



# Hoxton Garden Primary School

# HIGHLIGHTS

Friday 12th March 2021

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We were delighted to open our doors again on Monday to all pupils. It has been a pleasure to see children adapt back quickly to the routines and structures of the school day and to see so many happy faces.

Our COVID19 risk assessment and action plan has been revised to take account of the Government guidance for re-opening safely. It sets out the decisions taken and measures in place to ensure the continued mitigation of risk against the virus within the school environment. You can find a copy on our school website.

A big thank you to our school community for following our systems at drop off and pick up time including only one adult on school site, the wearing of masks and phoning the school office rather than making physical visits. Punctuality is especially important at this time. Learning begins promptly at 8.55am for all pupils with key skills focus work in KS2 and phonics in Early Years and KS1. It is vital that children do not miss this part of the day in order that children build good recall of core knowledge over time.

Learning discrete reading skills is vital and research into reading shows that developing positive attitudes towards reading can also play a key role in children's development. We are constantly refreshing our home reader libraries so that children have fresh content to read. Please help us to build the enjoyment of reading by making sure that children read every night and record what has been read in the home school diary. Don't forget that there are also example questions that you can ask children when reading to help them to develop their understanding and comprehension skills.

Our school has a 'no debt' policy and uses an online service called ScoPay for payments. This system allows parents to make payments for school meals and after school club using the internet. Payments are made through WorldPay so they are secure and reliable. If you need more information about setting this up, please call the school office.

Thank you for your continued support.

Ms Rachel Adams  
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie  
Executive Headteacher

## WE ARE BACK!

What a fantastic week! All staff were happy to see all our children and families in person. Our focus has been settling children back into the routine and expectation of school, taking time to share experiences and to support wellbeing. Our full curriculum will be continuing and includes PE, art and music.



## NURSERY NEWS



It's great to see our youngest children back at school and meeting their new teacher Ms Cerhan. This week the children have been reading Goldilocks and role playing the different characters in the Bears' kitchen in the home corner. Outside, the children have been making porridge in the mud kitchen. In maths, the children have been rehearsing their numbers and counting up to 20. Wow!

## KEY SKILLS

As part of our recovery curriculum we are rehearsing key skills with children in Years 1 to 6. Key skills are the essential skills such as phonics and number which underpin the ability for children to carry out successfully, and improve on, a wide range of tasks. They have a specific role in helping children to meet their end year expectations. Ask your child what they did in their key skills lesson today!



**SMART BLACK SCHOOL SHOES FOR  
SCHOOL PLEASE!**



## WORLD BOOK DAY IN PICTURES

During World Book Day we received a massive photographic response, sending a positive and powerful message from our children that they love books and reading! Children in school took part in a range of workshops whilst those at home completed many online activities and enjoyed Ms Houchin's special assembly. Thank you to everyone who got dressed up. Now that all children are back in school they will be having their daily reading lesson of Daily Supported Reader or Destination Reader. Please ensure your child continues to read regularly and their home school diary is completed and signed. Great job everyone!



## COFFEE MORNINGS

There are two coffee mornings left this term but all previous content can still be accessed via the coffee morning page on the school website.

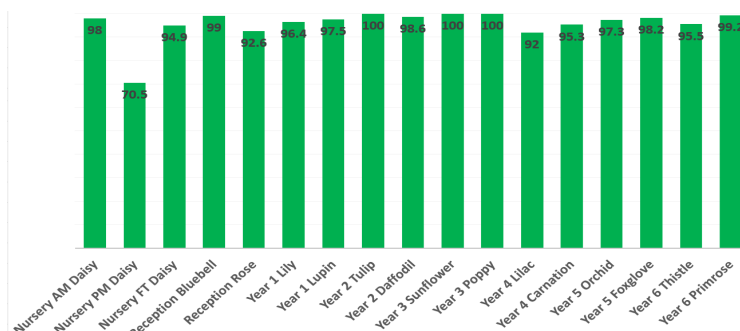
Date	Focus
Friday 19th March	<b>Speech and Language:</b> How to use stories to enhance language development (EYFS focus)
Friday 26th March	<b>Homework:</b> Strategies to support your child's homework routine

As a result of the continued partial closures, the high level of personal contact with individual families across the partial closure and the challenges of accurately measuring pupil progress as a result of children just returning to school, Spring Term reports and the parent consultation evening due to take place on the 25th March will not go ahead. This means that the next parents evening consultation and report date will be the **8th July**. We encourage you to speak to the class teacher or book an appointment time via the school office for a call back if a longer discussion is required about your child's learning.

## ATTENDANCE

It is very important that children are in school every day and on time in order that they can close learning gaps and catch up quickly after the recent partial closure.

Whole school attendance for last week was **96.9%**  
**Well done to Tulip, Sunflower and Poppy Class,**  
the weekly winners with **100%**



## 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

#### 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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