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Week ending **Friday 14th September 2018**

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back and an especially warm welcome to all of our new Reception and Nursery parents. We hope that you had a fantastic Summer. It is nice to see the building full of children again after the long break. As this is the first newsletter of the academic year we have included as much information as possible about key dates as well as an up to date staffing profile and information about homework and coffee mornings. Parents in Nursery, Reception, Years 1 & 2 are invited to stay and read with their children on Friday mornings and our coffee morning drop in sessions have also started. We are inviting Dads or other significant male family members to join classes on the morning of **Thursday 27th September**.

At the end of last term we were pleased to receive our Key Stage 2 results which again place the attainment and progress our pupils make at our school well above national averages. This is down to the hard work of pupils and teachers but also very much due to the support that you give from home in ensuring that children read every night, learn times tables, complete homework tasks and come to school ready to learn.

We are committed to ensuring that children receive a broad curriculum including our commitment to quality music and Spanish tuition as well as the many exciting trips and artistic projects that we subscribe to. At the end of the Summer term, we held our first ever Viridis Federation Music Festival at Hackney Round Chapel. There were a range of musical talents on display, including a Samba Band, Orchestra and our Federation Choir. It was a fantastic success. All children have the chance to learn a musical instrument in our school, with some children also taking up the opportunity to have specialist lessons in the piano, guitar, drums, flute and violin. If you would like your child to benefit from learning an instrument, we subsidise the costs of lessons and can also lend instruments for practise at home free of charge. Please ask more in our school office or by emailing [adminhg@vs.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:adminhg@vs.hackney.sch.uk)



There is always much happening at Hoxton Garden, so please also follow us on Twitter and Facebook or take a look at our website which has been updated and includes up to date news and key events.



Thank you for all of your support

Ms Rachel Adams  
Headteacher

Mr Stephen Hall  
Executive Headteacher

## WELCOME BACK!



## HISPANIC DAY

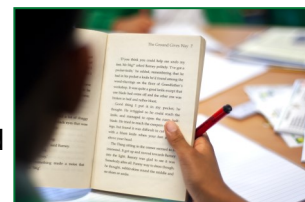
Just before the Summer term ended, we celebrated Hispanic Day and this year the focus was on the Friends of Bolivia, a charity that supports children and young people. The children dressed up in Hispanic inspired outfits or in the colours of the Spanish flag. Thank you for your support!



## HOMework DIARIES

By now you should have received a new **homework diary**.

Please make sure that daily reading comments and page numbers are recorded in this every day and that the diary is cared for and signed weekly.



There is information inside to help in knowing what to ask and write after reading with your child including some helpful questions. There is also a times tables square to help practice these, knowing times tables off by heart makes maths easier! **Homework** is sent home every Thursday and is due back early the following week so that it can be marked.



**BE ON TIME AT FIVE TO NINE! PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE ON TIME SO THAT CLASSES ARE NOT INTERRUPTED.**

## OUR TEAM IN 2018/19

Ms Rachel Adams Headteacher		Mr Stephen Hall Executive Headteacher	
Ms Erin Gilham Deputy Headteacher (Curriculum)		Ms Jessie De Veer Deputy Headteacher (Inclusion)	
Ms Charlotte Houchin Assistant Headteacher			
Year 6	Thistle Class (taking Foxglove) Mr Michael Kelso (Phase Leader)	Primrose Class (taking Orchid) Ms Charlotte Houchin/ Ms Rhianna Anderson-Ikpa	
Year 5	Foxglove Class (taking Poppy & Lilac) Ms Laila Benazayez	Orchid Class (taking Poppy & Lilac) Ms Shukria Ahmed-Nur	
Year 4	Lilac Class (taking Poppy and Sunflower) Mr Fernando Fernandez	Poppy Class (Yr3/4) (taking Sunflower and Tulip) Ms Naomi Obeng	
Year 3	Sunflower Class (taking Tulip and Lupin) Ms Natasha Amos		
Year 2	Tulip Class (taking Lily and Lupin) Ms Charlotte Ehler (Phase Leader)	Lupin Class (Yr1/2) (taking Rose, Bluebell and Lily) Ms Keshia Harrison	
Year 1	Lily Class (taking Bluebell and Rose) Ms Joanne Burton		
Reception	Bluebell Class Ms Petra Beckman	Rose Class Ms Heba Qawatin (Phase Leader)	
Nursery	Daisy Class Ms Rukshana Begum		

Children have now settled into their new classes and are back into a routine. A big welcome to the new members of the teaching team who joined us in September. There has been a slight re-shuffle in the School Leadership Team with Ms Houchin working alongside Ms Adams on the senior leadership team and Mr Kelso joining us from Southwold school as our Key Stage 2 Phase Leader. Not shown here, but also working with us are our Spanish teachers Madame Joseph and Ms Perez with Ms Eskulics continuing as our music teacher. Our new apprentice teacher has started in Year 6 who will share responsibility for the class. We hope that you had a chance to meet them on our meet the teacher events.

## Key Dates

**Half Term Holiday**  
Monday 22nd to  
Friday 26th October  
**Children Return**  
Monday 29th October  
**Parents Evening:**  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November  
**End of Term Finish Date:**  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 2pm  
**Autumn Term 2018**  
**Start Date:**  
Wednesday 5th September  
**Half Term Holiday**  
Monday 22nd to  
Friday 26th October  
**Children Return**  
Monday 29th October  
**Parents Evening:**  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November  
**End of Term Finish Date:**  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 2pm  
**Spring Term 2019**  
**Start Date:**  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019  
**Half Term Holiday:**  
Monday 18th to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
February  
**Staff Training Day:**  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February  
**Children Return**  
Tuesday 26th February  
**Parents Evening:**  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November  
**End of Term Finish Date:**  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 2pm

## DROP IN SESSIONS FOR PARENTS

As well as our **Friday morning stay and read** sessions for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, parents are invited to drop into our sessions on various themes which are held in the flexi space on the ground floor at 9:15am. These are an opportunity to meet with other parents as well as learn more about what the school does and get some practical tips on how to support your child with their learning from home.

Date	Focus
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	Reading- Take away a free reading booklet to support your child's reading!
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Homework- How can you support your child at home?
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Music – Learn to play an instrument with your child!
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Numeracy- Take away free maths resources to support your child's Maths.
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Phonics (for EYFS, Y1 and Y2) A toolkit to help your children learn to read and write.
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Holiday activities- fun and free activities to do with your child during the holidays
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Art and DT – Take home ideas to support you create Art and DT outcomes at home with your child?
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Literacy- support your child with writing and spelling
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> November at 9am	Find out ways to understand and support your child's well-being and mental health