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NEWSLETTER

Personal Value of the Month – Perseverance & Rule of Law

Welcome Back everyone to the Spring Term 2020
We hope everyone had an enjoyable Festive Break

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

New Student Database and Parent Portal

As mentioned in the newsletter before the holidays, we have successfully migrated all our student and staff information to a new database called **Arbor**. 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 shortly. 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.

Attendance

Well done to all the parents and carers who work hard to ensure their children have an attendance of at least 96%. Unfortunately, since the end of the

Autumn Term and the first couple of weeks of this term attendance has fallen to 94%. We would like to remind everyone that we do not authorise holidays during term-time. If you would like to discuss your child's attendance, our school attendance advisor Dawn Badley is in school every other Tuesday and you can make appointment to meet her via the school office.

Knowledge Organisers and Timetables for the Spring Term 2020

Knowledge Organisers and Timetables for each Year Group have been loaded to the school website and can be viewed at:

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

Come Dine with Me

Spring Term dates will be as follows:

Monday 3rd February 2020

Wednesday 12th February 2020

Thursday 12th March 2020

Thursday 26th March 2020

Bookings will be available via our **Parents Evening Booking System** shortly. A text will go out to all parents.

Class Trips & Workshops

This week children in **Reception, Year 3** and **Year 6** enjoyed lots of additional learning opportunities to enrich their curriculum including trips and workshops. Year 6 visited Hackney Museum as part of the Junior Citizenship Programme and learned key skills which will help them with their transition to secondary school. Year 3 visited the

Natural History Museum to support their topic 'Footprints from the Past'. We are absolutely committed to enhancing the children's learning and welcome the support provided by parent/carer volunteers. Trips that have been booked so far are listed on the **Diary Dates in this newsletter**.



Year 3 at the Natural History Museum

Health and Wellbeing

Welcome to our new regular feature of Health and Wellbeing!

Start making healthier changes today!

Change4Life is a really helpful website <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/about-change4life>, helping families with fun ideas to help kids stay healthy, whether with easy recipes for busy weeknights, great sugar swaps, Disney-inspired games to get kids moving or help in understanding food labels.

Here are a few things to get you started:

- sign up and **join Change4Life**
- download the **Food Scanner app on Google Play** or **Food Scanner app on the App Store**
- browse **our recipes**
- play one of our **10 Minute Shake Up games**
- learn how to **make a sugar swap**

Alive 'n' Kicking, Family Healthy Lifestyle Programmes - In the coming weeks we will be promoting healthy eating, exercise and healthy weight amongst the children. A **parent coffee morning** to let parents know how they can help their child/ren, will be held here on **Thursday 13th**

February at 9.00am after drop-off. Please come to the school office.

Everyone Health is already running family programmes at the Redmond Community Centre and Homerton Baptist Church.

ALIVE 'N' KICKING

FAMILY HEALTHY LIFESTYLE PROGRAMMES

A FREE 12 week programme for children aged 5-11 and 12-19 in Hackney and The City of London.

Programmes begin in January, see below!

	Redmond Community Centre - ages 5-11 Woodberry Down, N4 2HF WEDNESDAY 15th January - 1st April 4:30-5:30pm	
	Homerton Baptist Church - ages 12-19 Barnabus Road, E9 5SD THURSDAY 16th January - 2nd April 4:30-5:30pm	
	Homerton Baptist Church - ages 5-11 Barnabus Road, E9 5SD SATURDAY 18th January - 4th April 10:00-11.15am	
		
		
		

BOOK YOUR PLACE TODAY!
Visit: www.everyonehealth.co.uk/hackney-council
Call: 02033144078
Email: eh.ankhackney@nhs.net

If you would be interested in attending, please either contact them directly or contact Jennifer Handovsky, Pastoral Manager, via the office.

Jigsaw

Class Teachers have recently started using a new resource called Jigsaw, which is a mindful approach to Personal, Social and Health Education. Ask your child about their class jigsaw friend and Jerrie the cat!



Wellbeing week - We will be having a staff and children **Wellbeing week**, from the 10th to 14th February, where the children and staff will be able to try out lots of fun things, including yoga, meditation and sports. Watch this space for more information.

Parent Workshops – We will shortly be re-starting our programme of parent workshops. Look out for a survey that we'll be sending out next week to get your feedback on what subjects you would like covered.

Join **Food for Life's free family cooking club** for 6 weeks of recipes and snacks.

Location: Stamford Hill Estate Community Centre, Stamford Hill, London, N16 6RZ

From: Tuesdays 4th February to 18th March 2020 (no session on 18th February – half term)

Time: 4.30-6.30pm

For more information or to book a place:

Email food@shoreditchtrust.org.uk

Call 020 7033 8540 / 8529

We provide all the ingredients, recipes and equipment so you can get your children cooking and trying new foods.

Cooking classes can help families to:

- Share favourite recipes and cooking tips
- Cook quick, healthy and delicious meals
- Experiment with new foods
- Discover quick and easy homemade snacks

Year 5 Cycle Training

Year 5 children, whose parents have signed the consent forms, started their cycle training as of this week. It takes place every Wednesday in small groups led by Kelly and Stefan (Qualified Cycle Trainers). This training is free of charge and takes place during the school day. It is offered to every child in Year 5 and we would urge those parents who haven't provided consent forms to do so as soon as possible. The forms are available from the school office. This is a huge opportunity for the children and is run alongside the PE Curriculum.

Book Fair coming to STA

As you know we are committed to ensuring all of the children learn to read fluently and have a love of reading. To support this, the Scholastic Book Fair will be back with us from **Thursday 27th February till 4th March** in the lead up to World Book Day and will be held after school in the infant foyer.

Parent Governor Elections

We are delighted to announce that we have 2 Parent Governor Vacancies on our Governing

Body. Nomination information will be distributed to all parents next week. If you would like to know more about the role of a school governor please go to:

<https://www.nga.org.uk/Knowledge-Centre/Governance-structure-roles-and-responsibilities.aspx>

We would like to thank our outgoing parent governors **Mohamed Contractor** and **Sharon Smith** for their hard work and commitment over the past 3 years.

British Science Week

From **9th to 13th March** we will be celebrating British Science Week with a range of investigations and activities to enhance the children's scientific knowledge, skills and understanding. We are very pleased to have successfully bid for £700 from the British Science Association to further develop our garden areas within the school. Please look out for more information nearer the time.

Coats, Gloves and Hats

We are always encouraging the children during the colder months of the year to wear their coats, gloves and hats at playtime. Please can all parents and carers remind their children to take care of their belongings.

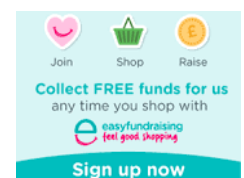
New Spring Term Dinner Menu - The school dinner menu for the Spring term will have some minor changes. Please find the new menu at:

<https://sirthomasabney.hackney.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/2020-3-WEEKLY-Lunch-Menu-Spring-with-Allergens.pdf>

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.



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



Free Family Cooking Club



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Do you want to join free, fun, after-school activities for the whole family?
Do you want to teach your children more about good food?

Time: 4.30-6.30pm
Date: Tuesdays from 4th Feb – 17th March
At: Stamford Hill Community Centre, N16 6RS
For more information or to book a place:
Email: food@shoreditchtrust.org.uk or
Call: 020 7033 8540 / 8529

Shoreditch Trust is a charity registered in England and Wales.
Charity no: 1086812 Company no: 03994363

Join Food for Life's free family cooking club in Hackney, for six weeks of recipes and snacks.

We provide all the ingredients, recipes and equipment, so you can get your children cooking and trying new foods.

Past cooking club members have said:

"My kids love cooking now"
"I enjoyed spending time with my family"
"It has encouraged my child to try more foods"

Cooking classes can help families to:

- Share favourite recipes and cooking tips
- Cook quick, healthy and delicious meals
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Diary Dates 2019

Year 5 – Natural History Museum	Mon 20 th Jan 2020	Topic related trip
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
Year 2 – London Transport Museum	Fri 24 th Jan 2020	Topic related trip
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
Come Dine With Me	Mon 3 rd Feb 2020	Lunchtime – bookings to be released next week
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
Come Dine With Me	Wed 12 th Feb 2020	Lunchtime - Bookings to be released next week
Parent/Carer Coffee Morning	Thu 13 th Feb 2020	9.00am – Family Healthy Lifestyles
Nursery AM/FT – Stamford Hill Library	Thu 13 th Feb 2020	Morning - Spring Term Library Visits to exchange books
Scholastic Book Fair	27 th Feb to 4 th Mar 2020	3.15pm in the Infant Foyer
World Book Day	Thu 5 th Mar 2020	Details to be confirmed
British Science Week	9 th – 13 th Mar 2020	Science activities in school
Come Dine with Me	Thu 12 th Mar 2020	Lunchtime – Bookings to be released next week
Parents' Open Afternoon	Thu 12 th Mar 2020	3.30pm to 7.00pm – Bookings to be released from 24 th Feb
Parents' Open Afternoon	Tue 17 th Mar 2020	3.30pm to 6.00pm – Bookings to be released from 24 th Feb
Come Dine with Me	Thu 26 th Mar 2020	Lunchtime – Bookings to be released next week
<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 Trips & Activities</i>	<i>Closures</i>	

Term Dates 2019-20

HOLIDAY	BREAK UP ON	RETURN ON
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)