



Friday 11th June 2021

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a lovely break and enjoyed the improved weather. We have an exciting final half term of the school year lined up including enrichment events such as Earth Day and Keeping Health Week in addition to preparing pupils for transition to new year groups in September 2021. Please check the parent dates sent home this week, these are also available via the website calendar to keep you up to date.

The Year 6 secondary transition day on Thursday 1st July will be going ahead as face to face visits. Families should prepare in advance and ensure Year 6 pupils undertake COVID home tests two days before the visit and on return. Our school will be supporting the process by ensuring consistency in year group bubbles for Year 6 both before and after the visit.

Our school COVID secure risk assessment has been updated in response to government changes as lockdown eases. This can be found on the school website. We have had no cases of COVID 19 and no bubble closures since full re-opening on the 8th March. Our attendance continues to be above both the Hackney and national average as a result of the hard work of pupils, parents and school staff. Thank you! The government recently announced that international travel can gradually resume as destinations are added to England's 'green list'. People should not travel to 'amber' and 'red' countries, and strict rules on testing and quarantine remain in place to protect public health and the vaccination programme. Pupil attendance at school is mandatory and absence due to holidays in term time will not be authorised.

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 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 on the summer term.

Thank you for your on-going support.

Ms Rachel Adams
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie
Executive Headteacher

MAYAN FUN



Last term, Year 5 took part in a drama workshop to support with their learning about the Ancient Mayan civilisation. They explored the many different gods and goddesses. Mayans were also great inventors including inventing their own calendars, farming methods and writing systems.

ECO-WARRIOR NEWS

We are very pleased to announce that the Eco School Committee received the Eco Schools Bronze Certificate in recognition for their work helping to improve the environmental habits of the school. This now includes our new pen recycling boxes on each floor. Well done to all involved in the process.



HARVEST TIME



Now summer is finally here, the children have been into the garden to harvest the chard and kale. The abundant rainfall has produced a bumper crop this season so the children took handfuls home to cook or chop into salads. Kale is particularly rich in iron. How do you cook yours?



PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE ON TIME SO THAT CLASSES ARE NOT INTERRUPTED.



SCIENCE DAY HIGHLIGHTS



Last term, we celebrated Science Day. The aim of the day was to ignite a passion and interest in the wonderful world of Science! The children asked questions, explored hypothesis, carried out experiments and presented their findings.

Our theme this year focused on exploring the superpowers of the Marvel characters! Our leading scientist, Ms Ahmed, launched the day with an amazing assembly and a live experiment from her lovely assistant, The Hulk.

Year 1 made exploding lunch bags, Year 2 made magnetic slime whilst Year 6 created radioactive snow. The children had great fun and learned so much!



COFFEE MORNINGS AND KEY DATES

Our coffee mornings will continue to run online until the end of the academic year. Please see below for upcoming content and visit the Coffee Morning page in the parent section of the website for historic content. In addition to the coffee mornings, there are a number of scheduled events taking place across the second half of the summer term including celebration assemblies and a PTA event. Please check the website calendar and the parent dates document sent home this week!

Date	Focus
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 timetables
Friday 23 rd July	Summer Holiday activities: Things to do at home and in the local area to prepare your child for the new school year

Key Dates

Summer Term 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

Autumn Term 2021

Staff Training Days: Wednesday 1st, Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd September 2021
Children's Start Date: Monday 6th September 2021
Meet the Teacher: Monday 13th, Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th September 2021
Bring a Dad/Significant Male to School Day: Wednesday 29th September 2021
World Week & Democracy Day: Monday 11th October 2021 – Friday 15th October 2021
Half Term Holiday: Monday 25th October 2021 – Friday 29th October 2021

Children Start Date: Monday 1st November 2021
Parents Evening: Thursday 9th December 2021
End of Term Finish Date: Friday 17th December 2021 at 2pm

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ATTENDANCE

Coming to school everyday and on time makes a real difference to progress in learning. Whole school attendance for last half term was **95.1%**
Well done to Sunflower Class the overall half term winners with **97.4%**

