



**Sir Thomas Abney**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER

### Personal Values of the Month – Reflection and Individual Liberty

#### Attendance & Punctuality

(first 3 weeks of Summer Term)

#### Overall School Attendance

**96.3%**

#### Highest Attendance

FS Cedar, 2 Juniper, 3 Redwood & Sycamore,  
6 Ebony & Nutmeg  
All over 97%, Well Done 😊

#### Most Punctual

FS Beech & Cedar and 3 Redwood

we have put the presentation and some handouts on our website. We hope you will find the information helpful. <http://sirthomasabney.hackney.sch.uk/parents/parent-and-school/parent-workshops/>

#### Come Dine with Me Summer Term:

Following the success of the Spring Term sessions we are offering some new dates for the Summer Term:

**Thursday 16th May**

**Thursday 23rd May**

**Wednesday 19th June**

Please book a place by emailing

[parents@sirthomasabney.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:parents@sirthomasabney.hackney.sch.uk)

Priority for the Summer Term sessions will be given to parents who have not as yet taken part.

#### School Closures this Term

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Staff Training Day**

#### Events to which Parents are invited:

##### Class Assemblies this term:

14<sup>th</sup> June – Reception Beech at 10.10am

21<sup>st</sup> June – Reception Cedar at 10.10am

10<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Production at 5pm

19<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Leavers' Assembly at 10.00am



#### Parent Workshops

Our next Parent/Carer workshop will be held on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 2pm**, and it will be on **First Aid**. The session will inform you how to deal with common childhood ailments and accidents, such as fevers, burns, allergies etc. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

If you are interested in attending the above workshop please book a place with the school office by emailing: [parents@sirthomasabney.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:parents@sirthomasabney.hackney.sch.uk), calling on 020 8800 1411 or popping in to the school office.

Our third Parent/Carer workshop, on **Managing your child's behaviour** was held last Friday. It was really well attended and those that attended gave very positive feedback about the workshop. For those of you who weren't able to attend,

#### Information Meetings

**23<sup>rd</sup> May – Phonics Information Meeting for Year 1 Parents in 1 Bay Class at 3.00pm**

**23<sup>rd</sup> May – Marchants Hill Residential School Journey Information Meeting for Year 3 & 4 Parents in 4 Maple Class at 3.30pm**

**14<sup>th</sup> June – Camping Trip Final Meeting for Year 6 Parents in 6 Ebony Class at 3.30pm**

#### Sports Days

**4<sup>th</sup> July – Nursery and Reception at 9.00am**

**4<sup>th</sup> July – Years 1 & 2 at 1.15pm**

**11<sup>th</sup> July – Years 3 & 4 at 9.00am**

**11<sup>th</sup> July – Years 5 & 6 at 1.15pm**

#### Summer Term Assessments in School

Throughout the Summer Term assessments will take place for all children as we reach the end of the academic year. Some assessments are reported to the DfE and others are internal ones. All results will be provided to parents with the End of Year Reports in July.

## Year 6 End of KS2 SATs – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May

Year 6 children have been sitting tests in English, Maths, Spelling & Grammar in school this week. They are welcome to continue to come in to school and have breakfast at 8.30am then stay on and relax with their classmates before the tests start shortly after morning registration. Testing will only take place in the mornings with normal lessons resuming in the afternoon. Good luck to the Year 6 children who have been working very hard all year to achieve well. We are sure their efforts will be rewarded. Teacher assessments will take place in June.

## Year 2 End of KS1 SATs – throughout May

Tests and Teacher assessments in English and Maths take place throughout the month of May. These are conducted in a much more informal manner.

KS1 and KS2 SATs information for Parents can be found on the [DfE Website](#)

## Year 1 Phonics Check

The Year 1 **phonics screening check** is not a formal **test**, but a way for teachers to ensure that children are making sufficient progress with their **phonics** skills to read words and that they are on track to become fluent readers who can enjoy reading for pleasure and for learning. The check consists of 40 words in total. The DfE release the pass mark in late June for schools to identify those who have or have not made the mark. Those children who are unable to clear the pass mark get a chance to re-sit the screening in Year 2.

Please attend the **Information Meeting for Parents on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 3.00pm in 1 Bay classroom.**

## Puppet Show

Nursery, Reception, Years 1 & 2 were treated to a puppet show by some of our parents on Friday. The show was an excellent link to Friday's parent workshop on dealing with emotions; the children got to know a friendly monster who had trouble understanding his feelings.



*'I liked everything about the show' said Shakeel in Year 1.*

Our thanks goes out to our wonderful parents **Noemi, Diana and Tamar** who put on a most engaging puppet show.

## Children's Wellbeing Week

Our first Children's Wellbeing Week, will take place on **week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> May**. During the week

children will learn about what makes for a healthy body and mind – looking at healthy eating, ways to relax, exercise, etc. They will take part in a variety of enrichment activities to increase their physical and general wellbeing, for example mindfulness, meditation, yoga, singing, art, exercise. We hope that the children will enjoy the activities and increase their knowledge on how to be healthy in mind and body.

## May is National Walking Month

May is National Walking Month and we are encouraging everyone to take to their feet. As the weather improves it is an ideal opportunity for our whole school community to get walking, scooting and cycling to school. Leave the car at home or simply park away from the school and walk the rest of the way. We will be monitoring our healthy modes of travel to school all the way through Walk to School Week from 20th to 24th May using our Travel Tracker. Hopefully we will see a significant rise in healthy modes of travel!



To celebrate we are running another **Tuesday Shoesday** event on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May**. Children and adults are encouraged to **walk to school wearing their favourite, bright and blinged-up shoes to school**. **Decorate an old pair of shoes and give them a new lease of life!**



## Nursery Places for September 2019

Children who have or are about to turn 3 years of age this term will be eligible for a part-time Nursery

Place (15hrs per week) or a full-time place (30hrs per week) if they are entitled to the Government Funded 30hrs of Childcare. We are about to start our admission process for September 2019 and ask parents looking for a nursery place to complete an application by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May at the latest. Application forms and guidance are available from the Hackney Learning Trust Website on:

<https://www.learningtrust.co.uk/content/nursery-before-you-apply?guidebook=187>

## FoSTA preparing for Summer Fair

Our wonderful group of parents who make up Friends of STA (FoSTA) are looking for willing volunteers to help plan and organise the upcoming **Summer Fair** on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July**.

If you can spare some time and would like to join the fun of organising and running the Summer Fair please come along to the **Friday** meetings at 9.15am, come straight to the office after dropping your child off. The more parents we have the easier it is to organise such a major event for the school.

## Bring Your Family to University

The University College of London Access and Widening Participation team are pleased to be hosting two **Bring Your Family to University visit days in August 2019** for students in Year 5 to Year 11, and their families. Both events take place during the summer holidays 2019 at UCL in Central London. There are two dates scheduled to take place, based on different school year groups:

Year Group	Event Date	Event Times (approx.)
Primary Years 5-6	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> August 2019	9:30am – 2pm
Secondary Years 7-11	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> August 2019	9:30am – 3pm

**Applications are open until 10am, Monday 17 June 2019.** To apply and learn more, please visit the UCL website: [UCL Bring Your Family to University Visit Days](https://www.ucl.ac.uk/widening-participation/eligibility-criteria). These visit days are for students attending a UK state school. Priority will be given to students who meet one or more of our eligibility criteria:

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/widening-participation/eligibility-criteria>.

## Cycle Training – Half Term Course

Hackney Council with Cycle Confident are providing FREE cycle training courses for children over the May half term on Hackney Downs. Courses are suitable for all ages and there are complete beginner, intermediate and on-road course levels. Bikes are available to borrow or children can bring their own. For more information or to book a place, visit <https://www.cycleconfident.com/sponsors/lb-of-hackney/> or call the Cycle Confident office on **020 3031 6730**

## Online Safety

We have added a useful factsheet on our website which you may find of interest. We are aware that some of our children use TikTok and would like to make you aware of safety information provided for parents: <http://sirthomasabney.hackney.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/TikTok-parent-factsheet-Safeguarding-Training-Centre-The-Key.pdf>

## Finally, don't forget the Suncream

It's getting warmer and children are most susceptible to the rays of the sun and can easily get burnt. Please check the weather forecast every day and ensure you apply an all-day sun protection cream. A sun hat would be advisable for playtimes. Children are encouraged to drink water at every opportunity to keep them hydrated.

Term Dates 2018-19		
HOLIDAY	BREAK UP ON	RETURN ON
Summer Half Term Break	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 3.15pm	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2019
Summer Holidays	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 1.00pm <i>After-school Playcentre is closed</i>	
Term Dates 2019-20		
		Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2019 (Years 1 to 6 only)
Autumn Half Term Break	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 3.15pm	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2019
Christmas Holiday	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December at 1.00pm <i>After-school Playcentre is closed</i>	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2020
Spring Half Term Break	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 3.15pm	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2020
Easter Holiday	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2020 at 1.00pm <i>After-school Playcentre is closed</i>	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2020
Summer Half Term Break	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2020 at 3.15pm	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2020
Summer Holidays	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 1.00pm <i>After-school Playcentre is closed</i>	To be confirmed

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Diary Dates for Summer Term 2019				
Year 6 End of KS2 SATs	Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> to Thu 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	End of Key Stage Tests - Children are invited to come in at 8.15am to have breakfast and spend some time with classmates before tests start		
Come Dine With Me	Thu 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	Book a place via <a href="mailto:parents@sirthomasabney.hackney.sch.uk">parents@sirthomasabney.hackney.sch.uk</a> to come and join your child for a school lunch		
TRIP – Year 3	Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	Science Museum linked to IPC Topic		
TRIP – KS2 Tennis Team	Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	Clissold Park – Hackney Schools Tournament		
Walk to School Week	w/b 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	Adults and children are encourage to use active travel methods to get to school		
Tuesday Shoesday	Tue 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2019	Children and adults are encouraged to walk to school wearing their favourite, bright and blinged up shoes to school.		
Pupil Wellbeing Week	w/b 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	21 <sup>st</sup> May – Young Hackney Carousel Event 22 <sup>nd</sup> May – Emotional Wellbeing workshop for Year 5		
Come Dine With Me	Thu 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2019	Book a place via <a href="mailto:parents@sirthomasabney.hackney.sch.uk">parents@sirthomasabney.hackney.sch.uk</a> to come and join your child for a school lunch		
Year 1 Phonics	Thu 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2019	3.00pm in 1 Bay Classroom Information Meeting for Parents		
Year 3/4 Marchants Hill	Thu 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2019	3.30pm in 4 Maple Classroom - Information Meeting for Parents		
Staff Training Day	Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jun 2019	SCHOOL CLOSED		
Year 5 & 6 Workshops	Tue 4 <sup>th</sup> Jun 2019	Topic is Healthy Relationships		
TRIPS - Year 6 Swimming	Every Wednesday from 5 <sup>th</sup> June to 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	London Fields Lido – detailed letter will be distributed closer to the time		
TRIP – Year 5 Girls	Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> Jun 2019	Our Lady’s Convent for Secondary School Taster Sessions		
Class Assembly – FS Beech	Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Jun 2019	10.10am – Please sign in at the office		
Yr6 Camping – Final Meeting for Parents	Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Jun 2019	3.30pm in 6 Ebony Classroom		
Come Dine With Me	Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> Jun 2019	Book a place via <a href="mailto:parents@sirthomasabney.hackney.sch.uk">parents@sirthomasabney.hackney.sch.uk</a> to come and join your child for a school lunch		
TRIP – Year 6 Camping	Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Jun 2019	Lambourne End – 3 day camping trip		
Class Assembly – FS Cedar	Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Jun 2019	10.10am – Please sign in at the office		
TRIP - Bike around the Borough	Thu 27 <sup>th</sup> Jun 2019	36 Years 5 & 6 children join the Mass Hackney Bike Ride		
TRIP – Junior Road Safety Officers	Tue 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jul 2019	JRSO Celebration Event		
Parent Workshop	Tue 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jul 2019	2pm – First Aid for Parents- Book a place with the school office via <a href="mailto:parents@sirthomasabney.hackney.sch.uk">parents@sirthomasabney.hackney.sch.uk</a> or in person		
Sports Day	Thu 4 <sup>th</sup> Jul 2019	Nursery and Reception at 9am, Years 1 & 2 at 1.15pm		
FoSTA Summer Fair	Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Jul 2019	3.30 – 5.30pm – Details to be distributed shortly		
Year 6 Leavers’ Production	Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Jul 2019	5pm – details to be distributed shortly		
Sports Day	Thu 11 <sup>th</sup> Jul 2019	Years 3 & 4 at 9.00am, Years 5 & 6 at 1.15pm		
Year 6 Leavers’ Assembly	Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Jul 2019	10am – Parents please sign in at the school office – Year 6 children will leave school after the assembly		
<i>Events/Activities for children in school</i>	<i>Assemblies or performances to which parents are invited</i>	<i>Events to which parents are invited</i>	<i>Off-site Activities</i>	<i>Closures</i>