



Dear Parents & Carers,

We hope that you enjoy reading about the many events and activities that have been happening during the last two weeks. Particularly exciting was our Booklinks week, where a number of published authors joined our children in classrooms to share their books. We have too many photographs to show them all here, but please do look at the class pages on our websites or look at our Twitter feed. In the coming weeks we have a number of special activities to celebrate the season, including trips to the pantomime, a visiting theatre company, special seasonal singing assemblies and a winter fayre. Please take note of the dates on the back of this newsletter, which are also updated regularly on our website. During this time children will continue to be following our curriculum with much to cover before we break up on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 2:00pm.**

Thank you for coming to meet with the children's class teachers this week. It is so important that children get to share their learning with you. If you were unable to attend, please contact the school office so that they can make an appointment for you. We hope also that the termly report which was sent home was helpful in knowing how best to support at home. Don't forget that we run a number of themed drop-in sessions for parents, with new events already being planned for the Spring term.

Thank you also to parents who have already completed the parent survey. The deadline for returning these is next Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> December. Caterlink, our school catering service, are also running an online parent survey regarding school meals which can be accessed via the weblink <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/M52JBQL>.

We have a few staffing changes at the end of the term with Mr Coggin taking up a new post in Haringey and Ms Armartey is leaving us to take on new opportunities. Ms Gilham, whom many of you will remember, will be taking up the role of acting Deputy Headteacher alongside Ms McGoldrick as Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator, in January.

Thank you for your continued support

Ms Rachel Adams  
Headteacher

Mr Stephen Hall  
Executive Headteacher

## OUR FEDERATION CHOIR



The Federation Choir met for their termly rehearsal at Orchard School. The choir meets once a term to prepare a repertoire of songs for local concerts. Currently they are working on a collection of Christmas songs to get ready for the holiday season.

## VALUE AWARD WINNERS

Following a staff nomination and vote this terms value awards have been presented to: Riha for Empathy, Neveah for Friendship, Arte for Kindness and Kornelia for Respect. Each winner won an award, presented at our special assembly and will be represented in our trophy cabinet. Well done all!



## THE PLAYPOD HAS LANDED!



Children have been enjoying our new junk play equipment in the playground. Each lunchtime the playpod opens and they help themselves to the various crates, wheels, poles and nets to inspire creative play.



**PLEASE COMPLETE & RETURN OUR 2017 PARENT SURVEY  
YOUR OPINION MATTERS TO US!**

## END OF TERM EVENTS

As well as our **Friday morning stay and read** sessions for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, we have a number of end of term events to which parents are invited. We hope that you can join us!

Date	Focus
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Family craft! Make a Christmas card with your child at 9:15am.
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas lunch <b>Christmas Fayre</b> at 3.30pm in the bottom hall
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Wear a Christmas jumper to school day and donate £1 towards a good cause. Pantomime Visit and in-school performance
<b>19<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm</b>	Nursery & Reception Nativity Story Performance
<b>19<sup>th</sup> December at 10am</b>	Year 1 & 2 Sing-along-a-Christmas. Join us for festive singing in the hall.
<b>19<sup>th</sup> December at 10.45am</b>	Year 3 & 4 Sing-along-a-Christmas. Join us for festive singing in the hall.
<b>20<sup>th</sup> December at 10am</b>	Year 5 & 6 Sing-along-a-Christmas. Join us for festive singing in the hall.

## MUSIC, MUSEUMS AND DEBATES



Year 5 visited the **Imperial War Museum** to go back in time and experience what life would have been like as a child during the First World War. We have also launched our **Debate Mate** Club which will run over the

next fourteen weeks, teaching children the art of public speaking including the chance to join debates with other London schools. **Apollo Music Project** visited for the second time this year. Children enjoyed watching and listening to a string quartet. They performed music by Joseph Haydn and Maurice Ravel.



### Key Dates

**End of Term Finish Date**  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 2pm

#### Spring Term 2018 Start Date

Wednesday 3rd January 2018

#### Half Term Holiday

Monday 12th to  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February

#### Staff INSET Day

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February

#### World Book Day

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March

#### Science & Technology Day

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March

#### Parents Evening

Wednesday 28th March

#### Finish Date

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm

#### Summer Term 2018

##### Start Date:

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April

##### Families Week

Starts Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

##### Bank Holiday

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May

##### History Day

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May

##### Half Term Holiday

Monday 28th May to

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June

##### Parents Evening

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July

##### Staff INSET Day

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July

##### End of Term Finish Date

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm

You can also follow us on  
Facebook & Twitter!



## ATTENDANCE

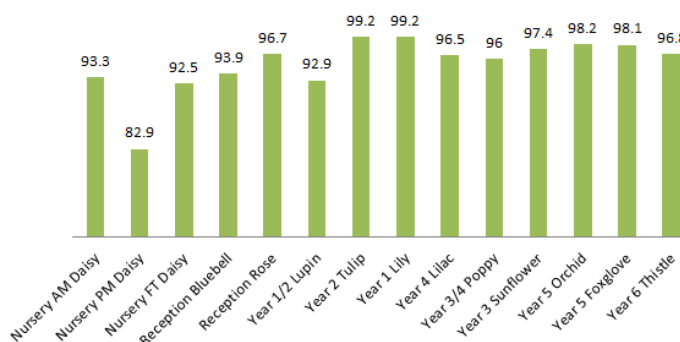
Children have only 190 school days in a year so coming to school everyday makes a real difference!

Whole school attendance for last week was **96.4%**

**Well done to Tulip Class**, the weekly winners with 99.2% and only 1 late!

Lily class had 5 lates last week and that's why it's so important that you are on time to school as it can effect your attendance and chance of winning the weekly class competition.

**20th to 24th November**



**School starts at 8:55am. Don't be late!**