



Wednesday 20th December 2017

NEWSLETTER

Christmas Holiday

School Finishes on Friday 22nd December 2017 at 1.00pm

School will re-open on Monday 8th January 2018 at 8.45am

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a peaceful and enjoyable holiday

Words of the month: Creativity and Individual Liberty

FoSTA Winter Fair

A huge thanks to FoSTA and all the parents and staff who volunteered their time to make this year's Winter Fair a great success again. Thank you also to all those who came along and spent their money. We very much appreciate your support. The Winter Fair raised an amazing **£1450** after expenses.

Save the Children – Christmas Jumper Charity Day

Thank you for your donations, we raised **£271** for this really worthwhile charity.

Fantastic Attendance 😊

Well done everyone for maintaining excellent levels of attendance this term. We have achieved **over 96%** attendance for this term. Keep up the good work!

Nativity and Mayor's Visit

We would like to thank all parents who came and supported the Year 2 Nativity Performance on Wednesday 13th December. It has been one of the

best performances to date. The children were amazing. Congratulations to the Year 2 team and Mr Wilkinson for putting together a fabulous performance.

We were delighted to welcome the Mayor of Hackney, Philip Glanville to our Year 2 nativity. He was full of praises for the performance and congratulated the children and staff.



Later, he visited the Curiosity Club (where he was made an honorary member) and the Year 6 classes for a question and answer session. The children also provided him with their ideas on how to improve Hackney. Top of the list was a wish for safer, cleaner streets, as well as better recycling facilities to improve the environment.

Instrumental Concerts

Again, we would like to thank parents for supporting their children during the instrumental concerts. The children have worked very hard to show off their musical skills. Thanks again to Mr Wilkinson for co-ordinating these with the individual instrumental tutors.

Woodwind and Recorder concerts will take place at the end of the Spring Term 2018.

Please encourage your child to keep practising their musical instrument over the Christmas Break.

School Backpacks

We are delighted to announce that as of **January 2018** you will be able to buy backpacks with the new school logo. Children will be able to use **one of the new backpacks** OR a **Book bag** with the new logo.

There are two sizes of backpack available. A small one appropriate for children up to Year 3 and a larger one for Year 4 upwards. Both backpacks are spacious and have a detachable pencil case in the front zipped section. The larger one has two main compartments suitable for A4 folders. The smaller one has one main compartment. If you would like to see a sample please pop in to the school office.

Price: Large Backpack £10, Small Backpack £7, Book Bag £3.50



In January you will see these items appear on your child's ParentPay Account. The procedure is simple, pay for the item, forward the receipt to parents@sirthomasabney.hackney.sch.uk and pick up your backpack from the school office. If you do not have an online account please request a payment letter from the school office and bring

your receipt in so that the office can stamp it and give you your backpack.

Children Arriving Late and Leaving Early

In order to monitor children arriving late for school and those leaving early more effectively we have extended our Staff and Visitor Entry System to include pupils. This new system has been in force for a couple of weeks. All children arriving late or leaving school early must be signed in or out at the school office on the entry screen.

We are sincerely hoping to reduce the number of children arriving to school late. Parents may be contacted to come and meet with the Attendance Officer to discuss continuous punctuality issues or absences.

Please make general medical and dental appointments outside of school hours or during the holidays so as not to disrupt your child's education and that of the rest of the class.

DfE Performance Data

The Department for Education has published the school's performance data for 2017. This can be viewed at: <https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/school/100251>

We are delighted that 70% of our pupils secured the expected standard in reading, mathematics and writing compared to 61% nationally.

Reception Applications for September 2018

Please remember that the deadline for applications for Reception Class is **Monday 15th January 2018**. All applications have to be made online via:

<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/eAdmissions/app>

Please note that a place in our nursery does not give your child direct entry in to Reception. **You must complete an online application**. If you need any help with this process please come and speak to Debjani in the school office.

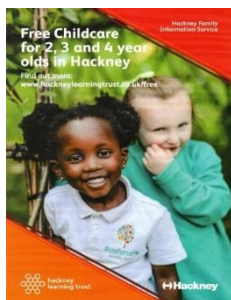
eSafety for Children

It is quite likely that your child will receive some form of electronic device with access to the internet amongst their Christmas presents this year. This is an ideal opportunity for you to check that your parental controls are up-to-date and effective. We would like all our children to enjoy their new devices without being exposed to

inappropriate material. We would also like parents to ensure that their children are watching age appropriate material. If you would like more information on online safety from a parent's perspective please visit: <https://parentzone.org.uk/> which has a world of information on digital parenting.

Free Childcare for Pre-School Children

Hackney have produced a leaflet outlining the types of free childcare available and how parents can access these. 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>

Staff Training Afternoon – Early Closure

This is a really early notice of a Staff Training afternoon on Friday 27th April 2018. School will run as normal in the morning and close at 1pm on that day. Reminders will be issued closer to the time.

Farewell to.....

Izabela Zaroda (Teaching Assistant) and **Aubrey Ellington** (Learning Mentor and Playcentre Manager) who have left Sir Thomas Abney this term to move on to new experiences. We wish them the best of luck for the future.

New Lunch Menu from January 2018

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 w/c 8/1 29/1 26/2 19/3	Chicken Curry Debjani's Chickpea Curry Rice, Naan Bread French Beans Butternut Squash Fresh Fruit Salad	Beef Sausages Quorn Sausages Veg Gravy Mash Potatoes Swede Broccoli Florets Strawberry & Vanilla Muffin Slice	Vegetarian Day Sweet Pepper & Mushroom Wholemeal Pizza Olives & Sweet Corn Wholemeal Pizza Mixed Salad Seasoned Potato Wedges Homemade Carrot Cake Custard	Lamb Bolognaise Borlotti bean & Veg Bolognaise Spaghetti Cauliflower Florets Roast Butternut Squash Apple & Sultana Strudel Custard	Tuna Pasta Bake Quorn & Leek Pie Broccoli Carrots Apricot & Pear Oat Crumble Cream
Week 2 w/c 15/1 5/2 5/3 26/3	Mexican Beef Mexican Quorn & Veg Rice Roasted Courgettes & Aubergines Cauliflower Florets Apple & Apricot Oat Crumble Custard	Jacket potato with Chicken Mayo or Tuna Mayo with Sweetcorn, Cheese Filling Baked Beans Mixed Salad Choc & Peaches Sponge Choc Sauce	Paprika & Garlic Chicken Thigh Red Dragon Pie Plain Boiled Rice (with chicken only) Plain Boiled Rice Broccoli Florets Carrots Fresh Fruit Salad Cream	Beef Burger in a Bun Quorn Burger in a Bun Chips Mixed Salad Coleslaw Vanilla & Raisin Shortbread Strawberry Yoghurt	Salmon Pie Mushroom & Cherry Tom Quiche Potato Salad Cauliflower Florets Carrots Fruit Jelly & Whipped Cream
Week 3 w/c 22/1 19/2 12/3	BBQ Chicken Quorn Veg Stir Fry Egg Fried Rice Noodles Broccoli Florets Apricot & Apple Oat Crumble Custard	Vegetarian Day Macaroni Cheese Sweet Potato & Lentil Bake New Potatoes (with lentil bake only) Runner Beans Roast Butternut Squash Fresh Fruit Salad	Roast Chicken Thigh Veg Frittata Roast Potatoes Savoy Cabbage Parsnips Strawberry Smoothie	Beef Lasagne Vegetarian Lasagne Mixed Salad Rainbow Coleslaw Cranberry Cake Custard	Breaded Cod Fillet Curried Lentil Parcels Chips Peas & Leeks Carrots Vanilla & Banana Cookie

Sir Thomas Abney Primary School – Newsletter

Diary Dates for Autumn Term 2017		
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
Diary Dates for Spring Term 2018		
Tour de Hackney	Tue 9 th Jan 2018	Cycling activity for the Year 5s
TRIP – Table Tennis Team	Sat 13 th Jan 2018	Sports Dock University of East London - Tournament
TRIP - Yr6 Junior Citizenship	Thu 18 th Jan 2018	Hackney Museum – morning only
NSPCC Assembly	Fri 19 th Jan 2018	Assembly led by the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children along with workshops for Years 5 and 6
5 Nutmeg Class Assembly	Fri 26 th Jan 2018	10.45am - Parents of 5 Nutmeg are welcome to attend
TRIP – Yr5/6 Girls' Football Team	Tue 30 th Jan 2018	Mabley Green Park – Football Tournament
3 Oak Class Assembly	Fri 2 nd Feb 2018	10.10am – Parents of 3 Oak are welcome to attend
Yr5/6 Show Racism the Red Card Workshops	Tue 6 th Feb 2018	In-school workshops looking at how to deal with racism
1 Juniper Class Assembly	Fri 9 th Feb 2018	10.10am – Parents of 1 Juniper are welcome to attend
Our World Whole School Topic work	Mon 19 th Feb to Thu 29 th Mar 2018	Whole school topic work in conjunction with Lee Valley Outdoor Learning
World Book Day	Thu 1 st Mar 2018	Our World Theme – details to be announced closer to the time
World Book Day Assemblies	Fri 2 nd Mar 2018	Our World Assemblies
Mulberry Class Assembly	Fri 9 th Mar 2018	10.10am – Parents of Mulberry Class are welcome to attend
Parents' Open Afternoon	Tue 13 th Mar 2018	3.30-7.00pm – online booking available from 26 th February 2018
Parents' Open Afternoon	Thu 15 th Mar 2018	3.30-6.00pm – online booking available from 26 th February 2018
Yr5 Cycle Training	Mon 19 th to Fri 23 rd Mar 2018	Level 2 Cycle Training run by Cycle Confident – letters to be distributed after the half term break
World Poetry Day	Wed 21 st Mar 2018	Children will learn about performance poetry
Bay Class Assembly	Fri 23 rd Mar 2018	10.10am – Parents of Bay Class are welcome to attend
Diary Dates for Summer Term 2018		
STAFF TRAINING AFTERNOON	Fri 27th April 2018	SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.00PM After-school Twilight Club will be closed
<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		
HOLIDAY	BREAK UP ON	RETURN ON
Christmas Holidays	Friday 22 nd December 2017 at 1.00pm <i>After-school Twilight club is closed</i>	Monday 8 th January 2018 at 8.45am
Spring Half Term Break	Friday 9 th February 2018 at 3.15pm	Monday 19 th February 2018 at 8.45am
Easter Holidays	Thursday 29 th March 2018 at 1.00pm <i>After-school Twilight club is closed</i>	Monday 16 th April 2018 at 8.45am
Summer Half Term Break	Friday 25 th May 2018 at 3.15pm	Tuesday 5 th June 2018 at 8.45am
Summer Holidays	Wednesday 18 th July 2018 at 1.00pm <i>After-school Twilight club is closed</i>	Monday 3 rd September 2018 <i>(time to be confirmed)</i>