



Sir Thomas Abney
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER *Words of the month: Trust and Tolerance*

Tips for Parents: Safeguarding and e-Safety

In our continued commitment to ensuring parents are fully informed and keeping safe online we are going to run a regular slot on the Newsletter with tips and advice to support you.

The school website has some incredibly useful links to sites that can help parents feel more informed on these topics, please visit

<http://sirthomasabney.hackney.sch.uk/parents/parent-and-school/useful-links/>

We have added a new link to a **Parents' Guide** to the photo sharing app **Snapchat** which we are aware that some of our children use. We would like you to know that we have been made aware of a new Snapchat craze where youngsters are climbing onto motorway bridges to challenge each other to take photos of passing vehicles below. See the article in the **Manchester Evening news**:

<https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/dangerous-snapchat-craze-seeing-youngsters-14311876>

'Love our World' Topic



This half term is all about **'Love our World'**. Next week children in years 1 to 6 will all take part in trips linked to this topic. We will be focussing on protecting our environment, the importance of sustainability, looking forward to being citizens of the future, therefore, Ms Attwood (Curriculum Co-ordinator) has organised some really interesting trips with Lee Valley Outdoor Learning covering Geography, Science and Nature workshops for the children. Please note that these are paid trips which you will find on your child's online ParentPay account. Payment letters have also been distributed. Please ensure payments are cleared before your child goes on their trip.

World Book Day 2018 – International Book Character Dress-up Day Thursday 1st March

This year's World Book Day Dress-up theme ties in with our half term topic of **"Love our World"**. Children and adults are invited to dress up as their favourite book 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, etc!** We would like to see children being as creative as possible and don't forget that if you are dressing up as a character from a book we may not be familiar with please bring a copy of the book in to share with your class. We are looking forward to some traditional costumes and stories from around the world.

Dome Planetarium

On 9th March 'Immersive Experiences' will be visiting our school with a mobile planetarium dome. Each year group will visit the dome and have a 360° experience on the topic of 'The Earth and Me' which is linked to our 'Love our World' whole school topic. The children will learn all about the health of our planet covering topics such as climate change, global warming, waste and recycling to name but a few. They will also learn what we as individuals can do to help. We are very much looking forward to the experience.



Book Fair – 22nd to 28th February

The Scholastic Book Fair is here 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).



Parent Outlines

The Parent Outlines for this half term for Years 1 to 6 have been loaded on to the school website and can be viewed under the individual classes at: <http://sirthomasabney.hackney.sch.uk/classes/> Please take some time to read through them as they contain information about what your child will be learning this half term.

Parents' Open Afternoons

On **Tuesday 13th March** (3.30pm to 7.00pm) and **Thursday 15th March** (3.30pm to 6.00pm) parents will have the opportunity to book appointments to meet with their child's class teacher to discuss progress and targets. It is very important that you make an appointment so that we can keep you informed of how your child is doing in school and for you to ask any questions you may have.



Appointments will be available to book online easily via the Parents Evening website: <https://sirthomasabney.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/> **from 6pm on Monday 26th February 2018.** The system requires your child's legal forename and surname as it is on their birth certificate or

passport and their date of birth. It also requires parents' names as recorded on our student database. If you face any difficulty with this please contact the school office between 9.30am and 2.30pm only.

STA Champions League Football Tournament

STA have been running their very own Champions League Tournament since September 2017 which came to an exciting finish just before the Spring Half Term Break. 6 Teams took part involving nearly 70 children from Years 4 to 6. There were weekly games held at lunchtimes refereed by Marlon Morgan who runs some of our after school clubs.

The final was a hotly contested game between Team Real Madrid and Team Paris Saint Germaine with PSG beating Real 6-3. Congratulations to all the children who took part, but, especially to Team PSG: **Bartosz, Melih, Fayed, Nahim, Tomasz, Muhammad, Krzysztof, Charlie, Huseyin, Caner and Sumairah.**

Queensbridge Boys' Football Tournament

Sir Thomas Abney Boys' Football Team played against 5 other Hackney schools on Thursday. We scored 3 goals and the team showed a great amount of skill and sportsmanship. We are looking forward to the next tournament. **Well Done Team STA: Elliotts, Karnail, Tomasz, Bartosz, Roman & Kuba.**

The Christopher Winter Project – Social & Relationship Education for Years 2-6

As part of the Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) curriculum children in years 2 to 6 will take part in Social and Relationship Education (SRE) lessons using Christopher Winter Project materials. This programme is recommended by the DfE and Hackney Learning Trust, and has been used for the above lessons since 2001. The lessons will take place during this half term (Year 6 in the Summer Term after SATs). Each class will receive 3 lessons taught by classroom staff. They will focus on:

- Year 2 – Differences
- Year 3 - Differences and Stereotypes
- Year 4 - Growing Up
- Year 5 – Puberty
- Year 6 – Puberty, Reproduction and FGM

The lessons are designed to be appropriate for the age group are based on 'Living and Growing', the Channel 4 DVD and teaching materials.

All children are expected to take part in these lessons, however, parents/carers have the right to withdraw their child. If you wish to withdraw your child from these lessons please put this request in writing, addressed to the headteacher and hand it in to the school office as soon as possible. If you would like to see any of the materials or discuss the project please speak to your child's class teacher.

School Crossing Patrol Awards

We are sure you will join us in congratulating **Ros** and **Hacene**, our school crossing patrol officers, who received **2018 SCP Officer of the Year Awards**. They picked up their awards at a training and mini award ceremony during the half term break. The awards were handed to them by Hackney Council Speaker Soraya Adejare and Mayor Philip Glanville.



Children from Sir Thomas Abney wrote some lovely notes of thanks and encouragement for the fabulous work the SCPs do in helping children and adults stay safe when crossing the road outside

the school. These were also handed to the Ros and Hacene as part of their award.

Year 5 Cycle Training

We are delighted to announce another round of cycle training will be offered to the Year 5 children to take place in the final week of this term. It is a week course training children to become comfortable with riding their bikes on the road. Letters will go out shortly along with a brief questionnaire for children to complete about what they would hope to gain from cycle training in school.

WOW Badge Competition

We will be distributing the Walk once a Week Badge Design Competition next week. All children are welcome to take part. Deadline for return of completed competition entries to the school office is Friday 16th March 2018. This year's theme is **'Walk the Seasons'** which is a really lovely one to create and colour in. We look forward to receiving the some interesting entries.

Bikes for ASC Bike Control Skills Club

We would be really grateful if anyone could lend us a bike for the current Bike Control Skills Club. Bikes suitable for Year 3 or 4 children, ideally 20" – 24" wheels would be very much appreciated. Please contact the school office if you can help.

School Shoes

We would like to remind parents that children should **ONLY** wear Black shoes or Black Trainers to school. We still have quite a few children coming in to school with multi-coloured trainers!

YOUNG PEOPLE!

SPRINGFIELD YOUTH CLUB

Springfield Youth Club Hackney

ACTIVITIES for young people aged 8 upwards including


 FOOTBALL


 TABLE TENNIS


 BASKETBALL


 BIKING


 SPORTS HALL ACTIVITIES

JOIN IN

DANCE

TRIPS

RESIDENTIAL WEEKENDS

COOKERY

ROLLERSKATING

AND MUCH MORE

GET INVOLVED

Springfield Club for Young People
The Anthony Marsh Building
Big Hill - off Mount Pleasant Lane
Upper Clapton E5 9HH

Club open Mon - Fri 6.30-8.30

contact Steve at steveh@springfieldclub.co.uk

Sessions times - Programme February - July 2018
All sessions will be a nightly membership fee of **ONLY 30p**

MONDAYS: GENERAL CLUB: 6.30-8.30pm

U11 Football (5.30-6.45pm) | Film Night/Swimming (every fortnight from April)
Rollerskating (7-8pm) + OTHER ACTIVITIES

TUESDAYS: GENERAL CLUB: 6.00-8.30pm

Girls Football (6-7pm) | Table Tennis League & Coaching (7-8.30pm)
Cycling & Road Awareness Training (7-9.30pm) + OTHER ACTIVITIES

WEDNESDAYS: GENERAL CLUB: 6.30-8.30pm

Kangaroos Football (children aged 5-8 years old) (5.30-6.45pm)
Basketball (7.15-8.30pm) | Arts & Crafts (7-8pm) + OTHER ACTIVITIES

ALL MEMBERS FREE

THURSDAYS: GENERAL CLUB: 6.30-8.30pm

Vocal Coaching & Choreography (6.30-8.30pm) + OTHER ACTIVITIES
Springfield Spice Young People's Restaurant in operation (7.00-8.30pm)

FRIDAYS: GENERAL CLUB: 6.30-8.30pm

Dance (6.45-7.45pm) | Sports Hall Games (7.45-8.45pm)
Computer 'Gamers' Night or Film Night (7-8.30) + OTHER ACTIVITIES

Throughout each term there will be trips out to Swimming, Cinema, Bowling, Ice Skating and various other places. For more information please contact Steve - club manager at steveh@springfieldclub.co.uk

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

Diary Dates for Spring Term 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		
TRIP - Year 3 'Love our World'	Tue 27 th Feb 2018	Lee Valley – Waltham Abbey Gardens		
TRIP – Year 5 'Love our World'	Tue 27 th Feb 2018	Lee Valley – Fishers Green		
TRIP – Year 4 'Love our World'	Wed 28 th Feb 2018	Lee Valley – Waltham Abbey Gardens		
TRIP – Year 6 'Love our World'	Wed 28 th Feb 2018	Lee Valley – Fishers Green		
World Book Day	Thu 1 st Mar 2018	'Love Our World Theme –Book Character from around the world Dress-up Day		
TRIP – Year 1 'Love our World'	Fri 2 nd Mar 2018	Lee Valley Waterworks		
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World Book Day Assemblies	Fri 2 nd Mar 2018	Love 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 6pm on 26 th February 2018		
Parents' Open Afternoon	Thu 15 th Mar 2018	3.30-6.00pm – online booking available from 6pm on 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 shortly		
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 CLOSSES 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		
Events/Activities for children in school	Events to which parents are invited	Class Assemblies to which parents are invited	Off-site Activities	Closures