



Sir Thomas Abney
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

FRIENDS OF Sir Thomas Abney
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WINTER FAIR

Thursday, 7 December 3:30 to 5:15 pm

Meet Father Christmas, try your luck with the tombola,
enjoy amazing food and lots of fun, games and more!!!

Admission for adults is £1 and children are free

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Words of the month: *Creativity and Individual Liberty*

iDiscover Newsletter

The children had an incredibly successful STEM iDiscover week. We hope you all had an opportunity to read the newsletter produced by the Year 6 Journalists which is available on the school website:

<http://sirthomasabney.hackney.sch.uk/news/newsletters/>

East London Schools Table Tennis Team Championships

We are very proud of our boys' Table Tennis team, George, Nathan, Kyreece and Kahan who won the Under 11 Team Championships on the 15th November. They played brilliantly and conducted themselves really well. The final was an extremely close fought game, with STA boys winning on points, after having drawn 4-4. They are now through to the zone finals, for the National School Team Championships on Saturday 13th January. Our girls' team will also take part in this as they were the only girls Under 11 team to register for the East London Schools championship.

Here are some of the team with their gold medals:



Road Safety Week

We would like to thank children, parents and staff for supporting these events.

Children across the school were encouraged to take part in Road Safety activities in support of the charity [Brake](#). The theme this year was 'Speed Down'. Our two Junior Road Safety Officers Maisy and Luca worked really hard to promote Road Safety around the school. The Year 6 children created a fantastic banner for the event.



On Wednesday 22nd November the school community rallied round at the beginning and end of the school day to raise awareness of the issues we face with traffic on Fairholt Road. We would like to thank Theresa Hendrickx (parent) for her tireless campaign to engage Hackney council in making improvements to reduce congestion around the school entrances. This campaign continues and we are still inviting the community to sign the petition to submit to the council. This is available in the school office.



We would also like to thank Kevin Ward (Head of Holmleigh Primary), Councillor Rosemary Sales and PC Higgins for coming along and supporting our campaign.



Bikers' Breakfast and Dr Bike Session

It was great seeing so many of you braving the cold and joining the Bikers' Breakfast and Dr Bike Session on Friday 24th November. We try to run this event once every term to encourage children and adults to keep cycling. A free healthy breakfast and bike check by a qualified mechanic is the reward. We look forward to a much bigger turn out at the Spring Term event.

Instrumental Performances

We would like to thank parents who have already attended the Violin and Guitar performances this week. The Brass instruments performance is on Thursday 7th December at 11.30am. Recorders and Woodwind children will perform at the end of the Spring Term 2018.

Please note that Guitar and Woodwind lessons are now finished for this term and will resume in January.

Reception to Year 4 Flu Immunisation – Rescheduled Again!

Huge apologies, the Hackney and City Immunisation Team cancelled the scheduled session today. It has been re-booked for Monday 18th December.

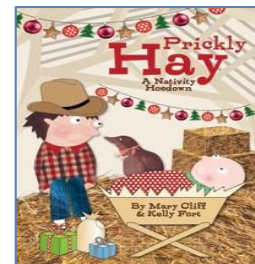
The Betty Bus is coming to STA!



We are delighted to be welcoming the Betty Bus to STA on Monday 11th December 2017. During the immersive one-hour session aboard the specially designed betty bus, trained facilitators will help girls to explore how their physical changes can affect their emotions and what they can do to combat them. While the girls are on the bus, the boys will have the opportunity to take part in a separate session on **empathy**. They then come together again for a final round-up session. All our Year 5 and 6 children will take part. A letter was sent home with a more detailed explanation.

Year 2 Nativity

The year 2 classes are working hard to put on a fabulous version of the Nativity called 'Prickly Hay'. Year 2 parents are welcome to attend one of the performances at 10am or 1.30pm. Please note that there may not be any filming or photography allowed during the first performance.



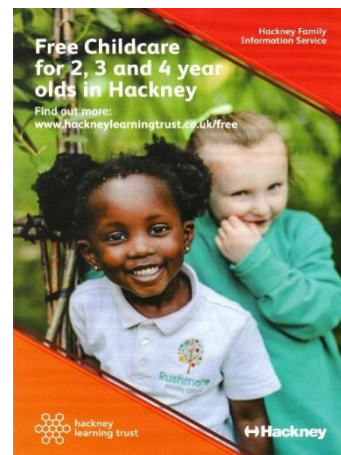
Save the Children – Christmas Jumper Charity Day

Another chance to wear those colourful festive jumpers and raise funds for this most worthwhile charity. £1 donation per person. Staff will be out in force with collection buckets on the day.



Free Childcare for Pre-School Children

Hackney have produced a leaflet outlining the types of free childcare available and how parents can access this. If you have a child aged between 2 and 4 years old please pick up a leaflet from the school office or go to:



<https://www.learningtrust.co.uk/ChildcarePlay/Pages/FreeChildcarefor2-4yearolds.aspx>

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| Diary Dates for Autumn Term 2017 | | | | |
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| Brass Instruments Performance | Thu 7 th Nov 2017 | 11.30am in the Top Hall – parents of those performing are invited to attend. | | |
| Hackney 5-a-side Football Tournament | Thu 7 th Nov 2017 | Queensbridge Sports Hall – Boys' Matches – children will return to STA at 6.30pm – collection at the front gate | | |
| Winter Fair | Thu 7 th Dec 2017 | 3.30-5.15pm in the Lower Hall and Dining Area | | |
| Class Trip – Year 1 | Fri 8 th Dec 2017 | Rio Cinema to watch 'Snowdog' | | |
| Class Trip – Year 2 | Fri 8 th Dec 2017 | Rio Cinema to watch 'Snowman' | | |
| Yr5/6 Football Match (Football Team only) | Fri 8 th Dec 2017 | Against Holmleigh Primary School | | |
| Class Trip – 4 Aspen | Mon 11 th Dec 2017 | Skinners' Academy for a PE Lesson | | |
| Class Trip – Year 1 | Mon 11 th Dec 2017 | Museum of Childhood | | |
| Christmas Lunch | Tue 12 th Dec 2017 | Whole school extended festive lunch | | |
| Nativity Performance by Yr2 | Wed 13 th Dec 2017 | 10.00am and 1.30pm | | |
| Class Trip - Year 4 | Wed 13 th Dec 2017 | St Andrew's Church | | |
| Class Trip – Year 2 | Thu 14 th Dec 2017 | Science Museum | | |
| Trip – 20 children from Years5/6 | Thu 14 th Dec 2017 | British Library | | |
| Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day | Fri 15 th Dec 2017 | Another chance to put on those colourful Christmas jumpers and donate £1 per person | | |
| Reception to Year 4 Flu Immunisation | Mon 18 th Dec 2017 | For children with parental permission only | | |
| Class Trip – Years 3 & 4 | Tue 19 th Dec 2017 | Petchey Academy to watch a performance of 'The Little Match Girl' | | |
| STA Has Talent – Years 3-6 | Wed 20 th Dec 2017 | Talent show for the children by the children | | |
| End of Term Class Parties | Thu 21 st Dec 2017 | In the afternoon – donations of food welcome – no meat or nut products please | | |
| <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> |

| Term Dates | | |
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| HOLIDAY | BREAK UP ON | RETURN ON |
| 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> |