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## NEWSLETTER

### Upcoming School Closures

Just a quick reminder of upcoming school closures:

- **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June** – Half Term Break
- **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June** – Staff Training Day
- **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June** – General Election – School is being used as a Polling Station

### Well done Year 6

The year 6 Children have just completed this year's SATs. We would like to congratulate them for being so focused and for trying their very best. Thank you too, to the year 6 teachers for their hard work in preparing the children for the tests.

### FoSTA events coming up

**Summer Fair - Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July** - Parent volunteers are needed. If you can help out on the day or with preparations beforehand, please let the office know or come to a FoSTA meeting on Fridays at 9am (or after reading with your child in class).

**Cake Sale** - A big thank you to everyone who made the cake sale such a success. The sale raised £190 for the school!

### Nursery Applications for Sept 2017

If you have or know of someone who has a child born between 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015 they will be eligible for a Nursery Place during the academic year 2017/18. If you would like further information regarding Nursery admissions in Hackney please read the guidance for parents below. If you think you may be eligible for the **30**

**hours of free childcare** please apply via the link below. If you are successful you may be able to get a full-time Nursery place. Please note that Sir Thomas Abney only provide 6hrs per day over a 5 day period and only take children above the age of 3 years. We would advise parents to apply if they are eligible as soon as they can.

[Nursery Admission Guide for Parents](#)

[Apply for 30 hours free childcare via the Childcare Service](#)

### Athletics Tournament

A range of KS2 children went on a trip to Mile End Stadium on 12<sup>th</sup> May. They competed in different events including vortex, long jump and hurdles. Rhia in 6 Cedar won the 400m race against 9 other schools. Congratulations!



### Fruit

From half term, we are going to be allowing all children in Years 3, 4, 5, and 6 to bring in a piece of fruit to eat at playtime. It can be a long time between breakfast and lunch, so it would really

help the children's concentration to have a piece of fruit to snack on!

Please note, children can bring in fresh fruit only – not any other snacks. Our Year 5 Eco-warriors will be finding ways to compost the fruit peel and apple cores.

## Water

As the weather is getting warmer (hopefully!) it is really important that children drink plenty of water. Children are encouraged to bring in bottles of water to keep in their classroom. We ask that you label the bottle. Other drinks – such as fruit juice, squash or flavoured waters are not allowed as they contain sugar and/or additives.

## Year 6 Camping

We are just over 3 weeks away from the ever popular Year 6 Camping trip. We would like to thank all the parents who have signed their children up for the trip.

Ms Barber, Party Leader, will be holding a **final meeting for parents on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 3.30pm in Cedar Class** to go over last minute preparations, etc. We would advise parents to attend this as it will be your final chance to ask any questions you may have.

## School Travel Survey for Parents

We would like to thank all the parents who have taken part in the Travel Survey which was sent via a text link a couple of weeks ago. It is important for future planning for us to gain parents' views on local traffic issues, especially those immediately outside the school gates at the beginning and end of the school day. If you have not taken part you can still do so at:

[School Travel Survey](#)

We have had some interesting comments which we will pass on to Hackney Council (no identities will be divulged) for consideration.

## Share the Road – Stop means Stop Campaign

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June from 3.30pm outside the school gates and at the local shops in Fairholt Road**

The aim of this event is to highlight the need to understand that 'Stop does mean Stop', to instigate mutual respect towards the School Crossing Patrol officers and all road users while at the same time looking at road safety issues within the area. We aim to promote positive messages via the school and community participants and our junior Road safety officers will be working closely on this with Hackney Council.

## New Climbing Frames

We have installed new climbing frames in both the lower and top halls. The children have given us excellent feedback and are really enjoying using the new equipment.

## Brexit

We are aware that some of our families and our wider school community may feel unsettled by the recent political changes and the ongoing debate around the future of the UK in Europe. We would like to re-assure families that Sir Thomas Abney is a fully inclusive school and that we strive to provide a safe space for all children so that they can learn and thrive – regardless of their background. We are a strong community here at Sir Thomas Abney and we believe that our diversity strengthens us as a school. We are proud that our children, families and staff work together harmoniously and show respect for each other at all times.

## Fair Funding for all Schools

'The government has proposed £26 Million cut from Hackney Schools by 2019

=692 fewer teachers

=£900 less per pupil

Join Hackney parents, students and educators fighting to stop the cuts. For more information on how you can become involved please visit:

[www.schoolcuts.org.uk](http://www.schoolcuts.org.uk)

[www.fairfundingforallschools.org](http://www.fairfundingforallschools.org)

## Coffee Morning hosted by Speech and Language Therapists

Parents/carers of children in our Language Resource School are invited to attend a coffee morning with the Speech Therapists on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 9am-10am. Please sign in at the school office.

## Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

We are collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers again this year. In previous years these have provided us with additional PE and Playtime equipment. So please keep collecting everyone and don't forget to put them in the collection box in the school office. Please note that the deadline for donating vouchers to the school is **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017**.

## Uniform – Trousers, Skirts and Shoes

We would like to remind parents that we are a uniform wearing school. **Children should only wear:**

- Yellow/Gold polo top
- Navy fleece or sweatshirt
- Dark grey trousers or skirts (*Black or grey leggings can only be worn underneath skirts, not instead of them*)
- Black school shoes/trainers

## Additional Class Assembly

5 Walnut are very keen to prepare and present a class assembly this term. On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 10.45am in the lower hall they will be presenting a special assembly on the outcome of the General Election.

Term Dates		
HOLIDAY	BREAK UP	RETURN
Summer Half Term Break	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 3.15pm	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2017
Summer Holidays	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2017 at <u>1.00pm</u> <i>PM Nursery &amp; After-school Twilight club are closed</i>	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2017

Diary Dates for Spring Term 2017			
Yr5/6 Cycle Training	W/b 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2017	Level 1 & 2 Bikeability training led by Cycle Confident	
Year 4 Trip	Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2017	Science Museum	
Year 1 Sycamore Trip	Tue 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2017	Geffrye Museum	
Year 5 Trip	Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	Orienteering in Clissold Park	
Language Resourced School Coffee Morning	Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	Speech and Language Therapists hosting a coffee morning for parents of children attending the STA Language Resourced School	
Yr6 Camping – Final Meeting for Parents	Thu 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	3.30pm in 6 Cedar Class – final arrangements to be discussed	
Class Assembly – 1 Sycamore	Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	10.10am in the Lower Hall – Parents of 1 Sycamore are invited to attend	
Staff Training Day	Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Jun 2017	WHOLE SCHOOL CLOSED	
Year 6 Camping	Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Jun 2017	3 day camping trip for Year 6 children at Lambourne End in Essex	
General Election	Thu 8 <sup>th</sup> Jun 2017	WHOLE SCHOOL CLOSED	
Class Assembly – 5 Walnut	Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	10.45am in the Lower Hall – Parents of 5 Walnut are invited to attend	
Class Assembly – 3 Rowan	Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Jun 2017	10.10am in the Lower Hall – Parents of 3 Rowan are invited to attend	
Class Assembly – FS Juniper	Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jun 2017	10.45am in the Lower Hall – Parents of FS Juniper are invited to attend	
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	
FoSTA Summer Fair	Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> Jul 2017	12-4pm on the school premises	
Sports Day – Nursery & Reception	Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> Jul 2017	10.00am – Parents invited to come and watch	
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	
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 be allowed to leave after the assembly	
Staff Training Day	Thu 20 <sup>th</sup> Jul 2017	WHOLE SCHOOL CLOSED	
Staff Training Day	Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Jul 2017	WHOLE SCHOOL CLOSED	
<i>Events/Activities for children in school</i>	<i>Events to which parents are invited</i>	<i>Off-site Activities</i>	<i>Closures</i>