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## NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents/Carers and Staff

### **New School Logo, Website and Uniform**

As of September 2017 the school is launching their new logo and website. This will be our new letterhead. The new logo symbolises the school's ethos that all pupils are able to 'Shine' at Sir Thomas Abney. We have worked collectively with the children to produce a new and improved website giving everyone access to the most up-to-date information and ability to be informed about all of the great things that happen throughout the school year. We hope that you enjoy using it from September.

A new school uniform will be phased in from early 2018, with a view to all children wearing the new uniform from September 2018. Apart from the new logo on the navy blue sweatshirts, fleeces and polo tops there is one further change to the uniform that we are considering. The gold/yellow polo top will possibly be replaced with a white one. This is partly to differentiate ourselves from our nearest neighbouring school who also has a gold/yellow polo top. The rest of the uniform will remain as it is.

We hope you find the changes refreshing. If you have any comments about the changes to the uniform, we will be sending out an opinion survey via a text link for parents and staff to respond to.

We would like to thank you for your support and co-operation.

Yours sincerely

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Geraldine Fitzmaurice  
Headteacher



## #greenforgrenfell

Thank you all for your generous donations this morning. We have still to count up the final donations from today, but, this morning's total was £448.50.

## Happy Eid

We would like to wish all our families who celebrate Eid a very happy one. Please remember that we can only authorise one day of absence for children for religious observance per year.

## Crossing Patrol outside School

Please be aware that as of Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June one of the School Crossing Patrol officers assigned to or school will be absent for approximately 2 weeks. Su Guy from Hackney Council has kindly agreed to help monitor the site when she can and ensure the remaining patrol officer is supported. PC Poet, community Police Officer, will also pop along when possible to ensure the smooth running of the site.

## Share the Road – Stop Means Stop Campaign

On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June representatives from Hackney council along with our Junior Road Safety Officers, Thomas and Khianna, took part in this event. It was a lovely afternoon and a wonderful exercise in raising local awareness of the issues raised due to drivers stopping or dropping children off on the zig zag or double yellow lines outside the school entrances. The JRSOs handed out leaflets which they had designed themselves along with more information provided by Hackney Council.

The traffic cameras monitoring this area have now gone live and automatic fines are being issued to any vehicles stopping or dropping.



Sandra Agbabiaka, Hackney School Crossing Patrol Manager said:

“Can I just say thank you so much for your support for the event last Thursday. A very big thank you to Sir Thomas Abney and their excellent Junior Road Safety officers, the Met Police for supporting us as indeed the Shomrim and our participating councillors and speaker. We managed to engage with a lot of the local community and feedback was varied, many comments were relevant to the parking circumstances within the area and traffic in general. Noteworthy was the praise and support for the School Crossing Patrol officers who do such an excellent job. The School Keep Clear scheme was also deemed as a welcome addition to addressing road safety concerns outside the school and this scheme is now up and running.

All comments received will be fed back to the relevant departments concerned and I will keep you informed of any upcoming plans.”

## Chickenshed Theatre come to STA

We are looking forward to welcoming **Chickenshed Theatre** to Sir Thomas Abney on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July**. They will be here all day – working with the Year 6 children on an anti-bullying project called ‘Voices and Choices’. As part of this, we have invited some Year 8 positive role models from a local secondary school. Through drama and performance, the children will explore the importance of making positive choices, moving on to secondary school and beyond. Hopefully, they will give a short performance to the Year 5 children at the end of the day.

If you would like to find out more about the project or Chickenshed Theatre, please click on the link below:

<https://www.chickenshed.org.uk/voices-and-choices-performance-workshop-transition-project-primary-schools>

## Yr4/5 Conover Hall School Journey October 2017

Thank you to all those who have signed their children up for this fantastic residential trip. Payment letters have been distributed. The



deadline for payments is Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2017 which gives parents exactly 15 weeks to spread the cost. Parents will receive a letter at the beginning of the new academic year in September with the date of the final meeting and kit list.

## After School Clubs

We are busy putting together an array of after school Clubs/Activities for 2017/18. Offer letters will go out shortly.

We just wanted to make parents aware that all clubs will be fee paying from September 2017.

Any chargeable clubs which have been running this year and will continue in September will be charged at £4 (full charge) and £1 (Pupil Premium Grant). For instance Tennis club.

Any other clubs will be charged at £3 (full fee) and £1 (Pupil Premium Grant).

## Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

We just wanted to say thank you to everyone who brought in vouchers and encouraged the children to do so.

We have a total of **8639 vouchers** which will mean more PE and cooking equipment for the children. Thank you for your support.

## Hackney Schools Tennis Championship

This year for the first time we entered two teams into the Mini Red Hackney Schools Tennis Championships. The tournament took place on 9<sup>th</sup> June at Clissold Park. Athena, Nubi, Sophia, Julia, Vincent, Gael, Gabriel and Xchlyer all played and did a fantastic job in representing their school. It was a lovely day out and the children really enjoyed the experience.



## School Meal Price going up in September 2017

From 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017 the cost of school meal will be £1.90 per day, £9.50 per week. The school meals are still competitively priced in comparison to other schools and provide children with a hot nutritious meal.

We have a slightly [updated menu](#) for this half term which can be accessed via the link above.

## FoSTA Summer Fair - Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July 12-4pm

FoSTA would like to thank parents for their donations towards the Bric-a-brac sale and Tombola. As always, parent volunteers are needed. If you can help out on the day or with preparations beforehand, please sign the list available in the office or come to a FoSTA meeting on Fridays at 9am (or after reading with your child in class). From now until the date of the event meetings will take place every Friday morning.



Term Dates		
HOLIDAY	BREAK UP	RETURN
Summer Holidays	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 1.00pm <i>PM Nursery &amp; After-school Twilight club are closed</i>	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2017 Years 1-6 – start at 11.00am Nursery & Reception will receive individual start dates
Autumn Half Term Break	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 3.15pm	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 8.55am
Christmas Holidays	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2017 at 1.00pm <i>PM Nursery &amp; After-school Twilight club are closed</i>	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 8.55am
Spring Half Term Break	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 3.15pm	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 8.55am
Easter Holidays	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 1.00pm <i>PM Nursery &amp; After-school Twilight club are closed</i>	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 8.55am
Summer Half Term Break	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 3.15pm	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 8.55am
Summer Holidays	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 1.00pm <i>PM Nursery &amp; After-school Twilight club are closed</i>	To be confirmed

Diary Dates for Summer Term 2017			
TRIP – 12 Yr1 Children	Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> Jun 2017	Hackney Personal Best Event at Britannia Leisure Centre	
TRIP – Juniper and Lilac	Thu 29 <sup>th</sup> Jun 2017	Infant Singing Festival at the Round Chapel	
TRIP – 3 Aspen	Thu 29 <sup>th</sup> Jun 2017	Olympic Park	
TRIP - Bike Around The Borough	Thu 29 <sup>th</sup> Jun 2017	9 mile mass bike ride for 36 Year 5/6 children	
Class Assembly – FS Lilac	Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> Jun 2017	10.10am in the Lower Hall – Parents of FS Lilac are invited to attend	
TRIP – Woodwind and Violin children	Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jul 2017	Hackney Instrumental Festival at the Round Chapel	
Sports Day – Nursery & Reception	Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> Jul 2017	10.00am – Parents invited to come and watch	
TRIP – Phase 1 Choir	Thu 6 <sup>th</sup> Jul 2017	Infant Singing Festival at the Round Chapel - morning	
TRIP – Phase 2 Choir	Thu 6 <sup>th</sup> Jul 2017	Junior Singing Festival at the Round Chapel - afternoon	
Sports Day – KS1	Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> Jul 2017	10.00am – Parents invited to come and watch	
Class Assembly – 3 Aspen	Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> Jul 2017	10.45am in the Lower Hall – Parents of 3 Aspen are invited to attend	
FoSTA Summer Fair	Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> Jul 2017	12-4pm on the school premises	
Yr6 Chickenshed Theatre Performance	Tue 11 <sup>th</sup> Jul 2017	Anti-bullying project 'Voices and choices'	
<b>Current Nursery Classes CLOSED</b>	<b>Thu 13<sup>th</sup> Jul 2017</b>	<b>September 2017 Nursery/Reception Intake Taster Sessions</b>	
New Reception and Nursery Taster Sessions	Thu 13 <sup>th</sup> Jul 2017	9.30am for New Reception children and those children moving up to Reception from our Nursery 1.30pm for New Nursery children	
Yr6 Leavers' Play	Thu 13 <sup>th</sup> Jul 2017	6.00pm in the Lower Hall	
Sports Day – KS2	Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Jul 2017	10.00am – Parents invited to come and watch	
Yr6 Leavers' Lunch	Tue 18 <sup>th</sup> Jul 2017	12.15pm in the dining hall – lunch of their choice	
Yr6 Leavers' Assembly	Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> Jul 2017	10.30am in the Lower Hall – Yr6 children will leave after the assembly	
Staff Training Day	Thu 20 <sup>th</sup> Jul 2017	<b>WHOLE SCHOOL CLOSED</b>	
Staff Training Day	Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Jul 2017	<b>WHOLE SCHOOL CLOSED</b>	
<i>Events/Activities for children in school</i>	<i>Events to which parents are invited</i>	<i>Off-site Activities</i>	<i>Closures</i>