



**Sir Thomas Abney**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019

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## NEWSLETTER

### Personal Value of the Month – Mutual Respect

**SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING:  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020**

#### Attendance & Punctuality

(For last 3 weeks)

School Attendance

95.2% (target 97%)

Highest Attendance

5 Maple 98.6% & 6 Aspen 98%

Most Punctual

FS Willow, 1 Cedar, 4 Sycamore, 4 Redwood &  
6 Rowan

#### Events to which Parents are invited:

##### Class Assemblies

(Please sign in at the school office on the day)

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – 5 Maple – 10.45am

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov – 5 Oak - 10.45am

(please note that the above assemblies have been swapped over since the previous newsletter)

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December – 3 Lilac - 10.45am

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Year 2 Nativity – 10am

##### Parents' Open Afternoons

Thu 14<sup>th</sup> November 3.30-7.00pm

Tue 19<sup>th</sup> November 3.30-6.00pm (not 4 Sycamore)

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> November 2.30-5.00pm – 4 Sycamore ONLY

##### Coffee Morning with the School Nurse

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019 at 9.00am

Online appointments for both sets of events above can be booked on

<https://sirthomasabney.parenteveningsystem.co.uk/>

#### Applying for a Reception Class Place for September 2020

Straight after the half term break all Nursery parents were given a step by step guide of how to apply for their child to start Reception in September 2020. Please ensure you read the information carefully and make your application via eadmissions at:

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

For those of you who have previously applied via eadmissions you will already have login details so you do not need to re-register. If you have forgotten your login details, then simply go through the 'forgotten ID and password' process to be re-sent your login details. If you require any assistance please come and speak to Debjani in the school office.

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>

#### Get #positiveabouthumbers this Maths Week – and beyond!

Children across the school have been taking part in Maths Week – 11<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> November. There are a number of challenges and resources on the official website which classes have used for reasoning lessons. There is also a Primary Quiz which each class has had a go at. Ms McKenzie (Maths Co-ordinator) also hopes to enter us for the prize draw!! Take a look at the resources by doing a simple internet search for, 'Maths Week England.'



#### Year 3 – 'Take One Picture' Steve McQueen Exhibition

Last academic year our Year 3 children took part in the 'Take One Picture' project run by the Tate Gallery. The picture is now on display in the Tate Gallery and the 2

classes who took part will be visiting the exhibition on **11<sup>th</sup> December (4 Redwood)** and **17<sup>th</sup> December (4 Sycamore)**. It is a free exhibition so even if your child was not part of the project please do go and have a look. All the photos are anonymous, but, just to help you out, our school photo is in **Section 10** of the exhibition. For more information about the project and exhibition please go to:

<https://www.tate.org.uk/whats-on/tate-britain/exhibition/steve-mcqueen-year-3>

## Road Safety Week

We will be celebrating Road Safety week with a range of activities next week:

- Our **Junior Road Safety Officers** will be surveying parents at the main gate with a simple questionnaire to gather parent's views about our local roads and travelling to school which we can discuss with our Council Road Safety Officer the following week.
- Traffic Survey – the JRSOs will survey the volume and type of traffic outside the school gates at the beginning and end of the school day – they will also be monitoring cars parked on the double yellow lines around the school.

- The Nursery children will be taking part in **Beep Beep! Day** on Wednesday using some fantastic resources bought from Brake, the Road Safety Charity. Their Beep Beep! Day last year was a great success and very enjoyable for the children.



## • Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Be Bright, Stay in Sight Dress up Day

Children and adults are invited to rummage through their wardrobes and find the **brightest, most colourful** clothes to wear to school on that day - please **DO NOT** go out and buy anything new as we are sure we all have something bright enough to wear!

**5 Maple** will be performing a Be Bright, Stay in Sight Road Safety Assembly at **10.45am** which their parents are invited to.



**RAISING FUNDS** – this year we are asking for a **£1** donation per person towards running School Travel

Donations are GREATLY appreciated!

related activities and initiatives, for example the **Bikers' Breakfast**, **Scooter safety training for KS1**, resources to support Road Safety education. On **Friday we will have buckets at the ready to collect your generous donations** 😊

For further advice on staying safe on the roads during the winter months please go to:

<https://hackney.gov.uk/stay-in-sight>

## Coffee Morning with the School Nurse

If you would like to meet our School Nurse Angela Onyia in an informal setting to find out more about the school nursing service or to ask her advice about anything please book a place to come to the **Coffee Morning on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 9.00am**. All bookings can be made at:

<https://sirthomasabney.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>

## #Hello Yellow!

On the 10<sup>th</sup> October we marked World Mental Health Day. Every child was given a yellow smiley face sticker. Many of the children came to school wearing yellow ribbons in their hair, yellow t-shirts or yellow shoes or socks. Well done to all those who wore something yellow.

## Dick Whittington Pantomime

Last week on Wednesday all the children from Years 1 to 6 had a real treat – a visiting theatre company, M&M productions came and performed a fabulous version of Dick Whittington. This is the story of a young man who travels to London to seek his fortune and ends up being made Mayor of London. The children absolutely loved it – they were engaged, joined in at appropriate times and were generally a great audience. Everyone enjoyed it so much, we have already booked them for next year!



## FoSTA

A big thank you to FoSTA and all the families that come to the events, as recently the money raised at these events has been used to pay for:



**High- Viz Jackets** - FoSTA have paid **£550** so that we could buy 170 different sized high viz jackets for our nursery, reception, and Years 1 to 3 classes, so that when they are out on trips they are very clearly visible and identifiable. The jackets have the school name and telephone number on the back.

## Fruit

The school was recently successful in its bid for £3000 of funding from the Hackney Council Health Heroes budget to fund a piece of fruit or vegetable each day for all the children in Years 3 to 6. A condition of the funding was that we needed to obtain some additional money from another source. FoSTA kindly agreed to contribute the **£420** needed to make the scheme work. Thanks to Fresh and Fruity the scheme started on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November and will run for the rest of the school year.



**Anti-bullying shows** – FoSTA have paid **£350** towards the cost of these two shows.



**School trips** – FoSTA have agreed to pay **£1500** towards school trips which will take place over the next few months. This will reduce the cost to parents or make the trips free.

**FoSTA Winter Fair 5<sup>th</sup> December 2019** – If you would like to help out or get involved, please come to the FoSTA meetings at 9am every Friday leading up to the event.



**FoSTA Cake & Clothing Sale – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November after school** – Thank you all for all your donations of cakes and clothing – we raised **£90**



**Anti-bullying week** - 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> November. There were special assemblies on Monday 11<sup>th</sup>, activities in class, as well as the Power of One anti-

bullying show on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>. We celebrated on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November with **Odd Socks day**, where children and adults wore two non-matching socks to school.



## Hackney School Stars Award is now open!

We would like to invite parents and staff to nominate staff for Hackney Council's awards scheme for schools, children's centres and academies.



It is incredibly important that staff – from teachers to caretakers, cooks to support workers – are thanked and recognised by their colleagues, peers and the residents they work so hard for.

Hackney's Deputy Mayor, Councillor Anntoinette Bramble, who is an ex-member of staff at Sir Thomas Abney and who will be visiting us next month is encouraging all schools to ensure parents take part in

these nominations as a thank you to those who work so hard to educate and take care of their children. She is continually delighted that our children and young people are getting the best start in life.

We provide some of the best schools in the country and teachers, therapists, admin staff, assistants and cleaners, to name but a few, have made this happen. The winners will be invited to receive an award at Hackney Town Hall in March 2020, presented by the Mayor, Philip Glanville, and the Chief Executive of Hackney Council, Tim Shields.

It's easy to nominate – you can access the online form via [hackney.gov.uk/hackney-schools-stars](http://hackney.gov.uk/hackney-schools-stars) or pick up a paper form from the school office.

### The categories are:

- Teacher of the Year (for all teaching staff)
- Hackney Schools Star (for all non-teaching schools support workers, those who work in schools who aren't teaching but are delivering a service in a school)
- Lifetime Achievement Award (for teaching and non-teaching staff who have worked their career in Hackney for over 15 years)

**The deadline to nominate is midnight on 6th December 2019. Thank you for your support😊**

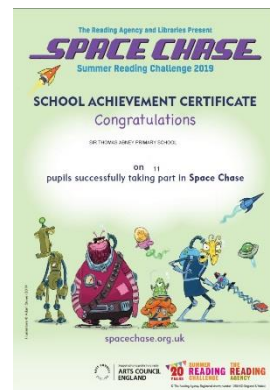
## FGM – Red Triangles

You may notice some staff wearing little Red Triangle badges. These staff have received coaching in how to deal with issues around FGM (female genital mutilation). If you have any concerns on this subject you can approach any member of school staff, however, the staff with the Red Triangles will have more detailed knowledge on the subject.

## Summer Reading Challenge 2019

Congratulations to all the children who completed the Summer Reading Challenge in 2019!

The big prize this year went to Northwold School with 30 children completing the Summer Reading Challenge and winning a £50 amazon voucher to buy books for the school! So let's hope this will be Sir Thomas Abney next year.



We are signed up to the Stamford Hill Library storytelling sessions, Nursery and Willow classes went this week with Chestnut class going next Friday.



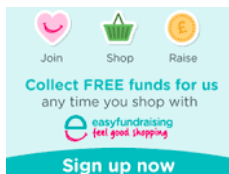
## Curriculum Information for this half term can be found on

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

## 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 just over £20, but, I'm sure with your help over the festive season we can push that total a lot higher! 🙌

Diary Dates 2019				
Year 6 Woodberry Wetlands	Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2019	1.30-2.45pm		
Parents' Open Afternoon	Tue 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2019	3.30-6.00pm – appointments will open for booking from 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct on <a href="https://sirthomasabney.parenteveningsystem.co.uk/">https://sirthomasabney.parenteveningsystem.co.uk/</a>		
Road Safety Week	18-22 Nov 2019	Road Safety related activities throughout the week		
Yr5/6 Able Writers Workshop	Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2019	Selected Children from Yr 5 /6 at Betty Layward School		
Year 3 – Clissold Park	Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2019	1.15pm – IPC Art Topic related trip in the afternoon only		
Year 5 - Museum of London	Thu 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov 2019	9.30-3pm Educational tour of the different sides of London told through the animals of London		
Be Bright, Stay in Sight Dress-up Day	Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov 2019	Wear your brightest most colourful clothes to school		
Class Assembly – 5 Maple	Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov 2019 <i>Change of date</i>	10.45am – 5 Maple parents are invited to attend		
Come Dine With Me	Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov 2019	Lunchtime – please book a place on <a href="https://sirthomasabney.parenteveningsystem.co.uk/">https://sirthomasabney.parenteveningsystem.co.uk/</a>		
FS Chestnut – Stamford Hill Library	Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov 2019	1.45pm – Storytelling session		
Year 2 – Barbican Centre	Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2019	9.30-pm - LSO Schools Concert		
Class Assembly – 5 Oak	Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2019 <i>Change of date</i>	10.45am – 5 Oak parents are invited to attend		
Flu Immunisation RC-Yr6	Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2019	Consent letters have been distributed		
Winter Fair	Thu 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2019	Come and enjoy yet another fantastic school event		
Year 5 Skinners Academy	Thu 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2019	PE Sessions at Skinners Academy		
Class Assembly – 3 Lilac	Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2019	10.45am – 3 Lilac parents are invited to attend		
4 Redwood – Tate Gallery	Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2019	Details to go out shortly		
Save the Children Charity Appeal	Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2019	Decorate a jumper with festive bling and donate £2		
4 Sycamore – Tate Gallery	Tue 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2019	Details to go out shortly		
Year 2 Nativity Performance	Tue 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2019	10.00am - Year 2 Parents are invited to attend		
Festive Lunch	Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2019	Staff and children will be served a wonderful festive lunch		
End of Term Class Parties	Thu 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2019	Afternoon –donations of party food are most welcome – please remember to keep it NUT and MEAT FREE		
<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 <sup>th</sup> December at 1.00pm <i>After-school Playcentre is closed</i>	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2020
Spring Half Term Break	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 3.15pm	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2020
Easter Holiday	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2020 at 1.00pm <i>After-school Playcentre is closed</i>	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2020
Summer Half Term Break	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2020 at 3.15pm	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2020
Summer Holidays	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 1.00pm <i>After-school Playcentre is closed</i>	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2020 (Years 1-6 Only)