

#### Dear Parents and Carers,

On behalf of the Governing Board, we wanted to share a brief update regarding our leadership team. Our Executive Headteacher, Stephen O'Brien is away from work, with Rachael Carr taking over his role on an interim basis. Rachael is an experienced leader in our federation, having worked across all three schools within the last eleven years. This will not impact the children's routines or learning. You can continue to contact our headteacher and school staff as and when needed in the usual ways.

Once again, we would like to take the opportunity to wish you a very Happy New Year! All children have now started their new topics. You will have received a year group leaflet explaining the topics we are covering over the first half of the Spring Term and any help that you can give from home is always very welcome. Thank you to those parents who helped with creative projects over the holidays which have helped to make fantastic classroom displays.

From Monday 26th until Friday 30th January, we will be undertaking 'Work and Enterprise Week' where children will be finding out all sorts of things about the world of work. Some year groups will be finding out what it is like to work in the community as a doctor or a fire fighter, while others will be thinking about how people can realise their ambitions. All classes will go on a visit to a place of work or have a visitor from someone who works in the community. If you would like to speak to the children about your own job, please do speak with your child's class teacher.

Work and Enterprise Week forms part of our personal, social and health curriculum, which encompasses life skills and ways to be safe, healthy and happy. If you are interested in knowing more about our curriculum themes, there is more information, including a full topic map of the year on our new website. Following parent feedback, we have updated the website to make it easier to use and find the information that you need.

The world around us has changed very quickly and whilst new technologies offer so many opportunities and exciting new knowledge and ways of communicating than ever before they also hold risks, particularly to children. We work hard to ensure that children understand how to stay safe while using the internet; whether through a computer, telephone or game, and the risks of sending images or being in contact with people they do not know online. You can also help to protect children from putting themselves at risk by monitoring their use of online technologies and restricting access to social media. A gentle reminder that the recommended age for using Whatsapp is 16+. There are many places to seek further advice and information on the ever-changing world of online technologies and the risks to young people. A particularly useful source of information, which contains information as well as activities for parents and children of all ages is <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

Thank you for all of your support.

**Ms Rachael Carr - Headteacher**

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#### Reminders

##### School Start Time

School starts at 8.55am. Please ensure children arrive on time to line up and enter the school with their class teacher when the bell goes.



##### School Shoes

Smart black shoes for school please. School uniform items can be purchased from Mapac. To order, please scan the QR code on the next page or visit our school website for the link.



#### Role Play

Children in EYFS have settled in well this week and are feeling confident. This week, the role play area has been transformed into a fire station. They children have been driving the fire engine, making phone calls and logging incidents as part of their day!



#### Writing Instructions

This week, children in Year 1 have been learning how to write instructions. They practised writing instructions on how to make a jam sandwich. They then followed these instructions to make mouthwatering sandwiches!



#### Apollo Brass Quartet

This week, Year 4 were joined by the Apollo Brass Quartet. They listened to the warm rich sounds of the french horn, trombone, tuba and trumpet. They learned how the instruments are made and how musicians vibrate their lips to produce sound.





## Art Competition

Congratulations to the three winners of the Hackney New Year's Parade art competition! The children designed a t-shirt to be displayed in the parade and the winners received a certificate and an amazon voucher. The art ambassadors also choose their top three designs and the winners received a certificate for their creative designs.



## Children's Book Project

In partnership with Children's Book Project, we were delighted to gift every child in the school a book of their choice from an exciting and carefully curated collection. This opportunity helped foster a love of reading and ensured that every child had a book to take home and enjoy.



## Key Dates

### Year 3 Poppy Class Assembly

Wednesday 21st January at 9:15am - Top Hall

### Year 3 Sunflower Class Assembly

Wednesday 21st January at 9:15am - Top Hall

### Year 2 Daffodil Class Assembly

Wednesday 4th February at 9:15am - Middle Hall

### Year 2 Tulip Class Assembly

Wednesday 4th February at 9:15am - Top Hall

### Work and Enterprise Week

Week beginning 26th January

### Enterprise Fayre

Thursday 29th January at 3:30pm

### Children's Mental Health Week

Week beginning 9th February

### Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 10th February

### Break up for the half term holidays

Friday 13th February

## Coffee Mornings

Parents/Carers are invited to drop into our sessions on various themes which are held in the Middle or Lower Hall at 9:15am on a Friday. These allow you to meet with other parents as well as to learn more about what the school does and get some practical tips on how to support your child with their learning from home.

Date	Focus
Thursday 22nd January	<u>MFL</u> : What do children learn in Spanish and how can language learning be supported at home? (Children can attend this coffee morning)
Friday 6th February	<u>Children's Mental Health</u> : This is my place - Belonging

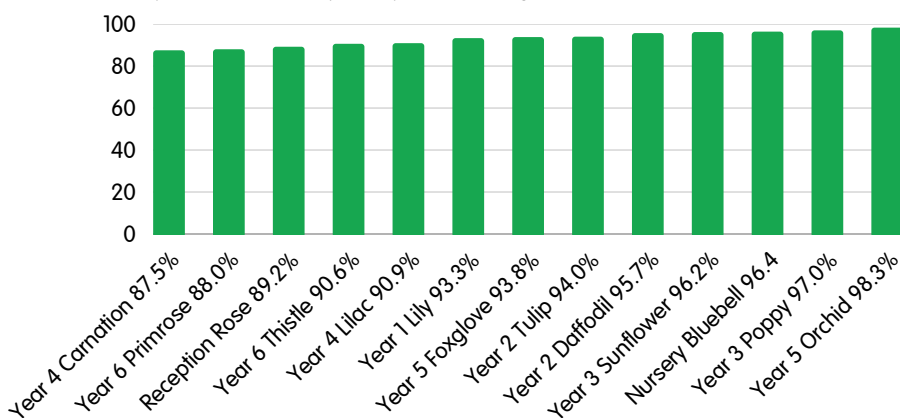
## Attendance

The whole school attendance for the last week was 92.8%

Well done to Year 5 Orchid Class, last week's winners with 98.3%

Attending school every day makes a real difference.

Please remember that WE DO NOT AUTHORISE HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME and unauthorised absences may result in a fixed penalty notice being issued.



### Term End and Start

The first half of the spring term ends on Friday 13th February at 3:30pm.

Please scan the QR code to view our 2025 -2026 term dates.



### School Uniform

Please scan the QR code to order school uniform.



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