



# Hoxton Garden Primary School

# HIGHLIGHTS

Friday 9th October 2020

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you have now fully settled into the routine of the new school year and the structure of the school week. You will have recently received a letter in your child's book bag about our reading diaries and how these should be filled in which we hope was helpful. As reading at home is so important we regularly restock home reading books and make sure that there is a diverse choice for children. Please help us to stock enough books in the school by making sure that home readers are returned and by looking under beds, behind sofas and in bedrooms to check that none are left behind!

October is Black History Month in the UK. It is an annual event honouring the contributions and accomplishments of the Black British community. It celebrates both current and historical individuals and the positive impact they have made to our society. It is important to celebrate contributions and the multi-culturalism and diversity that helps shape our communities. In order to ensure that pupils receive multiple opportunities to learn about Black History, instead of Black History Day, there will be four assemblies across the month of October on key themes including 're-building Britain: The Windrush Generation' and 'shaping our world: Impacting science, technology, medicine and the arts'.

Next week we will be celebrating our annual World Week. This year will look a little bit different as we follow the current COVID guidelines. This means we will not be holding our International Evening or our International Dress Day. Instead, we will focus this year on a community video that celebrates the theme of 'belonging'. 'Belonging' is the sense of being somewhere where you can be confident that you will fit in and feel safe in your identity. Schools are one of the shared social contexts which can create that sense of belonging. We encourage pupils to be conscientious global citizens who do their part to build a kinder, more inclusive, and compassionate world. Through World Week this year, we are aiming to create safe spaces for our pupils to ask questions and share their own perspectives as well as talk about experiences in relation to recent and significant global events. If you haven't already done so, follow us on twitter or Facebook to see the work outcomes as they happen!

Thank you for your support.

Ms Rachel Adams  
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie  
Executive Headteacher

## TIMESTABLE CHAMPIONS

Children are busy at school learning an essential key skill... timestables! Parents can support their child's learning by ensuring they are accessing Timetables Rockstars at home. Mr Kelso, our maths lead, is running a fortnightly competition for the class with the highest percentage of children engaging with this online resource. Also check out last week's coffee morning as it provides lots of handy tips on how to support your child: <https://hoxtongarden.hackney>.



## ECO WARRIORS!



Last week our eco-warriors hosted the first cross site Green Team meeting of the year.

They shared

how our schools are environmentally friendly such as recycling bins in all classrooms. They also explored how we can improve by reducing food waste and teaching others to be greener. <https://hoxtongarden.hackney.sch.uk/children/pupil-voice-overview/green-team/>

## PHONICS IS FUN!



Ensuring children are fluent readers and writers begins with the learning of sounds and letters through phonics. Year 1 have been working hard on sentence building whilst our reception children are learning the initial sounds before being shown how to blend them for reading and segmenting them for writing. Alongside this the children are taught the 'high frequency words', those words which do not entirely follow the phonic rules. Do you know any tricky words?



**PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS: WASH YOUR HANDS FOR AT LEAST 20 SECONDS**



## NURSERY AND RECEPTION NEWS!



Our newest additions to the school continue to settle in well and are making a great first impression. They are learning and following our school expectations as well as exploring their environment. They are learning a range of skills from the many different table top and class activities. Being outside is also very popular with the children.

## COFFEE MORNINGS

Our coffee mornings can be accessed this term as online video presentations.

Please don't forget to complete the online evaluation to let us know what you think! Videos will be uploaded on the following dates:

Date	Focus
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	<b>Maths (for Year 2 +):</b> How to support your child with recalling their times tables.
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Phonics (for EYFS, Y1 and Y2):</b> A toolkit to help your children learn to read and write.
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Anti-Bullying:</b> Learn what the school does to prevent bullying
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Spelling and Handwriting:</b> How to support your child with their spelling and handwriting at home.
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Maths:</b> How to support your child understanding and using the 4 operations effectively.
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>E Safety:</b> Be aware of dangers online and how to keep your child safe while using technology

<http://hoxtongarden.hackney.sch.uk/parents-guide/parent-and-school/coffee-mornings>

## Key Dates

### Autumn Term 2020

**Children's Start Date:**  
Monday 7th September  
**Half Term Holiday:**  
Monday 26th - Friday 30th  
October  
**Children Start Date:**  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November  
**Parents Evening:**  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December  
**Finish Date:** Friday 18<sup>th</sup>  
December at 2pm

### Spring Term 2021

**Staff Training Day:**  
Monday 4th January  
**Children's Start Date:**  
Tuesday 5th January  
**Work & Enterprise Week:**  
Week beginning 18th  
January  
**Half Term Holiday:**  
Monday 15th February – Friday 19th  
February  
**Children's Start Date:**  
Monday 22nd February  
**Science & Technology Day (with Science  
Fair):** Friday 19th March  
**Parents Evening:**  
Thursday 25th March  
**End of Term Finish Date:** Thursday 1st  
April at 2pm

### Summer Term 2021

**Children's Start Date:**  
Monday 19th April 2021  
**Families' Week:**  
Starts Monday 26th April 2021  
**Bank Holiday:**  
Monday 3rd May 2021  
**Half Term Holiday:**  
Monday 31 May 2021 – Friday 4 June 2021  
**Children Start Date:**  
Monday 7th June 2021  
**Staff Training Day:**  
Friday 25th June 2021  
**Keeping Healthy Week (including sports  
day):**  
Starts Monday 28th June 2021  
**Parents Evening:**  
Thursday 8th July 2021  
**End of Term Finish Date:**  
Thursday 22nd July at 2pm  
**Staff Training Day:** Friday 23rd July 2021

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## 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 **96.2%**  
**Well done to Foxglove the weekly winners with 99.1%**

28th September to 2nd October 2020

