



## School Aims

We aim to stimulate and inspire our children, develop their interests and equip them with lifelong learning skills through the provision of a broad, rich and exciting curriculum which focuses on developing children's love of learning.

### Messages from Mrs Quartson

I can hardly believe it is the last week of this half term and next week you will all be enjoying a week of holidays! The time seems to have raced by and the 'new normal' seems to be embedded in so many areas. I know it has taken some adjusting to but I wanted to say many thanks to each of you for your adaptability and support since the children have returned to school; it means so much to the staff and myself.

- **Parent Teacher Consultations:** Some year groups began their consultations this afternoon and the feedback from staff has been very positive so far. I know some parents have experienced some technical challenges. Please just let the staff know and they can liaise with you to arrange an alternative time to talk to you, or can give you a phone call instead. We will aim to have the videos to help you with supporting your children in English and Maths uploaded to the website as soon as possible too and will send out a reminder of the password when they are ready to view.
- **COVID update:** There has been a lot of new information recently. Please information included within this newsletter regarding advice if someone in your household has symptoms and ensuring you follow the advice carefully. You will also need to request a 'self-isolating note', which you need to send to the school. As soon as results are received back, you must inform the office.
- There are a number of local Barnet and BPET schools who have had to close bubbles/year groups when a positive case has been confirmed so we are clear it may happen here too. Should we have someone who tests positive, please be aware that we have an Education Continuity Plan in place to ensure your child does not miss any more education than they need to. This includes teachers teaching live lessons each day via Zoom.
- Please let the office know urgently if your child/ren do not have access to a laptop/tablet/iPad immediately should we have to close a bubble as we have some devices available to lend families. Please email the office immediately if you:
  1. Do not have a device that your child/ren can use.
  2. Do not have broadband access. Please remember to include your child/ren's names and class.

We will do our best to ensure you are able to borrow a device should your child's class/year group have to self-isolate.

In the meantime, enjoy a wonderful end to this half term and a relaxing week for the half term break next week.

We look forward to seeing you all back at 8.30/8.40/8.50am on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November for another full and exciting half term ahead!

### Drop off and pick up

It has come to our attention that some parents are using their phones around the gates/near school. We have all have a duty to safeguard the children and therefore, we request that you do not use your phone on school property (including in the car parks or at the gates), including videoing your child when other children may be nearby.

For any parents who drive to school, please remember to drive slowly and safely down Pavilion Way, especially as there are many little ones and children walking, running and playing close to the road.

### COVID UPDATE

As cases of COVID continue to rise locally and we are now at Tier 2, it is important for everyone to ensure we are following advice carefully. Should you or your child develop symptoms, you need to call 119 and follow the advice carefully (calls are recorded). If you are required to self-isolate, you need to request a self-isolation note by calling 111. You will need to forward this to the office immediately. Many thanks.

## UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(PLEASE NOTE THAT EVENTS MAY BE POSTPONED/CANCELLED/CHANGED DUE TO CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES. WE WILL AIM TO GIVE AS MUCH NOTICE OF CHANGES AS POSSIBLE)

<u>THIS WEEK:</u>		
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>3.30pm: Half term holiday begins</b>	All families
<u>FUTURE EVENTS:</u>		
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	<b>Children return to school</b>	All families
	Black History Poetry focus	All children
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children's Individual Photographs	All children
	Nasal Flu vaccination	
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Anti-Bullying Week	All children
Wk beg 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Pantomime	All children
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Lunch	All children
	Carols in the Community (tbc)	Yrs 3 - 5
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2.30 – 3.15pm: Year 1 & 2 Nativity (virtually - tbc)	
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	3.20pm: Yrs 3 - 5 Carols by Candlelight and Mini Winter Fayre (tbc)	
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Parties	All children
	<b>3.30pm: End of Autumn term</b>	All families

### Code of Conduct

There have been a few interactions recently between parents or between parents and staff members that have become very heated. These have taken place in front of other parents and also children. Staff have been reminded of the Code of Conduct to follow and we have also attached the Code of Conduct for you as a reminder. Please ensure you read through and follow it at all times.

Interactions around the school are usually very respectful and calm but we are aware that things are currently not how they would be normally with aspects that add frustration for everyone. It is important for us all to remain as calm and respectful as possible. We are very willing to listen to you but please ensure you phone or email so we can follow up with you in an appropriate way, which will not jeopardise your relationship with other parents in the year group who you will be in contact with for the rest of the year.

### MacMillan Mad Hatter's Tea Party

Many thanks to everyone for your support with the Mad Hatter's Tea Party on 8<sup>th</sup> October. The children (and staff) had a wonderful time decorating and eating!

The hall looked amazing and was wonderfully decorated in the theme of the day. The staff worked tirelessly to ensure everything was ready for the children, including the kitchen staff who baked a shortbread biscuit for every child. The children had a range of things to decorate their biscuits with and the staff tidied away after each year group and sanitised everything in line with our risk assessment.

Even though the staff (and children) were exhausted by the end of the day, it was such a wonderful time that they felt it was all worth it! Here are a few pictures of the hall to help you appreciate how wonderful it looked.

Your generous contributions raised an amazing £289.31 for MacMillan Cancer Charity so thank you so much!



### Black History Month

We have had a couple of parents asking why we haven't touched on Black History in this month. We will be doing some activities after the half-term; the children will be looking at black poets for the first week back. They will be doing some research about black historians, writing focused poetry about them and performing them too.

We will also be looking at black role models throughout topics during the year and will be reviewing how we incorporate black and other cultural key people in our everyday learning.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, we will have a working party focusing on auditing our current provision and drafting an action plan to address any points identified. If you would like to be part of this group, please let the office know.

### Medical Reminders

You should have received information about **Nasal Flu Vaccination** last week (check your junk folder if you have not received it). Due to the current situation, the consent form will be electronic and you have the option to consent or decline consent (more information about the programme is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine/>. If you want your child to have this, you **MUST** complete the e-consent. Only children who have consent will be given the spray.

Please remember to ensure that any prescribed medication which needs be given to your child should come through the office. **YOU MUST COMPLETE A PARENTAL AGREEMENT FORM** for the school to administer medication – NO FORM MEANS NO MEDICINE. Please do not give any medical to the class teacher.

### A SAD FAREWELL....

It is with great sadness that we inform you Mr Daniel (our Premises Manager) will not be returning to his role. He has helped and supported the school of over 3 years. He was committed to ensuring the best for the children, parents and staff at the school and was a significant member of the team. He helped move everyone from the temporary site to the new building and has always gone over and above in every way. We wish him the best of luck for the future!

## Attendance and Punctuality

### Attendance:

This Year's Attendance Target:	Last week's attendance:	Comments:	Class with the best attendance:
<b>96.5%</b>	<b>95.3%</b>	<p><i>Our attendance continues to be very low meaning that children are missing valuable and important learning time.</i></p> <p><i>With so much learning to be caught up, please ensure you arrange appointments, etc. outside school time, particularly dentist, doctor and hospital appointments. Many thanks for your help with this.</i></p>	<p><b>Holly and Willow classes had everyone in! 100% attendance!</b></p> <p>Willow have had everyone in school every day for 2 weeks in a row – well done! 😊</p>

### Punctuality:

Class/es where everyone arrived on time:	Comments:
<p><b>Well done to everyone – children and adults! 😊</b></p>	<p><i>We are so grateful to everyone for trying so hard to ensure the children arrive at the correct times even though there are so many things for you to contend with. 😊</i></p>

## LEARNING LAST WEEK...

### **Oak and Elm Class**

We have had a fantastic time with learning last week and even drew ourselves and designed our own outfits.

In Maths, we explored different ways to represent numbers up to 5 without having to count them - this is called subitising. We also learned to represent numbers up to 5 using a five frame. This will help everyone to count in 5's later on in school.

In Literacy, we continued to explore the storybook 'How do Dinosaurs go to school?' We were sequencing and ordering events from our school day. We also began matching initial sounds to words.

In Phonics, we learnt to say the sounds (phonemes) for these letters 'i, n, p, g, o' and practised forming (writing) them correctly according to the Read Write Inc. programme we use in school.

In Topic, we looked at different types of dinosaurs and created our own using different resources.

### **Pine and Pear Class**



#### Pear Class:

We have been learning about adjectives in English and doing some lovely writing about the book 'The Velveteen Rabbit'. What a lovely surprise to have The Velveteen Rabbit visit our class last week. We discovered he is real and not a toy!

He was very friendly and answered all our questions.

#### Pine Class:

Last week, the children in Pine Class were learning about more than and less than. They all tried really hard to work out lots of Maths problems involving more than and less than and used a range of resources to help them.

## Hazel and Cedar Class

In maths, we have started our unit on addition and subtraction, looking at related number facts and number bonds to 20 and 100. We have also received our iPad's, which we are using as a learning tool in different areas of the curriculum, including Science!



### Pirate Ships

#### Design & Technology



Look how incredible our ships are! We had so much fun creating our pirate ships in Design Technology. We spent the week researching, designing and building our creation. We used as many recycled materials as we could. We also explored more about Blackbeard in English and are preparing to write an information text. We were able to use our library books to learn about non-fiction texts and the different features!

## Willow and Birch Class



We have been learning about forces in Year 3. Last week, we built on our knowledge of 'push and pull' forces and learnt how magnets have a magnetic force that attracts magnetic objects.

We used magnets to identify objects and materials that are magnetic and non-magnetic.

## Chestnut and Holly Class



Last week in English, Year 5 were focusing on Beowulf.

We watched the animated version as well as reading the book. After this, we discussed the similarities and the differences between the two versions.

### Googling Geography

The children were excited to receive their very own iPads and eagerly put them into action, enhancing their learning in Geography.

We used Google Earth to locate places originally settled and named by the Anglo-Saxons and then explored the different geographical features that could be found in each location. Our new tools have us very excited for learning and we cannot wait to use them more in the weeks to come!



## Maple and Ash Class



Year 4 went back in time this week to the Victorian period.

Unfortunately, they were all arrested by PC Dias and PC Patel and had to undergo some very hard labour.

They realised how hard life could be for prisoners during this period but they enjoyed it so much, they said they'd like to do it every afternoon!