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NEWSLETTER

Personal Value of the Month – Creativity & Individual Liberty

Christmas Break

School Finishes on Friday 20th December 2019 at 1.00pm
(After-school Playcentre CLOSED)

School Re-opens on Monday 6th January 2020 at 8.45am
(Breakfast Club starts at 8.00am as normal)

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very enjoyable and peaceful festive break

SAVE THE CHILDREN CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2019

£326 RAISED!!



THANK YOU ☺

Events in the Final Week of Term:

Tuesday 17th December – Year 2 Nativity – 10am

Wednesday 18th December – Festive Lunch – if your child does not normally have a school lunch, but, would like to have the Christmas Lunch please note that for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children and those authorised for free school meals it is FREE. Nursery and Years 3-6 children who are not authorised for free school meals must ensure their Dinner Money Account on Parent Pay has a credit balance.

Thursday 19th December – End of Term Class Parties in the Afternoon – Donations of party food and drink are most welcome.

PLEASE NOTE we are a NUT FREE school and food items must not contain any meat products.

Winter Fair – Thank you

We would like you to join us in thanking FoSTA for yet another fabulous Winter Fair. A great deal of hard work went in to the arrangements and FoSTA did everyone proud. There was food, drink, gifts, tombola, Santa's Grotto, face painting and much more and everyone seemed to be having a very good time. Thank you to all those who came and supported the event.

FoSTA raised around **£1400** which will go towards supporting school activities in the coming year.

A Fond Farewell

We bid a fond farewell to **Rebecca Diamond** (1 Beech Class Teacher) at the end of this term. She is getting married and starting a new life in Australia. We all wish her the very best of luck.

Jacqueline McLaren will be taking over from Rebecca in January. Jacqueline will be coming in to meet the class on Tuesday 17th December and have a chance to meet the parents at morning registration.

IMPORTANT - Applying for a Reception Class Place for September 2020

If your child is currently attending our school Nursery you will need to apply for their Reception Class place for September 2020. The deadline for submitting applications via eadmissions is Wednesday 15th January 2020:

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

For further information on the application process please visit the Hackney Learning Trust site at:

<https://www.learningtrust.co.uk/content/primary-how-to-apply?guidebook=188>

Things to look out for in the New Year

New Student Database and Parent Portal

– we have successfully migrated all our student and staff information to a new database in the past week. In time, we will be releasing information to parents about how to access the Parent Portal in order to view their children's data and communicate with the school. In our constant bid to reduce paperwork and improve communication and transparency of information we are confident that this move will help towards reaching that target. More information will be released to parents in the New Year. In the meantime, please be advised that the information you provide to the school is covered under the Privacy Notice for Pupils and Parents which is available on the school website:

<http://sirthomasabney.hackney.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Privacy-Notice-for-Pupils-and-Parents.pdf>

PLEASE NOTE – in order to access the Parent Portal each parent will have to provide the school with an up-to-date email address. Parents will receive further information about this.

Curriculum Outlines and Timetables for the Spring Term - will be loaded to the school website, parents will be notified once they are available.

Come Dine with Me – Spring Term dates will be released and booking arrangements will be issued to all parents.

Class Trips – teachers have been busy organising curriculum linked class trips for the Spring Term and information will be distributed to parents at the beginning of the new term. Trips that have been booked so far are listed on the **Diary Dates in this newsletter.**

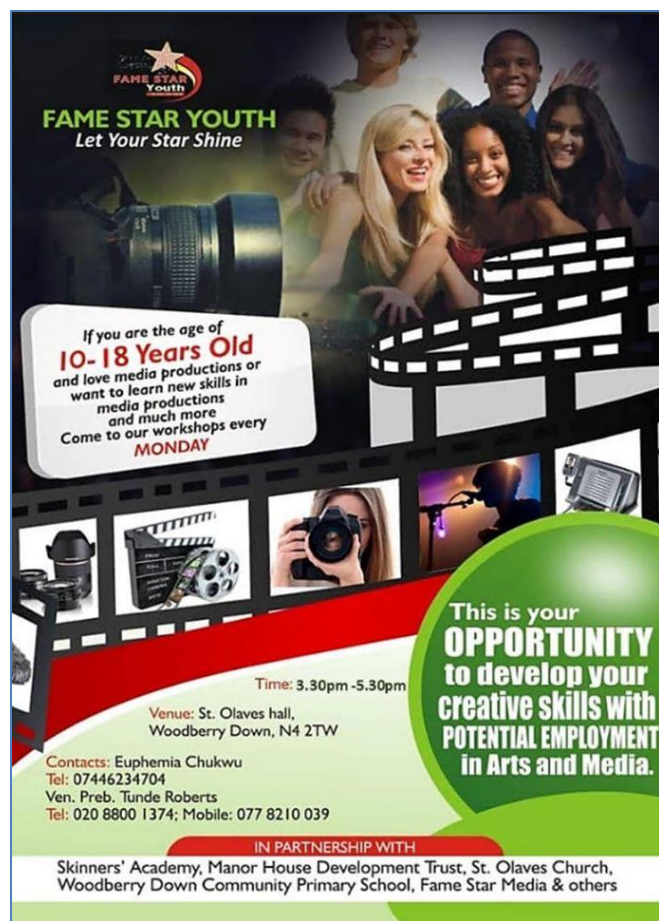
Year 5 Cycle Training – letters have been distributed for ALL Year 5 children to sign up to our Whole School Cycling programme which provides FREE cycle training to Level 2 (on-road skills) to all children in Year 5. This is a huge opportunity for the children and is run alongside the PE Curriculum. All training takes part during the school day by 2 qualified cycle trainers.

New Spring Term Dinner Menu - The school dinner menu for the Spring term will have some minor changes. Please find the new menu at: <https://sirthomasabney.hackney.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/2020-3-WEEKLY-Lunch-Menu-Spring-with-Allergens.pdf>

**SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING:
Monday 23rd March 2020**

Fame Star Youth Project

If your child is 10 years old or above and has a keen interest in performing you may like to register them for the Fame Star Youth Project which takes place in St. Olaves Hall, Woodberry Down. Registration forms are available from the school office.



FAME STAR YOUTH
Let Your Star Shine

If you are the age of **10-18 Years Old** and love media productions or want to learn new skills in media productions and much more. Come to our workshops every **MONDAY**

This is your OPPORTUNITY to develop your creative skills with POTENTIAL EMPLOYMENT in Arts and Media.

Time: 3.30pm -5.30pm
Venue: St. Olaves hall, Woodberry Down, N4 2TW

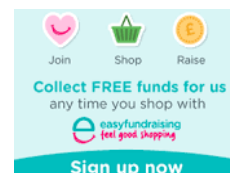
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IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
Skinners' Academy, Manor House Development Trust, St. Olaves Church, Woodberry Down Community Primary School, Fame Star Media & others

Don't Forget to Support STA via Easyfundraising

We need your help! If you shop online, please could you sign up to **easyfundraising** to support **Sir Thomas Abney Primary School**.

It's a really easy way to raise money for us – you just use the **easyfundraising** site to shop online with more than 3,600 well known online stores like Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, eBay, Boden, and M&S and when you make a purchase, the retailer sends us a free donation, at no extra cost to you.



We want to raise as much as possible, so please visit our new easyfundraising page at;

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/sirthomasabneyprimaryschool/> and click 'support us'

Thank you to all those who have already signed up! We have raised around £30, but, I'm sure with your help over the festive season we can push that total a lot higher!

Diary Dates 2019				
4 Sycamore – Tate Gallery	Tue 17 th Dec 2019	Take One Picture Project		
Year 2 Nativity Performance	Tue 17 th Dec 2019	10.00am - Year 2 Parents are invited to attend		
Festive Lunch	Wed 18 th Dec 2019	Staff and children will be served a wonderful festive lunch		
End of Term Class Parties	Thu 19 th Dec 2019	Afternoon – donations of party food are most welcome – please remember to keep it NUT and MEAT FREE		
Nursery AM/FT – Stamford Hill Library	Thu 9 th Jan 2020	Morning - Spring Term Library Visits to exchange books		
FS Chestnut – Stamford Hill Library	Fri 10 th Jan 2020	Afternoon - Spring Term Library Visits to exchange books		
FS Willow – National Gallery	Mon 13 th Jan 2020	Mini Masterpieces Workshop		
6 Aspen – Hackney Museum	Tue 14 th Jan 2020	Junior Citizenship Workshop		
3 Juniper & Lilac – Natural History Museum	Tue 14 th Jan 2020	Topic linked trip		
FS Willow – Stamford Hill Library	Tue 14 th Jan 2020	Afternoon - Spring Term Library Visits to exchange books		
FS Chestnut – National Gallery	Wed 15 th Jan 2020	Mini Masterpieces Workshop		
6 Rowan – Hackney Museum	Wed 15 th Jan 2020	Junior Citizenship Workshop		
Nursery AM/FT – Stamford Hill Library	Thu 16 th Jan 2020	Morning - Spring Term Library Visits to exchange books		
1 Beech & Cedar – National Gallery	Wed 22 nd Jan 2020	Looking at different styles of portraits		
Nursery AM/FT – Stamford Hill Library	Thu 23 rd Jan 2020	Morning - Spring Term Library Visits to exchange books		
FS Chestnut – Stamford Hill Library	Fri 24 th Jan 2020	Afternoon - Spring Term Library Visits to exchange books		
FS Willow – Stamford Hill Library	Tue 28 th Jan 2020	Afternoon - Spring Term Library Visits to exchange books		
Nursery AM/FT – Stamford Hill Library	Thu 30 th Jan 2020	Morning - Spring Term Library Visits to exchange books		
Nursery AM/FT – Stamford Hill Library	Thu 6 th Feb 2020	Morning - Spring Term Library Visits to exchange books		
FS Chestnut – Stamford Hill Library	Fri 7 th Feb 2020	Afternoon - Spring Term Library Visits to exchange books		
FS Willow – Stamford Hill Library	Tue 11 th Feb 2020	Afternoon - Spring Term Library Visits to exchange books		
Nursery AM/FT – Stamford Hill Library	Thu 13 th Feb 2020	Morning - Spring Term Library Visits to exchange books		
<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>

Term Dates 2019-20		
HOLIDAY	BREAK UP ON	RETURN ON
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>	Wednesday 2 nd September 2020 (Years 1-6 Only)