



Dear Parents & Carers,

Many of our Year 5 pupils are looking forward to their trip to Kench Hill activity centre in Kent during the next two weeks. This will give them the opportunity to experience the great outdoors with campfires and many adventure activities. It is an exhausting but fun week away from home for teachers and pupils alike and we look forward to sharing news of their activities through regular Tweets, noticeboard and website updates. Please could parents of children who are going carefully read the packing list so as not to forget anything!

Our school Governors held their termly meeting in the week before half term. They have agreed the schools budgets and have been discussing standards at each school as well as risks related to national issues such as recruitment. A number of improvements to the school building have been planned for the Summer break. We hope that the Governors newsletter sent out last term was useful in understanding more about who they are and what they do, there will be another newsletter later this term to update you.

Our sports day this year is on Friday 28th June and children will be refining their athletics skills in readiness. Parents are invited to join us with the opportunity to show off their own athleticism in a parent race at the end. This is not compulsory! A letter with more details of sports day and the other activities which have been arranged for Keeping Healthy week which is running all of that week, will be sent nearer the time. Both at Sports day and when children have PE lessons we expect them to be wearing our school PE kit. This and other uniform items can all be bought online at Mapac via a link on the parents section of our school website. They aim to deliver items within 10 working days but during the busy summer period it can take a little longer. If you are ordering uniform in time for the new school year, please make sure you have placed your order with Mapac before August 2nd to ensure that it gets to you on time.

Thank you for all of your support

Ms Rachel Adams
Headteacher

Mr Stephen Hall
Executive Headteacher

FLASH! BANG! WALLOP!



Year five took an exciting trip to the Science Museum to learn all about the properties of different materials and states of matter. The children enjoyed taking part in a 'hands on' workshop where they were given the opportunity to experiment with solids, liquids and gases, before

exploring the fantastic wonder lab. Here, the children enjoyed

being Scientists. They immersed themselves in a spectacular interactive gallery involving explosive science

demonstrations, revealing

the beauty of the science and maths that shape our everyday lives. Amazing!



FLUFFY FRIENDS!



EYFS have been looking after some special visitors. After keeping some eggs warm in our own incubator, ten chicks hatched and we were able to watch them take their first steps and grow. This links with work on different

life cycles and we have received curious visitors from different classes across the school, keen to see them. Sadly we have had to say goodbye to our fluffy friends, who are now at home in a free range farm.



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

IN THE HOXTON GARDEN...



As the weather warms, the children have been enjoying our garden. Lily class have been looking for mini-beasts in microhabitats. They made a tally chart to count the different types of different critters. The most common mini-beast? Snails... there were many! Meanwhile, Tulip class have been patiently waiting and watching for the caterpillars to emerge from their chrysalis in the classroom. The children enjoyed releasing the young butterflies into the garden. They then wrote letters to Ms Adams to grow more bee-loving plants. They were very persuasive!



YEAR 6 BUILD SPAGHETTI TOWERS



Year 6 have finally finished their SATs tests. They have been working very hard and we are immensely proud of them. They have a lot of exciting end of year events to look forward to. However, the learning continues! The children have been investigating the links between shapes and architecture in their maths lessons. As a practical activity, they explored the strength of structures by attempting to build towers out of spaghetti, paper and marshmallows. The children worked in pairs, discussing and designing their ideas. And a few marshmallows were lost!



SUMMER TERM COFFEE MORNINGS

As well as our **Friday morning stay and read** sessions for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, all parents are invited to drop into our sessions on various themes which are held on the ground floor at 9:15am.

Friday 14th June	Speech and Language: How to support the development of your child's speech and language skills
Friday 21st June	Literacy: strategies to help your children learn and apply their spellings through handwriting (<i>Children will be attending this morning with their parents.</i>)
Friday 28th June	Keeping Healthy Week: Come and find more about the dangers of 'sugary drinks and snacking' through a practical session with your children.

Key dates

Summer Term 2019

Keeping Healthy Week

(including sports day):
Starts Monday 24th June

Parents Evening:

Thursday 4th July

End of Term Finish Date:

Friday 19th July at 2pm

Autumn Term 2019

Start Date:

Wednesday 4th September

Half Term Holiday: Monday 21st to Friday 25th October

Children Start Date:

Monday 28th October

Parents Evening: Thursday 28th November

End of Term Finish Date:

Thursday 19th December

Spring Term 2020

Start Date:

Monday 6th January 2019

Work & Enterprise Week:

Week beginning

20th January

Half Term Holiday: Monday 17th to Friday 21st February

Staff Training Day:

Monday 24th February

Parents Evening:

Thursday 26th March

Finish Date:

Friday 3rd April at 2pm

See our website for up to date events and the full term dates for 2019/20.

ATTENDANCE

Children have only 190 school days in a year so coming to school everyday makes a real difference! Whole school attendance for before half term was **96.7%**

Well done to Primrose Class, the weekly winners with 100%.

20th to 24th May 2019

