

# HIGHLIGHTS

Friday 21st January 2022

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#### Dear Parents and Carers.

Our recent parent survey analysis has now been completed and we received 172 responses in total. The outcomes have shown the community thoughts and feelings about our school provision. Some of the highlights from the survey include:

- 99% agree or strongly agree the school provides a good education for their child.
- 99% agree or strongly agree their child feels safe at school
- 98% agree or strongly agree they are happy with the progress that their child is making
- 98% agree or strongly agree the school is led and managed well

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete this. We take all feedback very seriously and the leadership team will be reviewing all contributions to the survey across this half term for things we can do even better.

At the very beginning of each school day children set straight to task whilst the teacher calls the register. This often involves rehearsing key skills such as spellings, handwriting or times tables. This is also the time that many children read one to one with an adult or receive additional help. When children arrive to the classroom late, they do not only miss out on their own learning time, but it disrupts this time for other children in the class. Please help us by making sure that children are on time and in the playground ready to line up at 8:55am to come into school with their class.

Despite the changeable weather, we are keen that children get fresh air and play outside each day so please make sure that they bring a warm coat, hat and gloves to school and that these are clearly marked with their name in case they get lost. Remember, we expect children to wear black school shoes whilst at school and not boots for safety reasons, as well as to make sure children are comfortable when in class. PE at this time of the year mostly takes place indoors but we still expect all children to have a white t-shirt, plain green shorts or black jogging bottoms as their PE kit.

Thank you for your support.

Ms Rachel Adams Headteacher Ms Rachel Davie Executive Headteacher

# **DAISY VISITOR**



Daisy Class are learning about 'people who help us' so they invited a parent in to share her experience of being a nurse. Our youngest children learned basic first aid, including how to apply a plaster. The children learnt some new vocabulary and were able to ask questions.

### YEAR 4 MINI BEAST HUNT

Year 4 have been in our garden this week searching for a range of different mini-beasts. They found many creepy crawlies, including a centipede! They sketched the different animals they had found and researched different facts about them in the classroom.



# **APOLLO WORKSHOP**



Last week we welcomed back Apollo for a string quartet workshop. This was in preparation for the Year 4 trip to watch the Apollo Chamber Orchestra perform at the Shoreditch town hall on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> of January. It was great to hear the music of Ravel!

READING AT HOME IS VERY IMPORTANT!
PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHECK AND SIGN HOME SCHOOL DIARIES!



# **LOOK OUT! IT'S A CRIME SCENE!!**



Continuing our theme of people who help us in EYFS, Reception children found a mess in their classroom last week! Who did it and why? Luckily, the adults were at hand to isolate the crime scene. The children then used their investigative skills to find out what had happened. They took on the role of police officers using various props to find clues. Kai said " I think Dino the dinosaur made this mess, we need to find him and arrest him". I hope you found him children!



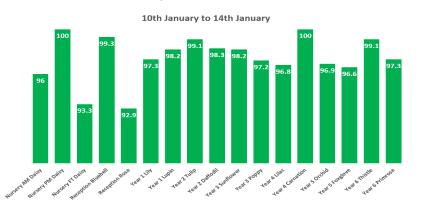
# **COFFEE MORNINGS AND PARENT DROP INS**

Date	Focus
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Communications: How can I find my way around the school website?
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Wellbeing: What will my child learn during the Children's Mental Health Week?
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> 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)

Ms Shola, our Learning Mentor, is available to talk to parents/carers each morning on the playground when you drop your children at school to discuss any concerns you may have regarding behaviour, learning or any other support you require. If you would like to pre book an appointment, please call the school office to arrange this.

### **ATTENDANCE**

Coming to school everyday makes a real difference! Whole school attendance for last week was 97.5% Well done to Carnation and PM Nursery Class. the weekly winners with 100%.



### **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

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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