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NEWSLETTER

Half Term Break

We have nearly approached the end of the first half term!

School will close on Friday 20th October 2017 at 3.15pm

School will re-open on Monday 30th October 2017 at 8.45am

Condover Hall Residential Trip Meeting

There will be a final meeting for parents on **Wednesday 11th October 2017 at 3.30pm in 4Aspen classroom** which we would urge all parents of children going to Condover Hall this year to attend. Ms Attwood will go over last minute arrangements and what parents and children need to be aware of.

Kidz Fit – Re-Scheduled

The Kidz Fit Activity Day on Friday 29th September had to be cancelled at short notice. It has been re-scheduled for **Tuesday 17th October 2017**. All children across the school must bring a full PE Kit on that day. We look forward to a day of fitness fun!

Show Racism the Red Card

Sir Thomas Abney School will be taking part in 'Show Racism the Red Card' this year.

On Friday 20th October our whole school community is invited to wear something RED instead of their normal uniform in support of The Red Card organisation. We are asking everyone to donate a £1 each. We may also be running a charity Penalty Shoot Out.

The Red Card organisation provide educational workshops, training sessions, multimedia packages, and a whole host of other resources, all with the purpose of tackling racism in society. Established in January 1996, the organisation utilises the high-profile status of football and football players to publicise its message. Across Britain, Show Racism the Red Card delivers training to more than 50,000 individuals per year. We would like to show our support for this worthwhile organisation and raise funds to help them carry on providing this excellent service.

SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD



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Black History Month

We will be celebrating Black History Month alongside Hackney Museum's theme of 'Island to island'. Classes across key Stage 2 will be attending workshops in November which will explore the

various journeys that people embarked upon when moving from the Caribbean to the UK.

We would like to hold our own exhibition along the theme of 'Island to Island' – it would be wonderful if any of our families had some photographs of friends/relatives living in the Caribbean and any stories of their journey to the UK.

Questions to ask could be:

1. What did they pack in their suitcase?
2. Who did they travel with?
3. What did they miss most of all from the Caribbean or leaving home?
4. What memory do they have of the journey?
5. How did they feel when they first arrived?

Of course, we will return any photos – and make copies so that they don't get lost! Please let Ms Apcher know if you would like to donate any photographs. And if anyone would like to come in and speak to the children about living in the Caribbean and moving to the UK – then that would be great!

Here is a link for a list of events coming up for Black History Month in Hackney:

<https://www.hackney.gov.uk/black-history-month?medium=email&source=govdelivery>

Harvest Collection – Hackney Food Bank

This year again we will be supporting Hackney Food Bank with donations. In the past our school community has been incredibly generous and we would like that tradition to continue. The Food Bank are desperately in need of the following items.



Rice (500gms or 1kg bags only)
Tinned vegetables
Cereal
Jam/ peanut butter
UHT milk (1 litre)
Tinned rice pudding
Tinned/ packet soup
Instant mashed potato

Noodles
Toilet roll
Washing up liquid
Washing powder, gel or tablets

You can bring your donations directly to the school office or hand them to your child's class teacher by **Friday 20th October 2017**.

4 Rowan will be presenting the Harvest Assembly on Friday 13th October at 10.45am. Parents and carers of 4 Rowan are invited to attend.

Online Safety

The Children's Commissioner for England has launched a campaign aimed at parents and carers to help them to encourage their children to enjoy the online world without being totally consumed by it. The campaign, **Digital 5 A Day**, is based on the NHS's evidence-based five steps to mental well-being, and gives children and parents practical steps to achieve a balanced digital diet. **The five elements of a good digital diet are: connect, be active, get creative, give to others, be mindful.**



For further information please visit <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/2017/08/06/digital-5-a-day/>

Synergy Education & Welfare Services

Synergy Education & Welfare Service (SEWS) are the new organisation working with our school to reduce persistent absenteeism, improve attendance and punctuality.



As you are aware we have high expectations in all areas of school life and attendance is no exception. Whilst the preferred aim is for your child to have 100% we do understand that absence may occur due to illness, however this should be rare.

SEWS alongside the School and the Local Authority will take appropriate action, statutory or other, if unauthorised absences are accumulated and

attendance thresholds are not being met by individual pupils.

Please be reminded that leave during term time is not permitted without a valid explanation. It is only the school that can authorise absences and if so, this will only be done in exceptional circumstances.

If you require any further information in relation to attendance matters please refer to the school's Attendance Policy. Alternatively you can contact Synergy Education & Welfare Service via telephone on 0203 856 4588 or via email at info@synergyews.co.uk

Missing Scooter

Can anyone help locate this scooter. It went missing from the scooter stand in the KS1 playground. There is a very sad and upset little girl who is desperately missing her scooter 😞



Uniform

Children must not wear jogging bottoms to school, they should wear either dark grey trousers, skirts or pinafores. Only black shoes/trainers are allowed in school. Children are allowed to wear

either Yellow/Gold or White Polo tops as we transition to the white tops which will be set as part of the new uniform in September 2018.

Fruit for KS2

Children in Years 3-6 are encouraged to bring a piece of fruit in to school every day to eat during morning break. Children in EYFS and KS1 receive a free piece of fruit via the Fruit Scheme which the school is subscribed to.

Contact Details

Parents must remember to keep the school updated with any changes to their contact details: phone numbers, addresses, etc. The Department for Education has advised all schools to ensure that each child has at least 3 contactable adults on record. We will be running data check exercises on a termly basis so you will receive your child's data check sheet by post for you to check, amend and return to the school office.

We would also like to inform you that the majority of information to parents is being sent out either via text messages or email. It is therefore vital that we have your correct mobile number and email address at all times. 24% of parents have not provided a working email address. We have been emailing information out since the beginning of this term. If you have not received anything via email it is because we do not have a correct email address for you.

Term Dates		
HOLIDAY	BREAK UP ON	RETURN ON
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>	Monday 3 rd September 2017 <i>(time to be confirmed)</i>

Diary Dates for Autumn Term 2017				
Black History Month	October 2017	This year's theme is 'Island to Island'		
Year 4/5 Condoval Hall Final Meeting for Parents	Wed 11 th Oct 2017	3.30pm in 4Aspen Classroom		
4 Rowan Class Harvest Assembly	Fri 13 th Oct 2017	10.45am – Parents of 4 Rowan are invited to attend		
Year 4/5 Condoval Hall School Journey	w/b 16 th Oct 2017	1 week residential trip for 36 Year 4/5 children		
Kidz Fit Activity Day	Tue 17 th Oct 2017	Fun filled day of activities encouraging children to keep fit and healthy		
Wear Red for Anti-Racism	Fri 20 th Oct 2017	In support of 'Show Racism the Red Card' - £1 donation per person		
1 Lilac Class Assembly	Fri 20 th Oct 2017	10.10am – Parents of 1 Lilac are invited to attend		
Reception to Year 4 Free Flu Vaccines	Mon 6 th Nov 2017	Consent letters to go out in the Autumn Term 2017		
6 Walnut Class Assembly	Fri 10 th Nov 2017	10.45am – Parents of 6 Walnut are invited to attend		
Class Trip - 2 Redwood	Tue 14 th Nov 2017	Hackney Museum – Black History Month Workshop		
Class Trip – 2 Sycamore	Wed 15 th Nov 2017	Hackney Museum – Black History Month Workshop		
Class Trip – 6 Walnut	Thu 16 th Nov 2017	Hackney Museum – Black History Month Workshop		
Class Trip – 5 Nutmeg	Fri 17 th Nov 2017	Hackney Museum – Black History Month Workshop		
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		
Children in Need Charity Non-Uniform Day	Fri 17 th Nov 2017	£1 Donation per person for this hugely worthwhile cause		
Anti-Bullying Week	20 th -24 th Nov 2017	In-class anti-bullying activities		
Class Trip – 6 Apple	Thu 23 rd Nov 2017	Hackney Museum – Black History Month Workshop		
Class Trip – 5 Ebony	Fri 24 th Nov 2017	Hackney Museum – Black History Month Workshop		
6 Apple Class Assembly	Fri 24 th Nov 2017	10.45am – Parents of 6 Apple are invited to attend		
5 Ebony Class Assembly	Fri 1 st Dec 2017	10.45am – Parents of 5 Ebony are invited to attend		
Christmas Lunch	Tue 12 th Dec 2017	Whole school extended celebration lunch		
Nativity Performance by Yr2	Wed 13 th Dec 2017	Times to be advised		
Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day	Fri 17 th Dec 2017	Another chance to pull out those colourful Christmas jumpers and donate £1 per person		
End of Term Class Parties	Thu 21 st Dec 2017	In the afternoon		
<i>Events/Activities for children in school</i>	<i>Events to which parents are invited</i>	<i>Class Assemblies to which parents are invited</i>	<i>Off-site Activities</i>	<i>Closures</i>