, please follow us on Twitter and Facebook to see weekly updates of all the exciting things going on in our school!

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Stephen O'Brien - Headteacher | Ms Rachel Davie - Executive Headteacher

Reminders

PE Kits

Please make sure children have the correct PE kit to comfortably take part in lessons.



Reading

Reading for 15 minutes each day supports fluency, comprehension and vocabulary development. Making this part of a daily routine at home also ensures children develop a love of reading!



Fine Motor Skills

This week in EYFS, children have been strengthening their fine motor skills by scooping some cotton ball "snowballs" with a spoon and placing them on the penguins. They can then count each cotton ball to see how many they have collected!



Waterproof Vehicles

Year 2 designed and made waterproof vehicles this week. They enjoyed investigating which materials would be the most suitable and experimented with axles to ensure their vehicles could move smoothly and stay dry.



Autograph Gallery

This term, Year 4 have been enjoying learning about art during their 'Exhibition in a Box' workshops. For their second session, they visited the Autograph Gallery where they deepened their understanding of diversity and belonging. They created their own photography, poetry and even a collage!





Junior Road Safety

This week, Junior Road Safety Officers met to plan a Be Bright, Stay Safe presentation in preparation for Road Safety Week. As part of their efforts to promote awareness, they also organized a poster competition to emphasize the importance of road safety and visibility, particularly as the days grow shorter and the weather becomes darker.



Bike Bus

Pupils and parents continued to enjoy a brisk cycle to school for this week's bike bus. The bike bus takes place every Tuesday morning at 8:30am from St John's Church. The cycling coach also comes in weekly for sessions to ensure our children are confident and safe cyclists on the road. Please enquire at the office for more information!



Key Dates

Year 6 Seasonal Sing-Along
Wednesday 4th December at 2:45pm

Year 5 Seasonal 'Sing-Along'
Thursday 5th December at 2:45pm

Winter Fayre
Friday 6th December at 3:30pm

Year 4 Seasonal 'Sing-Along'
Monday 9th December at 2:45pm

Year 3 Seasonal 'Sing-Along'
Tuesday 10th December at 2:45pm

EYFS and KS1 in-school Pantomime
Tuesday 10th December at 3:30pm

Parents Evening
Thursday 12th December

EYFS Production - AM Performance
Friday 13th December at 9:30am

EYFS Production - PM Performance
Friday 13th December at 2:45pm

Year 2 Seasonal 'Sing-Along'
Monday 16th December at 2:45pm

Year 1 Seasonal 'Sing-Along'
Tuesday 17th December at 2:45pm

Coffee Mornings

Parents/Carers are invited to drop into our sessions on various themes which are held in the Flexible Space at 9:15am on a Friday. These allow you to meet with other parents as well as to 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 6th December	<u>Eco</u> : How do we teach children about sustainability? (Children can attend)
Friday 13th December	<u>Christmas Holiday Activities</u> : What activities can we try in the holidays and what local places can we visit? (Children can attend)
Friday 20th December	<u>Parent Reading Celebration for EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2</u>

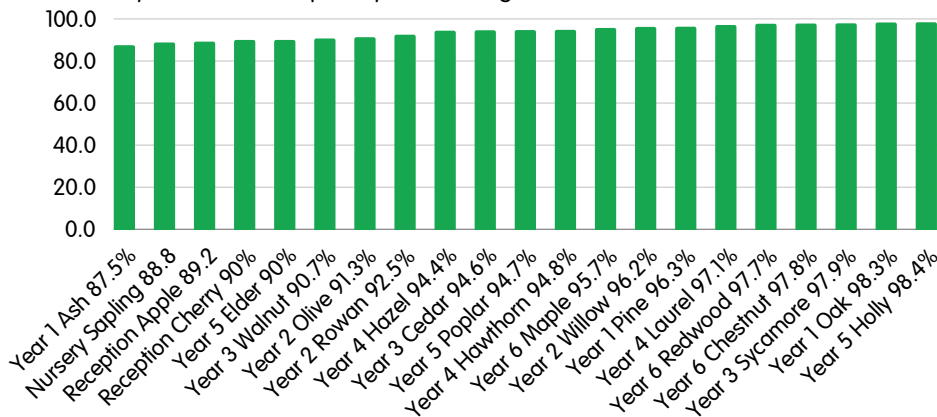
Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 93.9%.

Well done to Year 5 Holly Class, last week's winners with 98.4% attendance.

Attending school every day makes a real difference.

Please remember that WE DO NOT AUTHORISE HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME and unauthorised absences may result in a fixed penalty notice being issued.



Term End and Start

The second half of the autumn term ends on Friday 20th December 2024 at 2:00pm. Please scan the QR code to view our 2024 - 2025 term dates.



School Uniform

Please scan the QR code to order school uniform.



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