



Sir Thomas Abney
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

Half Term Break

School finishes on Friday 9th February 2018 at 3.15pm (3.20pm for Nursery)

School re-opens on Monday 19th February 2018 at 8.45am

We wish everyone an enjoyable and restful half term break

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

Sustainable School Travel Grant

We are delighted to announce that we have successfully bid for a Sustainable School Travel Grant of **£1450** to start another round of Bike Control Skills Afterschool Clubs this year. The first of these cycling clubs will start after half term for children in years 3 and 4, letters offering places are going out shortly. This grant is a result of our commitment and your support of the many sustainable travel initiatives and activities which run throughout the year.

Be Bright Stay in Sight Dress-up Day

Thank you everyone for making last Friday's event such a great success again. A special thanks goes to **Mr Finburg** and **5 Nutmeg** who put together a most informative and entertaining class assembly on the theme of how important it is to stay bright and be seen at all times.



Mulberry class and **5 Nutmeg** won the **Brightest Class on the Day** competition and will each receive **£50** towards a class trip of their choice on condition that they use sustainable travel methods – walking or taking public transport. Thank you all for your support.

Medical Tracker, Medication and First Aid

As of Monday 29th January 2018, Sir Thomas Abney Primary School are using an electronic system called **School Medical Tracker** to log children's first aid incidents, medication and medical conditions. This new system will allow us to keep a better track of children's first aid incidents and medical requirements. Please note the following:

- Parents/carers will be notified via a text message if their child receives first aid for an injury at school. (Please note that we will not be notifying parents of very minor injuries where no first aid treatment is required)
- In the case of a more serious injury, parents will continue to be contacted by phone.
- If a child is unwell at school, and needs to be collected, we will phone parents.

- Parents will also receive text reminders about replacing regular medication when they are about to become out of date.

In order for this system to work effectively and for the school to ensure children's well-being it is important for parents to:

- Ensure they keep the office informed of any changes to contact numbers so that we are able to reach parents immediately.
- Bring all medication directly to the school office, so that a Parental Consent for Administration of Medication form can be completed by parents. This can then be checked and signed off by the First Aider on duty. Parents must NOT give medication to classroom staff.

Road Safety – Parents Petition Hackney Council

Parents and children from Sir Thomas Abney and Holmleigh Primary Schools handed in a petition to Hackney Council last Wednesday. The petition had been signed by over 500 local residents who are deeply concerned about the congestion and lack of safety on the roads around the two schools. To find out more please read the following article in the Hackney Gazette:

<http://www.hackneygazette.co.uk/news/parking-zones-could-be-brought-in-to-stop-horrifying-driving-and-parking-around-stamford-hill-schools-1-5369088>

We would like to thank Theresa Hendrickx who is a parent at Sir Thomas Abney for taking on this cause with such determination and hope that the council will seriously consider improvements to reduce the congestion around our schools at peak times of the day.

Hackney 5-a-Side Girls' Football Tournament



Our STA Girls' Football team took part in the Hackney 5-a-side Tournament at the Queensbridge Sports Centre.

The girls played really well with Sumi scoring a goal! Well done Team STA - Sharon, Sumi, Khiana, Chloe-May, Nubi, Rhianna and Kaya.

Book Fair – 22nd to 30th February

We have the Scholastic Book Fair coming to STA again. Another opportunity for children to buy an array of fantastic books to read. A leaflet will be going out shortly detailing the books on offer. The Book Fair will run from **3.15pm to 4.00pm in the Infant Foyer** which is accessible from the double doors in the main playground (under the covered way).

World Book Day 2018 – 1st March

This year the second half of the Spring Term will focus on a whole school theme of **“Love our world”**. We will be focussing on protecting our environment, the importance of sustainability, looking forward to being citizens of the future, therefore, with this in mind the World Book Day theme this year will be **“Love our World”** and children should dress up as their favourite characters from around the world. We want to see some truly international characters!

These could be: Paddington Bear, Phileas Fogg, Captain Nemo, TinTin, Anne of Green Gables, Alex Rider and many more!

LAMDA at STA

Sir Thomas Abney are delighted to work in partnership with Cariss Creative to offer LAMDA (London Academy of Music, Dance and Art) provision for Key Stage 2. Some of the many benefits of the LAMDA include:

- LAMDA's learning processes empower young people by providing them with a means to improve communication skills, increase self-confidence and develop strong social skills
- The approach develops and challenges children to think beyond the words on a page and raises aspiration in literacy
- Skills learned through the technique have relevance throughout life

If you would like to look at the work LAMDA do please visit their website:

<https://www.lamda.ac.uk/>

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. 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.

Free Half Term Cycle Training

Do you have a child who would like to learn to ride a bike or who is keen to get off their stabilisers? Hackney Council, together with Cycle Confident, are offering FREE Complete Beginner training for children aged 5 and upwards. Training takes place on Hackney Downs in groups of no more than 4, led by 2 fully qualified instructors. Courses last for 2 hours and are bookable on the Cycle Confident website:

<https://www.cycleconfident.com/sponsors/lb-of-hackney/> or by calling Cycle Confident on 020 3031 6730.

After School Clubs Spring Term 2018

Payment items for all 14 After-school clubs are set up on ParentPay. If your child is attending one of these clubs please ensure you pay the club fees by **Friday 9th February 2018**. We would encourage all parents to pay online at www.parentpay.co.uk using their online account. If you need an online account activation letter or a barcoded PayPoint Letter please speak to the school office. We hope your child is enjoying their after-school club.

Nut Allergies and snacks

We would like to remind parents **NOT** to send snacks or packed lunches containing any form of **NUT product**. We have some children with quite severe allergies. Please help us to ensure the well-being of all children.

ESOL Classes for Adults

Hackney Learning Trust have started registration for the next round of ESOL classes for adults. Please find more information at:

<https://www.learningtrust.co.uk/AdultLearning/Pages/Hackney%20ESOL%20Advice%20Service.aspx>

Family Cooking at the Redmond centre

FREE! International Cuisine Cookery Course
Every Monday from 5th February to 12th March 2018
6.30 to 8.30 pm – Redmond Community Centre

Love food? Want to improve your cooking skills? Please join in learning how to cook the foods of your multicultural neighbours in a healthy way!

5th, 12th, 19th, 26th February, 5th and 12th March 2018

All types of international cuisines will be covered.
From Asian to East European & Middle East food & more

FREE (Donations welcome)
LOCATION: Redmond Community Centre, Kayani Avenue, N1 2JL
TO BOOK YOUR PLACE: 02031424266 or info@redmondhackney.org

FREE! Family Cooking For Life Cookery Course
Every Thursday from 1st February to 15th March 2018
4.30 to 6.30pm – Redmond Community Centre

- Want to learn how to make quick, affordable, tasty meals for you and your family?
- Fancy delicious, fresh, healthy meals as well as good family time with your child?
- Want to meet new people from your area and have a good time?
- Then this course is for you and your children (minimum age 9)

1st, 8th, 22nd February (No class on 15th Feb) and 1st, 8th, 15th March 2018

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| Term Dates | | |
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| 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 <i>After-school Twilight club is closed</i> | Tuesday 4 th September 2018 <i>(start time to be confirmed)</i> |

| Diary Dates for Spring Term 2018 | | | | |
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| 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 | | |
| TRIP – Year 1 | Thu 8 th Feb 2018 | Freightliners Farm in Islington linked to current IPC topic | | |
| TRIP – Year 6 | Thu 8 th Feb 2018 | Imperial War Museum – World War II topic related trip | | |
| TRIP – Year 2 | Fri 9 th Feb 2018 | Skinners' Academy to watch a Gymnastics display | | |
| 1 Juniper Class Assembly | Fri 9 th 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 19 th Feb to Thu 29 th Mar 2018 | Whole school topic work in conjunction with Lee Valley Outdoor Learning | | |
| TRIP – Football Team | Thu 22 nd Feb 2018 | Queensbridge Sports Hall – Football Tournament | | |
| TRIP – Selected Year 4-6 pupils | Fri 23 rd Feb 2018 | Copperbox Arena – to watch a table tennis tournament | | |
| Book Fair | Thu 22 nd to Wed 28 th Feb 2018 | 3.15-4.00pm in the KS1 Foyer - Books on sale for all primary school aged children | | |
| World Book Day | Thu 1 st Mar 2018 | Love Our World Theme – Dress-up Day - details to be announced closer to the time | | |
| World Book Day Assemblies | Fri 2 nd Mar 2018 | Love Our World Assemblies | | |
| Year 1 Maths Mastery Workshops for Parents | Thu 8 th Mar 2018 | | | |
| 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 | | |
| Bikers' Breakfast & Dr Bike Session | Fri 16 th Mar 2018 | Bring your bike to school and pick up a healthy breakfast 1 st 20 bikes to get a free bike check by qualified mechanics | | |
| Ukulele Festival | Fri 16 th Mar 2018 | Ukulele groups from different schools coming in to prepare and perform for the children | | |
| 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 | | |
| School Closures | | | | |
| STAFF TRAINING AFTERNOON | Fri 27 th April 2018 | SCHOOL CLOSURES AT 1.00pm All After-school Clubs including Twilight Club will be closed | | |
| May Bank Holiday | Mon 7 th May 2018 | Whole School Closure | | |
| STAFF TRAINING DAY | Mon 4 th Jun 2018 | Whole School Closure | | |
| STAFF TRAINING DAYS | Thu 19 th & Fri 20 th Jul 2018 | Whole School Closure | | |
| STAFF TRAINING DAY | Mon 3 rd Sep 2018 | Whole School Closure | | |
| <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> |