

HIGHLIGHTS

Friday 7th May 2021

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As the weather slowly warms up, children take off their jumpers and coats which can sometimes get lost or left behind. Whilst we cannot take responsibility for lost uniform we will always remind children to pick up their jumpers and coats at the end of playtime / lunchtime and help to find lost items. To support us in this please make sure that all uniform is labelled with both a first name and surname. Please also make regular checks to the jumper your child brings home to make sure it is theirs and return it if it has the wrong name! Our school continues to look very smart and we very much want our children to feel a sense of pride. Please also ensure that children are wearing the correct uniform including black shoes and by wearing trousers not jogging bottoms. We also expect children to bring a PE kit of a white t-shirt and black shorts.

School Streets is the Council's programme to transform roads outside schools, so that only pedestrians and cyclists can use them at school start and finish times. The scheme tackles congestion and improves air quality at the school gates, making it easier and safer to walk and cycle to school which creates a more pleasant environment for everyone. Parents and carers are reminded cars are not to enter Ivy Street during the school hours of 8:30am - 9:30am and 3:00pm - 4:00pm. The zones will operate Monday to Friday during school term-time only.

Today you will have received the Parent Governor nomination form and instructions on how to vote for your favourite candidate. As one of our current parent governors is from Orchard School, nominations have been accepted from Southwold and Hoxton Garden Schools to ensure equal representation. However, parents across all three schools have the opportunity to vote. Please follow the survey link on the election sheet to have your vote counted!

We are currently giving consideration to a number of summer events that would normally take place at school. The Government continue to move ahead with their 'roadmap out of lockdown' and we are planning how this will affect some of the events towards the latter part of the term including Celebration Assemblies and arrangements for Year 6. We will provide you with more information as soon as we can.

Thank you for your support!

Ms Rachel Adams Headteacher Ms Rachel Davie Executive Headteacher

FLUFFY FRIENDS





The EYFS children have been very excited about our new arrivals in the classroom. They watched our chicks hatch out of their eggs and grow stronger each day, being very gentle when handling them. We loved watching our chicks grow!

SPORTS FUN!

Last week year 4 took part in a sports festival. This was an unique opportunity to learn about and take part in a range of new sports including boxing,

street dance, volleyball and basketball! We hope these taster sessions will inspire our children to try new activities and develop a love of sport.



APOLLO ARE BACK!

It was fantastic to invite the Apollo String Quartet back into our school to compliment and support our music provision. The year 3 children were very excited to listen



to and see live classical music in their classroom. We are looking forward to seeing them again!





CELEBRATING DIVERSITY DURING FAMILIES WEEK

Last week we celebrated Families' Week. Our theme this year focused on celebrating diversity within our school. Families' week is an opportunity for children to explore the different family structures in our modern society. They learned that some children have a mum and a dad, some live in single parent families, some have foster parents, some live with their grandparents and some have same-sex parents. The most important learning point for all our children was that as long as the family environment is a loving one it does not matter how it is structured. We hope the children shared their learning with you.



COFFEE MORNINGS

Thank you to everyone who has left feedback or made suggestions in the parent comment box, we use the feedback to inform the content of our coffee mornings. The Summer Term coffee mornings are now underway. If you have missed content, it is easy to catch up. Go to the coffee morning page in the parent section of our website and watch any of the coffee mornings from the Summer, Spring or Autumn. Watch to the end of the videos this term to see our new feature: three top takeaway tips from the session!

Date	Focus
Friday 21 st May	ICT: How to support your child with home learning using
	Google Classroom
Friday 11 th June	Reading: How to support your child to develop their
	comprehension skills
Friday 25 th June	Keeping Healthy: Find out how to provide a well-balanced
	diet at home and for packed lunches
Friday 9 th July	Maths: Strategies to support your child with their
	timestables
Friday 23rd July	Summer Holiday activities: Things to do at home and in
	the local area to prepare your child for the new school year

ATTENDANCE

Coming to school everyday and on time makes a real difference to progress in learning. Whole school attendance for last week was 97.2% Well done to Daisy FT and Carnation Class the overall weekly winners with 100%



Key Dates

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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