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NEWSLETTER

Another Year Comes to an End

School Finishes at 1.00pm on Wednesday 19th July 2017

(PM Nursery and the After School Twilight Club are closed on that day)

School Re-opens for Year 1-6 Children on

Monday 4th September 2017 at 11.00am

(Nursery and Reception Children will receive individual start dates)

We have come to the end of another very busy and eventful school year and would like to thank the whole school community for making it such a success. Your support this year attending Parent's Open Afternoons, Class Assemblies, STA Globe Theatre performances, Reading with Parents, Ocean Maths Workshops, etc, and responding to surveys is very much appreciated. Your contribution is important to our future planning and improvement.

We would like to wish everyone a very enjoyable Summer Break and look forward to seeing you all in September. Do encourage your children to keep reading and keeping themselves active throughout the long Summer Break.

2016/17 Overall Achievement Awards

Highest KS1 Attendance – 1 Sycamore

Highest KS2 Attendance – 6 Cedar

Best KS1 Punctuality – 2 Oak

Best KS2 Punctuality – 4 Nutmeg

Best Class Accelerated Reader Record – 6 Holly

Most Progress Made in Reading

(as this was the key objective: to get STA reading and loving books)

Khalel (Yr1), Nishan (Yr2), Gabriel (Yr3), Elliots and Nathan (Yr4), Ines (Yr5) and Kya (Yr6)

Well Done Everyone

Goodbye Jean

It is with great sadness that we inform you that our lovely **Jean Strachan** passed away a couple of weeks ago. Jean had been an integral part of Sir Thomas Abney for over 35 years until her retirement a few years back. She was a Jane of all trades, not only working at her main job as cleaning supervisor, but, also helping out in the office, classes and kitchen whenever she was called upon. Jean was a part of our local community and close to a lot of families here. She will be missed deeply by us all. Jean's funeral will take place on Monday 24th July. If you would like to attend or send tributes please pick up details from the school office.

We bid farewell to

Sarah Tillotson, Mandeep Sandhu, Danielle Paul, Brendan Carey, Kaaj Barringer, Saeeda Mulla, Louise Palmer, Jack Vickerstaff and Aeshah Rawat. We wish them all the very best of luck in their chosen paths.

We also say goodbye to our **Year 6 children** as they move on to Secondary School in September. We hope they will continue to shine in their new schools and look back on their primary school with fondness.

We welcome

Rebecca Brown – Reception Class Teacher and EYFS Co-ordinator.

Hannah Gorzelak – Teaching Assistant in Year 1

Rebecca Diamond – Year 1 Teacher, who has been working with us this term.

Panagiota Chatzi – Teaching Assistant in Year 1 who has been working with us this term.

Filsan Dudeye – Year 3 Class Teacher who has completed her teacher training with us this year.

Emily Jayne – Teaching Assistant in Year 4

Paola Goundry – Teaching Assistant in Year 4 who has been working with us this year.

James Finburg – Year 5 Class Teacher who has completed his teacher training with us this year.

We would also like to wish **Hannah Evans** all the best of luck as she gets married this Summer and returns to us in September as **Ms Attwood**.

Finally, we will be welcoming all the new children in to Nursery and Reception classes in September.

School Uniform and New Logo

We would like to thank parents for responding to the Uniform Survey. We have had 90 responses of which **74.7% have shown no objection to the Polo top changing from yellow to white.** 25.3% have objected, however, the majority of the comments

circle around how dirty white can get. Here are some responses which should answer most of your concerns.

- 2017/18 will be a transitional year for the uniform, so if you have already bought the current uniform that is fine. You can carry on buying the current uniform from the school uniform provider till the new uniform arrives early in 2018.
- During 2017/18 you will have the choice of wearing the current uniform or just the school colours: Navy fleece/sweatshirt, Yellow Polo top, grey trousers or skirts.

Trutex Hackney (Crossbow)

31 Broadway Market, Hackney, London E8 4PH

Tel: 020 7923 9313

www.trutexhackney.com

- Children will be required to wear the new uniform from September 2018 which includes a white polo top. Uniform with the old logo will not be allowed from then on.
- The new logo has been designed to be more child friendly and in tune with our school ethos of 'Shine', represented by different coloured and sized rays that emphasise diversity.
- There are various reasons for moving from Gold/Yellow tops to White ones:
 - Firstly, our nearest neighbouring school has a very similar uniform.
 - Depending on where you buy the Gold/Yellow tops from and following repeated washes the shade tends to fade.
 - White tops are difficult to keep clean, however, they are much cheaper to replace and more easily available. All supermarkets stock white polo tops. They can also be bleached if they don't have the school logo on them.
 - Just a reminder about school shoes: we would like to remind everyone that we want to see all children wearing black shoes or black trainers, no other colours please.

FoSTA Summer Fair

We would like to extend our heartiest thanks to all the parents and staff who volunteered on Saturday 8th July to make this year's Summer Fair the huge success it was. We raised a fantastic £1700 for the school. A great deal of hard work and organisation goes in to these events and we express a special

thanks to FoSTA for their resilience and enthusiasm. We haven't had a chance to gather up all the photos, but, will put a choice selection on the new website for September.

After School Clubs Autumn Term 2017

Offer letters for the Autumn Term After-School Activity Clubs have been distributed and collected in. Parents will be informed in September as to whether their child has secured a club place and how much you need to pay for the Autumn Term. All payments will be collected via ParentPay.

The Daily Mile – 3 Aspen

3Aspen class were one of 100 schools to take part in a Run for Fun event at the Olympic Park where over 2500 children were involved. The children ran for one mile around a sectioned part of the park wearing their own pink Run for Fun t-shirts and loved every minute of it. This is part of our continued commitment to The Daily Mile which Year 1 and 3 Aspen have been taking part in every morning.



Table Tennis Tournament

We had arranged for DeBeauvoir Primary School to come and play a mini tournament against us on Friday 7th July, but unfortunately they withdrew on the day. Rumour has it that they had heard how good our team was and ran! So as not to disappoint the children too much, we held an internal tournament instead. The children who took part were Kai, Gabriel, Devontae, George, Helin, Rhia, Ruby, Aaliyah H. Big congratulations to Helin and George who won the girls' and boys' competitions respectively, and also to Kai and Aaliyah who were valiant runners up.

Chess Tournament

Gulbahor, our chess coach organised a 4 round chess tournament for the after school club children over the past couple of weeks. Round 1 and 2 were held on 3rd July which were 15min each round. And round 3 and 4 were held on 10th July. The objective was to play an opponent with similar points and have opportunity to play both white and black pieces. It was a good experience for the children to take part in this informal

mini tournament in preparation for further inter-school games. Gulbahor was impressed with how well each of the children concentrated during their games and showed good sportsmanship towards their opponents.

1st place with 12 points went to Jaidan winning all his matches and receiving a gold medal.

2nd place went to Abderraouf and Mariami both receiving silver medals.



School Meal Price going up in September 2017

From 4th September 2017 the cost of a child's 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 at lunchtime.

The new Autumn Term Menu will appear on the new website in September.

School Expansion – Final Decision

Hackney Council report that no comments or objections were received to the revocation notice. A report was submitted to Hackney Learning Trust's Senior Management Team who agreed that the school formally remains 2 Forms of Entry with no plans for the school to be expanded.

Free Cycle Training Summer Courses

Hackney Council, together with Cycle Confident, is offering a range of FREE cycle training courses for children on Hackney Downs Park throughout the summer holidays. There are 2-day complete beginner and intermediate off-road courses for children aged 5+ and 4-day on-road courses for children aged 8+. Places are bookable on the Cycle Confident website <https://www.cycleconfident.com/sponsors/lb-of-hackney/> or by calling the Cycle Confident office on 020 3031 6730.

Summer Playschemes

Information regarding Summer Holiday Play schemes in Hackney can be found at:

<https://www.learningtrust.co.uk/Pages/HolidayPlayschemes.aspx>

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

Diary Dates for Summer Term 2017			
End of Term Class Parties	Tue 18 th Jul 2017	In the afternoon	
Yr6 Leavers' Assembly	Wed 19 th Jul 2017	10.30am in the Lower Hall – Yr6 parents are invited and children will leave after the assembly	
Staff Training Day	Thu 20 th Jul 2017	WHOLE SCHOOL CLOSED	
Staff Training Day	Fri 21 st Jul 2017	WHOLE SCHOOL CLOSED	
Yr1 Meet the Teacher	Mon 11 th Sep 2017	3.30pm - Year 1 parents are invited to an information meeting with the Year 1 staff	
Yr2 Meet the Teacher	Tue 12 th Sep 2017	3.30pm - Year 2 parents are invited to an information meeting with the Year 2 staff	
Yr3 Meet the Teacher	Wed 13 th Sep 2017	3.30pm - Year 3 parents are invited to an information meeting with the Year 3 staff	
Yr5/6 Meet the Teacher	Thu 14 th Sep 2017	3.30pm - Year 5/6 parents are invited to an information meeting with the Year 5/6 staff	
Yr4 Meet the Teacher	Fri 15 th Sep 2017	3.30pm - Year 4 parents are invited to an information meeting with the Year 4 staff	
Car Free Day	Fri 22 nd Sep 2017	All parents children and staff are asked to abandon their cars and find alternative modes of travel on that day	
Yr5/6 Cycle Training	w/b 25 th Sep 2017	One week course of cycle training by Cycle Confident for Year 5 and 6 children	
Deadline for Yr4/5 Conover Hall School Journey Payments	Fri 6 th Oct 2017	Please ensure all payments are cleared by the deadline	
Year 4/5 Conover Hall School Journey	w/b 16 th Oct 2017	1 week residential trip for 36 Year 4/5 children	
Reception to Year 4 Free Flu Vaccines	Mon 6 th Nov 2017	Consent letters to go out in the Autumn Term 2017	
Parents' Open Afternoon	Tue 14 th Nov 2017	3.30pm to 7.00pm – online bookings will open on Monday 30 th October 2017	
Individual Photographs	Wed 15 th Nov 2017	All children must wear a full uniform	
Parents' Open Afternoon	Thu 16 th Nov 2017	3.30pm to 6.00pm – online bookings will open on Monday 30 th October 2017	
<i>Events/Activities for children in school</i>	<i>Events to which parents are invited</i>	<i>Off-site Activities</i>	<i>Closures</i>