



Hoxton Garden Primary School

HIGHLIGHTS

Friday 10th December 2021

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all parents who have attended end of term events including the Winter Fayre and sing-alongs. Our three school choir has been performing at various events both in person and through video recordings. We are very proud of the commitment to music in our school and the many talented musicians we have. A huge thank you to our music teacher, Ms Isik for her preparation and hard work. Instrumental lessons start again in the Spring Term and if you would like your child to gain from the many benefits of learning a musical instrument then please ask at our reception desk for an application form. Learning an instrument not only brings a lot of pleasure, it helps develop concentration, listening skills, patience, social skills and memory. We subsidise all lessons with an even cheaper rate for those eligible for Pupil Premium Funding and loan instruments to allow practise at home.

Despite the many sweet treats around at this time of year, we continue to ask that if children bring a packed lunch to school their lunch boxes contain a healthy and nutritious meal that will help them retain concentration in the afternoon. We do not allow children to have fizzy drinks, chocolate bars or crisps in our dinner hall and ask that you provide healthy alternatives such as low sugar juice, chopped vegetables and dried fruit. If you think you may be eligible for free school meals, please visit our school office and the admin team will support you in checking this.

The end of the term is drawing near but before the school closes at **2pm on Thursday 16th December 2021** we still have learning time and lessons to complete. Please make sure that your child attends every day until the Christmas break. Children return to school for the Spring term on **Tuesday 4th January 2022**.

Please make sure that children continue to read and practise key maths and writing skills over the holidays, whether it is writing a letter to Santa or playing card games and adding up the scores. We wish you all a very safe and happy holiday.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Ms Rachel Adams
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie
Executive Headteacher

FARM FUN!



As part of their science learning, Year 1 visited one of the largest inner city farms anywhere in Europe - Mudchute Farm. They learned about the many, different farm

animals, spending time feeding the most largest! The children saw over one hundred different species. To find out more about their seasonal activities, do visit their website!

YEAR 4 APOLLO VISIT

Year 4 were visited by the Apollo string quartet. They performed music by Beethoven and Mozart. The children were asked to think about the different stories that could be told to accompany the music. This quartet not only delivered a superb range of music but created an impressive visual that will leave a lasting impression on our children.



WAHMS AT HOXTON



At Hoxton Garden we recognise that children's mental health is a crucial factor in their overall wellbeing and can affect their learning and achievement. We are a part of an exciting, Hackney-wide initiative that aims to support schools. Our WAHMS (Wellbeing and Mental Health in Schools) worker is Vana Lamprogianni. If you would like to discuss your child's wellbeing with Vana please speak with Ms De Veer who will arrange this.



**ENJOY THE CHRISTMAS BREAK WHICH STARTS ON AT 2PM ON THE 16TH DECEMBER
THE SPRING TERM STARTS ON TUESDAY 4TH JANUARY 2022!**



VIRIDIS FEDERATION CHOIR



Despite the wind and dampness, the Viridis Federation Choir attended an outdoor carol service at the St Augustine Tower. This is Hackney's oldest building, having survived when the rest of the original parish church was demolished in 1798. The children sang next to the permanent fruit sculptures, created by Veronica Ryan to honour the Windrush generation. The sculptures symbolise the council's respect and commitment to the Windrush generation and their legacy and contribution to the area. The children sang a range of familiar, seasonal songs pleasing the crowds who gathered to hear them sing.



SPRING TERM COFFEE MORNINGS

We have organised a series of coffee mornings for parents based on your feedback. The face to face sessions have been very well received and we are keen that as many parents as possible take up the opportunity to join us. They run from 9:15am on Friday mornings and are open to all. Attending means a chance to meet other parents and school staff, as well as an opportunity to understand how we approach learning with your children in school. Don't forget also that parents of Nursery and Reception children are invited to stay on and read with their child, every Friday from 8.55am.

Date	Focus
Friday 7 th January	Maths: How can I support my child with their Maths homework?
Friday 14 th January	Writing: How can I engage my child to write creatively at home?
Friday 21 st January	Music: What does the music curriculum look like at our school?
Friday 28 th January	Communications: How can I find my way around the school website?
Friday 4 th February	Wellbeing: What will my child learn during the Children's Mental Health Week?
Friday 11 th February	Online safety: How to support my child to use digital technologies safely, positively and responsibly? (Safer Internet Day parent workshop for KS2 parents only)

Key Dates

Spring Term 2022

Children's Start Date: Tuesday 4th January 2022

Work and Enterprise Week: 24th January 2022

Safer Internet Day: Wednesday 9th February 2022

Half Term Holiday: Monday 14th February to Friday 18th February 2022

Children's Start date:

Monday 21st February 2022

World Book Day: Thursday 3rd March 2022

Parents Evening: Thursday 24th March 2022

End of Term Finish Date: Friday 1st April 2022 at 2pm

Summer Term 2022

Easter Monday: Monday 18th April 2022

Children's Start Date: Tuesday 19th April 2022

Families' Week: Starts Monday 25th April 2022

Bank Holiday: Monday 2nd May 2022

Science & Technology Day (with Science Fair): Monday 23rd May 2022

Half Term Holiday: Monday 30th May 2022 – Friday 3rd June 2022

Children's Start Date: Monday 6th June 2022

Staff Training Day: Friday 24th June 2022

Keeping Healthy Week (including sports day): Starts Monday 27th June 2022

Parents Evening: Thursday 7th July 2022

End of Term Finish Date: Thursday 21st July 2022 at 2pm

Staff Training Day: Friday 22nd July 2022

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ATTENDANCE

Coming to school everyday makes a real difference!
Whole school attendance for last week was 95.3% **Well done to Lily Class and FT Daisy Class, the weekly winners with 100%.**

