



Sir Thomas Abney
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

Personal Values of the Month – Reflection and Individual Liberty

Attendance & Punctuality

(Full Spring Term Jan–Apr 2019)

Overall School Attendance

94.2% (target is 96%)

Highest Attendance

3 Sycamore, 5 Aspen & 6 Nutmeg

Most Punctual

6 Nutmeg, Cherry and 4 Oak

School Closures this Term

Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday

Monday 3rd June – Staff Training Day

Events to which Parents are invited:

Class Assemblies this term:

14th June – Reception Beech at 10.10am

21st June – Reception Cedar at 10.10am

10th July – Year 6 Production at 5pm

19th July – Year 6 Leavers' Assembly at 10.00am



Parent Workshops

Further Parent Workshop dates for the summer term are:

Friday 10th May at 2pm – Managing your Child's Behaviour

Tuesday 2nd July at 2pm – First Aid for Parents

If you are interested in attending either of the above workshops please book these with the school office by emailing: parents@sirthomasabney.hackney.sch.uk, calling on 020 8800 1411 or popping in to the school office.

(Presentation materials from the previous workshop on **online safety** can be found on the school website at <http://sirthomasabney.hackney.sch.uk/parents/parent-and-school/parent-workshops/>)

Come Dine with Me Summer Term:

Following the success of the Spring Term sessions we are offering some new dates for the Summer Term:

Thursday 16th May

Thursday 23rd May

Wednesday 19th June

Please book a place by emailing

parents@sirthomasabney.hackney.sch.uk

Priority for the Summer Term sessions will be given to parents who have not as yet taken part.

Year 3 Swimming Lessons

Curriculum Swimming lessons starts for Year 3 this half term and Year 6 after the half term break starting in June. The Year 3s start on **Tuesday 30th April**. Letters were sent out before the Easter Break and can be accessed on:

<http://sirthomasabney.hackney.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Yr3-Curriculum-Swimming-Lessons.pdf>

FOSTA preparing for Summer Fair

Our wonderful group of parents who make up Friends of STA are looking for willing volunteers to help plan and organising the upcoming **Summer Fair on Friday 5th July**.

If you can spare some time and would like to join the fun of organising and running the Summer Fair please come along to the **Friday** meeting on **3rd May 2019**. The more parents we have the easier it is to organise such a major event for the school.

Battery Recycling at STA

Following on from the success of our general recycling programme we have started collecting used batteries for recycling. Children were given collection boxes before the Easter Break. Once they are full please return them to the school office so that we can arrange for them to be collected. Further information about this scheme can be found on our school website at:

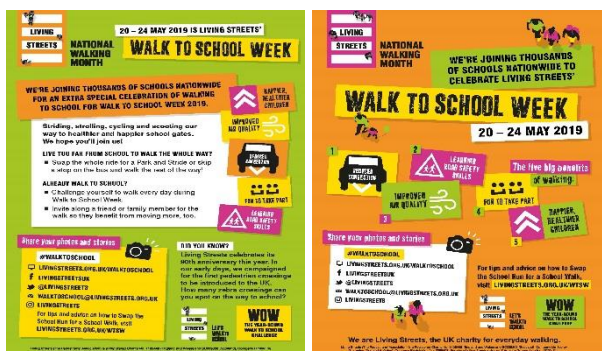
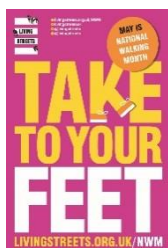
<http://sirthomasabney.hackney.sch.uk/2019/04/30/battery-recycling-at-sta/>

Children's Wellbeing Week

We are excited to announce our first Children's Wellbeing Week, which will take place on **week commencing 20th May**. During the week children will take part in a number of enrichment activities to increase their physical and general wellbeing. Children will learn about what makes for a healthy body and mind – looking at healthy eating, ways to relax, exercise etc. The activities will be fun and engaging for the children.

May is National Walking Month

May is National Walking Month and we are encouraging everyone to take to their feet. As the weather improves it is an ideal opportunity for our whole school community to get walking, scooting and cycling to school. Leave the car at home or simply park away from the school and walk the rest of the way. We will be monitoring our healthy modes of travel to school all the way through Walk to School Week from 20th to 24th May using our Travel Tracker. Hopefully we will see a significant rise in healthy modes of travel!



Equaliteach Workshops for Years 5 & 6

EqualiTeach (www.equaliteach.co.uk) facilitators visited on **Tuesday 30th April** to deliver their 'Think!' programme. The workshops provide young people with the opportunity to consider their opinions, think about where they get their information from, recognise that information can be biased, exaggerated or false and explore ways to ensure that they are resilient against misinformation, prejudice and stereotypes. Please see letter and leaflet below. A more detailed outline can be found on the school website on:

<http://sirthomasabney.hackney.sch.uk/event/equaliteach-workshops-for-years-5-6/>

Forest School at STA

We have introduced a new experience for full time nursery children called **Forest School**. It is an outdoor classroom learning experience which allows children to learn, explore, increase self-esteem, gain confidence and have lots of fun in the process!

Nursery have really embraced the experience and are becoming eager little explorers. The children have the opportunity to actively use all their sensory through play and learning. They are encouraged to take on their own learning and problem solve independently and within a team sharing their ideas and turn taking and helping their friends. All the children have been having lots of fun and are really enjoying themselves.

During the Summer Term we will be planting vegetables/flowers, digging, treasure hunting, tree climbing, playing in the mud kitchen, den building and plenty of other activities. It's been great. Well done nursery.



Book Share

Some parents have approached us with a lovely idea for a scheme to run an open Book Share. The aim is to give children more access to books and an opportunity for parents to donate children's books they no longer require.

We are putting a trolley under the covered entrance to the Nursery where you will be able to put the books. When borrowing a book, please take one at a time and return it before borrowing the next. This way more children will be able to access them. Please also ensure that you only put books on the trolley that are appropriate for children aged 3 to 11 years of age.

Parent Outlines

The Parent Outlines for the 1st half of the Summer Term for Years 1-6 are on the school website:

<http://sirthomasabney.hackney.sch.uk/classes/>

We have also updated the Class Timetables to reflect any changes.

Come Dine with Me

We were overwhelmed by the response we had to last term's Come Dine with Me. Thank you all for coming along and having lunch with your child. Here are some of the comments by parents who attended.

'Lovely experience to have lunch with your child. I often wondered how they are served, who is monitoring them and what the atmosphere is like and the experience has answered all the questions I wondered about.'

'I really enjoyed the come dine with my experience. My children showed me around and also how to tidy up in the end. Nice environment.'

Parent Survey Results

Thank you to everyone who completed a Parent Questionnaire. We were delighted to receive 230 responses. The results help us to improve the school. For a detailed breakdown of the survey please visit our website:

<http://sirthomasabney.hackney.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Parental-Survey-Questionnaire-Results-overall.pdf>

Year 6 Camping in June

Thank you to all those who submitted their form in time. We are delighted to announce that the trip will be going ahead. Confirmation letters will be distributed with details of how you can start paying. There will be a final meeting for parents on **Friday 14th June 2019** at **3.30pm** in **6 Ebony Classroom**.

Social Media, Sleep and Health

Annie Gammon, Director of Education – Hackney Learning Trust and Jim Gamble, Chair of the City & Hackney Safeguarding Children Board have distributed a very important letter about how Social

Media has a direct effect on Sleep and Health in young people. The letter was distributed via a text link just before the Easter Break. If you didn't catch it, here is the link:

<http://sirthomasabney.hackney.sch.uk/2019/04/30/social-media-sleep-and-health/>

Big Pedal Event

Thank you all for taking part in the Big Pedal Walk, Scoot and Cycle event before the Easter Break. We are delighted by the response and STA ranked **441** out of **2299** schools with over 60% of active journeys to school over the 2 weeks we recorded our travel to school. Well done everyone.



STA's got Talent

On Friday 5th April our search for the Stars of the Future brought together talent from Years 4-6 in a spectacular show. The event was organised by a group of Year 5 pupils who did a tremendous job in auditioning, rehearsing and presenting the show. We had dancers, singers, poets, actors, magicians and a wonderful Parkour display. Our judges: Ms Willis, Ms Attwood, Mr Jeronimidis and Mr Bettridge congratulated all of the children on their amazing talents. Well done to Mariami, Nayser and Janell for producing the show, thanks to Caitlyn for supporting Mr Webb with props and lighting. **The overall outstanding performances were by Christine (Song); Thomas (Song); Sophia-Jane, Rafael, Meriam, Sakhee, Hevin (Drama Group); Nubi, Isabelle and Zhanae (Drums and Song Group).**

Lost Property Reclaim

We would urge parents to check for any lost items in the Lost Property Box in the playground. Please note that any leftover items other than school uniform will be disposed of.

Term Dates		
HOLIDAY	BREAK UP ON	RETURN ON
Summer Half Term Break	Friday 24 th May 2019 at 3.15pm	Tuesday 4 th June 2019
Summer Holidays	Friday 19 th July 2019 at 1.00pm <i>After-school Playcentre is closed</i>	Tuesday 3 rd September 2019 (Years 1 to 6 only)
Autumn Half Term Break	Friday 18 th October 2019 at 3.15pm	Monday 28 th October 2019
Christmas Holiday	Friday 20 th December at 1.00pm <i>After-school Playcentre is closed</i>	Monday 6 th January 2020
Spring Half Term Break	Friday 14 th February 2020 at 3.15pm	Monday 24 th February 2020
Easter Holiday	Friday 3 rd April 2020 at 1.00pm <i>After-school Playcentre is closed</i>	Monday 20 th April 2020
Summer Half Term Break	Friday 22 nd May 2020 at 3.15pm	Tuesday 2 nd June 2020
Summer Holidays	Friday 17 th July 2020 at 1.00pm <i>After-school Playcentre is closed</i>	To be confirmed

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Diary Dates for Summer Term 2019				
Year 5 Cycle Training	Every Thursday from 25 th Apr to 23 rd May 2019	Part of the Whole School Cycling Scheme – Level 2 Training - Children must remember to bring their own helmet if they need to wear one.		
TRIPS - Year 3 Swimming	Every Tuesday and Thursday from 30 th April to 23 rd May 2019	London Fields Lido – Please refer to the letter for details http://sirthomasabney.hackney.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Yr3-Curriculum-Swimming-Lessons.pdf		
FoSTA Meeting	Fri 3 rd May 2019	9am - Parents are invited to join FoSTA organise and plan the upcoming Summer Fair, please sign in at the school office		
TRIP – Girls’ Football Team	Sat 4 th May 2019	Wembley Stadium – Women’s FA Cup Final		
May Day Bank Holiday	Mon 6 th May 2019	SCHOOL CLOSED		
TRIP – Year 5	Thu 9 th May 2019	Science Museum – Linked to current IPC Topic		
Parent Workshop	Fri 10 th May 2019	2pm - Managing your Child’s Behaviour – Book a place with the school office via parents@sirthomasabney.hackney.sch.uk or in person		
Year 6 End of KS2 SATs	Mon 13 th to Thu 16 th May 2019	End of Key Stage Tests Children are invited to come in at 8.15am to have breakfast and spend some time with classmates before tests start		
Walk to School Week	w/b 20 th May 2019	Adults and children are encourage to use active travel methods to get to school		
Pupil Wellbeing Week	w/b 20 th May 2019	21 st May – Young Hackney Carousel Event 22 nd May – Emotional Wellbeing workshop for Year 5		
Year 1 Phonics	Thu 23 rd May 2019	3.15pm in 1 Bay Classroom Information Meeting for Parents -		
Year 3/4 Marchants Hill	Thu 23 rd May 2019	3.30pm in 4 Maple Classroom - Information Meeting for Parents		
Staff Training Day	Mon 3 rd Jun 2019	SCHOOL CLOSED		
Year 5 & 6 Workshops	Tue 4 th Jun 2019	Topic is Healthy Relationships		
TRIPS - Year 6 Swimming	Every Wednesday from 5 th June to 10 th July 2019	London Fields Lido – detailed letter will be distributed closer to the time		
TRIP – Year 5 Girls	Wed 5 th Jun 2019	Our Lady’s Convent for Secondary School Taster Sessions		
Class Assembly – FS Beech	Fri 14 th Jun 2019	10.10am – Please sign in at the office		
Yr6 Camping – Final Meeting for Parents	Fri 14 th Jun 2019	3.30pm in 6 Ebony Classroom		
TRIP – Year 6 Camping	Wed 19 th to Fri 21 st Jun 2019	Lambourne End – 3 day camping trip		
Class Assembly – FS Cedar	Fri 21 st Jun 2019	10.10am – Please sign in at the office		
TRIP - Bike around the Borough	Thu 27 th Jun 2019	36 Years 5 & 6 children join the Mass Hackney Bike Ride		
TRIP – Junior Road Safety Officers	Tue 2 nd Jul 2019	JRSO Celebration Event		
Parent Workshop	Tue 2 nd Jul 2019	2pm – First Aid for Parents- Book a place with the school office via parents@sirthomasabney.hackney.sch.uk or in person		
FoSTA Summer Fair	Fri 5 th Jul 2019	3.30 – 5.30pm – Details to be distributed shortly		
Year 6 Leavers’ Production	Wed 10 th Jul 2019	5pm – details to be distributed shortly		
Year 6 Leavers’ Assembly	Fri 19 th Jul 2019	10am – Parents please sign in at the school office – Year 6 children will leave school after the assembly		
<i>Events/Activities for children in school</i>	<i>Assemblies or performances to which parents are invited</i>	<i>Events to which parents are invited</i>	<i>Off-site Activities</i>	<i>Closures</i>