



Monday 15th January 2018

NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year Everyone and Welcome Back

The first half of the Spring Term is quite short and it is quite a busy one.

Parent Outlines detailing what your child will be learning this half term have been distributed. Please take some time to read them and ensure your child is aware of their PE Days so they bring their kit in to school on the correct day and when they need to complete and return homework. Parents' Open afternoons will take place in the second half of term when you will have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress with the class teacher.

Words of the month: *Perseverance and Rule of Law*

Trombone Success!

We would like to start the year by congratulating **Sharon (6 Walnut)** and **Rhianna (6 Apple)** for achieving their Grade 2 Trombone certificates with Merit. Both of them sat their exams just before the Christmas Break. Well done to them both for practising so well and being awarded in return.

Be Bright Stay in Sight Dress-up Day

Friday 26th January 2018

As part of our continuing effort to raise awareness of Road Safety we are running another **fun dress-up day** to highlight the importance of being seen at all times. Children and adults alike are invited to wear their **brightest, most colourful** outfits to school that day.



5 Nutmeg will present themed assemblies on the day. Parents of 5 Nutmeg are welcome to attend the 10.45pm assembly. **There will be awards for the Brightest Dressed class and individuals.**

Car Free Day – Photo Competition Winner!

We are delighted to announce that Sophia (3 Oak) won a runner up award from Transport for London (TfL) for her **Car Free Day Photo Competition** entry back in September 2017. TfL have given her **2 free adult tickets** (children go free) to visit the



London Transport Museum. We would like to thank all the parents who sent us some really lovely pictures of how their children travel to school. Our Car Free Day was a great success in encouraging everyone to look at alternative non-motorised forms of travel. Thank you all for your support.

School Book Bags & Backpacks

We are delighted to announce that you are now able to buy book bags and 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.

The Book Bag is being offered to Nursery to Year 2 children. The small backpack is suitable for children in Reception to Year 3 and the larger one is suitable for children in Years 4-6. If you would like to see a sample please pop in to the school office where they are on display.



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

Payment items are on your child's ParentPay Account. The procedure is simple, pay for the item, the office staff can check this on ParentPay and pick up your purchase from the school office. Have your online confirmation ready just in case it hasn't loaded on to the ParentPay website. If you do not have an online account please request a payment letter from the school office and bring your receipt in so that they can give you your Book Bag or backpack.

New Uniform Update

We would like to inform parents that the uniform with the new logo will be available to buy over the Easter Break. Thank you all for your patience.

Tour de Hackney



On Tuesday 9th January the Year 5 classes had a visit from Young Hackney's Tour De Hackney. The visitors explained the importance of

cycling and the children had a go cycling the equivalent of twice around the track of the Olympic velodrome. They raced against each other and discovered that cycle sprinting is not easy, but, great fun!

There will be another opportunity for our Year 5 children to take part in **Level 2 Cycle Training** in the second half of this term. Letters will go out

closer to the half term break for children to sign up.

Table Tennis Tournament

On Saturday 13th January we took the boys' and girls' table tennis teams to the English Schools' Table Tennis National Team Championships at the University of East London. They played really well, against some very strong teams. The girls came fourth and the boys came third and received bronze medals. Well done **Team STA – George, Nathan, Kyreece, Kahan, Chloe-May, Isabelle, Athena & Sophia.**



Reading Books

We have a wonderful selection of reading books in the school library which children borrow to take home and read. Please ensure your child, not only reads their book every day, but also takes care of it and returns it to the school library in good condition. We still have quite a few missing books and would like parents to check and ensure their child returns any books they have finished reading so that other children have the opportunity to enjoy them as well.

Punctuality and Attendance

Again, it has been a good start to the term with attendance and punctuality at nearly 97% overall. However, we would still like to reduce the small number of children arriving late to school. Please remember that all children must arrive in school in time for an **8.55am registration**. The school gates open at 8.45am. If your child is not lined up and ready to enter the class at 8.55am they are LATE.

We would also like to remind parents that, where possible, they need to make non-emergency medical appointments outside of school hours so as to cause the least amount of disruption to their own child and the rest of the class.

Term and Holiday Dates

Please ensure you check the latest Newsletter or the school website Term and Holiday Dates. Any changes from previous versions will appear in **blue** on the newsletter.

Staff Training Afternoon – Early Closure

We would like to make parents aware of a **Staff Training afternoon on Friday 27th April 2018**. School will run as normal in the morning and **close at 1pm after lunch** on that day. Reminders will be issued closer to the time.

Welcome to

Kavita Chauhan who will be taking over from Silvia Grundy in Bay Class to cover her maternity leave starting later this month. Kavita has been working with Silvia since the beginning of this term to ensure a smooth transition and to acquaint herself better with the children. A formal letter will be distributed to parents of Bay class shortly.

We would also like to welcome all the new trainee teachers and TAs who will be working in individual classes this term to help develop their classroom practice:

Mariam Ali – FS Mulberry
Kenya Goncalves Silva – 2 Redwood
Nashir Uddin – 2 Sycamore
Elif Gunes – 4 Rowan
Ryan Morgan – 5 Ebony
Lima Khanom – 6 Walnut

We hope they will all find their experience productive and enjoyable.

After School Clubs Spring Term 2018

Please find a list of all After-School Clubs which are running this term. If your child is taking part in any of these clubs you would have received a text confirmation. Please ensure you make arrangements for your child to be collected at 4.15pm. Payment letters will go out to parents shortly. Thank you for signing your child up for a club. We hope they enjoy it and attend every session.

After-School Clubs Spring Term 2018				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chess Champions with Gulbahor from Chess in Schools Years 3 to 6	Mini Olympians with Ms Hannah Years Rec, 1 & 2	Love Tennis with Raquel from Hackney Tennis Years 3 & 4	Art Attack with Ms Bahar Years 1 & 2	Football STArS with Marlon Year 2 & 3
Terrific Table Tennis with Bhavin, London TT Academy Years 4 to 6	Music Maestros with Ms Carolina Years 1 to 3	Dramarama with Ms Emily Years 1 & 2	Viva Espana! Learn Spanish with Enric Sancho Albiac Year 3 & 4	Dramarama with Ms Emily Year 3 to 6
	Art Attack with Ms Bahar Reception		Gym-tastics With Aphrodite from Backflip Years 4 to 6	
	Football STArS with Marlon Years 5 & 6			

Term Dates		
HOLIDAY	BREAK UP ON	RETURN ON
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	Tuesday 4th September 2018 <i>(start time to be confirmed)</i>

After-school Twilight club is closed				
Diary Dates for Spring Term 2018				
TRIP - Yr6	Thu 18th Jan 2018	Hackney Museum – Junior Citizenship morning only		
NSPCC Assemblies	Fri 19th Jan 2018	Assemblies led by the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) along with workshops for Years 5 and 6		
TRIP – Football Team	Thu 25th Jan 2018	Queensbridge Sports Hall – Football Tournament		
Be Bright Stay in Sight Dress-up Day	Fri 26th Jan 2018	Children and adults are invited to wear their brightest clothes to school to raise awareness of how important it is to be seen when walking, scooting or cycling		
5 Nutmeg Class Assembly	Fri 26th Jan 2018	10.45am - Parents of 5 Nutmeg are welcome to attend		
TRIP – Yr5/6 Girls' Football Team	Tue 30th Jan 2018	Mabley Green Park – Football Tournament		
3 Oak Class Assembly	Fri 2nd Feb 2018	10.10am – Parents of 3 Oak are welcome to attend		
Yr5/6 Show Racism the Red Card Workshops	Tue 6th Feb 2018	In-school workshops looking at how to deal with racism		
TRIP – Year 6	Thu 8th Feb 2018	Imperial War Museum – World War II topic related trip		
1 Juniper Class Assembly	Fri 9th Feb 2018	10.10am – Parents of 1 Juniper are welcome to attend		
Half Term Break (10th to 18th February 2018)				
Our World Whole School Topic work	Mon 19th Feb to Thu 29th Mar 2018	Whole school topic work in conjunction with Lee Valley Outdoor Learning		
TRIP – Football Team	Thu 22nd Feb 2018	Queensbridge Sports Hall – Football Tournament		
TRIP – Selected Year 4-6 pupils	Fri 23rd Feb 2018	Copperbox Arena – to watch a table tennis tournament		
World Book Day	Thu 1st Mar 2018	Love Our World Theme – Dress-up Day - details to be announced closer to the time		
World Book Day Assemblies	Fri 2nd Mar 2018	Love Our World Assemblies		
Mulberry Class Assembly	Fri 9th Mar 2018	10.10am – Parents of Mulberry Class are welcome to attend		
Parents' Open Afternoon	Tue 13th Mar 2018	3.30-7.00pm – online booking available from 26th February 2018		
Parents' Open Afternoon	Thu 15th Mar 2018	3.30-6.00pm – online booking available from 26th February 2018		
Bikers' Breakfast & Dr Bike Session	Fri 16th Mar 2018	Bring your bike to school and pick up a healthy breakfast 1st 20 bikes to get a free bike check by qualified mechanics		
Ukulele Festival	Fri 16th Mar 2018	Ukulele groups from different schools coming in to prepare and perform for the children		
Yr5 Cycle Training	Mon 19th to Fri 23rd Mar 2018	Level 2 Cycle Training run by Cycle Confident – letters to be distributed after the half term break		
World Poetry Day	Wed 21st Mar 2018	Children will learn about performance poetry		
Bay Class Assembly	Fri 23rd Mar 2018	10.10am – Parents of Bay Class are welcome to attend		
School Closures				
STAFF TRAINING AFTERNOON	Fri 27th April 2018	SCHOOL CLOSURES AT 1.00pm All After-school Clubs including Twilight Club will be closed		
May Bank Holiday	Mon 7th May 2018	Whole School Closure		
STAFF TRAINING DAY	Mon 4th Jun 2018	Whole School Closure		
STAFF TRAINING DAYS	Thu 19th & Fri 20th Jul 2018	Whole School Closure		
STAFF TRAINING DAY	Mon 3rd Sep 2018	Whole School Closure		
Events/Activities for children in school	Events to which parents are invited	Class Assemblies to which parents are invited	Off-site Activities	Closures