



Hoxton Garden Primary School

HIGHLIGHTS

Friday 22nd January 2021

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A big thank you to the whole school community for the support, understanding and resilience shown as we have again adapted our learning model to take account of a partial school closure. While a small number of pupils continue to access onsite provision, the majority of the school are learning from home. We understand the challenges in managing learning at home and our structure is designed to ensure pupils can consolidate and reinforce their knowledge and skills through website learning tasks and Google Classroom in Key Stage 2. The telephone calls with the class teacher are designed to support an opportunity to ask questions or discuss top tips for making home schooling the best it can be and we hope you are finding these as useful as the teachers are.

You should have now had the opportunity to collect a resource pack from the school to support your child in recording their learning and offered an opportunity to visit the school library to change home reading books. Appointments can be made by calling the school office if you need additional resources for working at home or need to make a further change to reading books across the coming weeks. Don't forget that the school office can also print paper packs of the weekly home learning tasks for you!

The website continues to be our main communication at this time. Clicking the 'school closure' link on the home page will take you straight to the most up to date information and this can be viewed on a mobile phone, tablet or PC. The school will continue to ensure text message 'quick links' are sent to highlight when new content has been added

Our recent parent survey analysis has now been completed and we received 70 responses in total. The outcomes have shown the majority of parents are very pleased with our school provision. Some of the highlights from the survey include:

- 100% agreed teachers work hard and teach well
- 100% agreed the newsletter is informative
- 99% are happy with their child's progress
- 99% agreed pupils are well behaved and feel safe

Thank you for your continued support.

Ms Rachel Adams
Headteacher

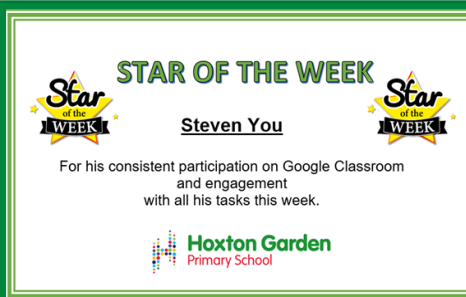
Ms Rachel Davie
Executive Headteacher



**TIMETABLES ARE AVAILABLE ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE TO HELP STRUCTURE THE DAY
KEEPING THE SAME ROUTINE WILL HELP STAY ON TOP OF HOME LEARNING!**



SHINING STARS!



Children in Years 3 to 6 continue to access their learning through Google Classroom. Teachers are online

during key points of the day to support the children with tasks and provide feedback. We continue to recognise the hard work and resilience of these children through *Star of the Week* whilst children at school continue to receive *Achievement Awards*. Of course, all our learners are winners!

LEARNING AT HOME...

Thank you to all our families who have taken the time to share photos of their child learning at home. We have been amazed at the dedication!



AND AT SCHOOL

It is so good to have children in school to give us all a sense of normality. Teaching and support staff have been at hand to provide personalised support and opportunities to practise essential key skills. This week, Year 5 have been cycling and developing their road proficiency.



NEED AN EXTRA HELPING HAND?

LIFE THREATENING EMERGENCY

Dial 999

REFUGE

Advice on dealing with domestic violence

www.refuge.co.uk
0808 2000 247

National Domestic Violence Helpline
0808 2000 247

Call 999 in emergencies. If it is unsafe for you to speak aloud, dial 999 and press 55 to make a silent call.

MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS

Crisis Helpline
020 8432 8020

Text 'SHOUT' to
85258

Samaritans
116 123

NON-URGENT MENTAL HEALTH

Mind
0300 123 3393
www.mind.org.uk

Mental Health Foundation
www.mentalhealth.org.uk

CORONAVIRUS SUPPORT HELPLINE

020 8356 3111
Monday-Friday
9am – 5pm

CHILD PROTECTION

Hackney Children & Families Services
020 8356 5500

Out of hours emergency
020 8356 2710

NSPCC
0808 800 5000
www.nspcc.org.uk

MONEY AND DEBT ADVICE

Benefits Contact Line
020 8356 3399

Debt Advice Foundation
0800 043 40 50

National Debtline
0808 808 4000

FOOD SUPPORT

Hackney Foodbank
0808 2082138
Monday-Friday
10am-4pm

Hackney Council
020 8356 3111

We recognise that many of our families will require that little bit of extra support over the next few weeks. We at Hoxton Garden, are at hand to guide parents to the right help within our community. During weekly phone calls and visits to the school office, we can offer links to vital services and support. Attached are some key websites and telephone numbers important to ensure our children remain safe. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have queries about any aspect of your child's wellbeing.

COFFEE MORNINGS AND DROP INS

Coffee Morning sessions will be every 2 weeks in the Spring Term, with Nursery and Reception holding specific Coffee Morning sessions twice a half term. All sessions will be video presentations that will be shared on the school website. A text alert with a link will be sent so that you can easily access the session!

Date	Focus
Friday 5 th February	Writing: Find out how you can encourage your child to write creatively
Friday 26 th February	Maths: What is fluency, reasoning and problem solving?
Friday 12 th March	Speech and Language: Using stories to develop vocabulary
Friday 26 th March	Homework: Strategies to support your child's homework routine

Parent Drop In sessions will be held every second Friday. Although we will not be able to meet in groups, we will be able to offer you an opportunity to meet with a member of the senior team to answer any questions you may have or sign post you to any community resources or services that might be helpful to you. Please call the school office to book an appointment.

TOP TIPS FOR HOME LEARNING

Remote education ensures continuous learning outside the classroom. For parents and carers, remote education isn't always straightforward and there can be a number of things to consider in order for this to be successful. Our teachers have identified their top tips for home learning!

- Establish routines and expectations by following the learning timetable
- Establish times for physical activity, quiet and reflection each day at set times
- Choose a good place to learn in the home that is quiet and without distraction.
- Keep in touch with teachers through the weekly calls
- Help pupils 'own' their learning by asking questions and encouraging a 'have a go' attitude



Key Dates

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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