



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

Welcome back to all the children and staff who have been self-isolating. We are pleased to have you back in person but have been extremely impressed with the focused learning that the children have undertaken over the last two weeks (often with your support). We are aware it hasn't been easy and we are very grateful for your willingness to be so adaptable. If you were given a loan device, please ensure you return it to the office as soon as possible so it can be passed on to other children who may need it when they need to self-isolate.

Many thanks for the generosity shown by our school community for the **Children in Need Charity event** at school. We raised an impressive £146.20 which will support many children in a range of ways. It was great to see the photos and videos of the children supporting Joe Wicks to endure to the end of his 24 hour physical challenge and seeing every class full of spots made it even more worthwhile.

Thank you to all the new Reception parents who completed the **BPET New Parent Survey**. We appreciate the time you took to offer feedback to help us identify what we are doing well and how we can improve our service for parents who are joining the school for the first time. We will receive the analysis from head office soon.

Please be aware that we may need to **move staff into different classes and year groups** to help out where needed during this challenging time. Staff will continue to follow our risk assessment and keep socially distanced from the children wherever possible to ensure there as little cross bubble mixing as possible. They may be in different places for a short or longer time period. We will inform parents should any changes need to be made for a long term basis.

There continues to be some tweaking needed regarding **siblings being dropped off and collected together**. We need to ensure siblings are not cross bubble mixing with others outside their own year group other than each other so please ensure you do not send your children in at drop off until your older child's class has entered and also ensure you have let the teacher of your oldest child know the younger sibling has also entered.

Please refer to the attached information from Barnet asking for parents who would like to become **COVID Health Champions**. There are contact details included if you would like more information regarding this.

Enjoy a safe and happy week ahead.

Trips and Events update

As you will be aware, not all of the money paid for trips and events by parents last year was used due to lockdown. As a result, we have carried this money forward to this year for events for the children and trips (when we are able to resume them).

Once the remaining funds are used, we will contact you regarding costs for the remainder of the year's events and trips.

This fund will be used to pay for the Pantomime for the children on 7th December.

Black Lives Matter Working Party

Many thanks to the parents and carers who have indicated they would like to be part of the BLM Working Party.

Staff have begun to look at this important area and have completed an initial survey. We will be in contact with the parents who volunteered to set up an initial virtual meeting for early in the Spring Term.

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>		
Mon 23 rd - Fri 27 th Nov	Yr2 Phonics Screening test	Yr 2 children
<u>FUTURE EVENTS:</u>		
Wk beg 7 th Dec	Christmas Pantomime	All children
Thurs 10 th Dec	Christmas Lunch	All children
	Carols in the Community (tbc)	Yrs 3 - 5
Tues 15 th Dec	2.30 – 3.15pm: Year 1 & 2 Nativity (virtually - tbc)	
Thurs 17 th Dec	3.20pm: Yrs 3 - 5 Carols by Candlelight and Mini Winter Fayre (tbc)	
Fri 18 th Dec	Christmas Parties	All children
	3.30pm: End of Autumn term	All families
Tues 5 th Jan 21	Children return for Spring Term	All children

School lunches

A reminder that Yr 3, 4 and 5 parents will need to pay for school meals unless we have seen your letter confirming your child is eligible for free school meals. You need to pay for lunches in advance/monthly via your Arbor account.

Thank you for your support with this.

Year 2 Phonics Screening Check

As a result of lockdown, the government announced that all Yr 2 pupils will complete the Phonics Screening Check by the end of this term.

It is a short, statutory assessment to ensure that children are making sufficient progress with developing phonics skills to help them to decode words. It is also a key strategy to ensure they are on track to become fluent readers who can enjoy reading for pleasure and for learning.

Each Year 2 child will sit with the class teacher and will be asked to read 40 words aloud. The check normally takes a few minutes. If your child is struggling the teacher will stop. The check is carefully designed not to be stressful for your child. These checks will take place over the coming week. Daily phonics lessons will continue as normal.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher via ClassDojo or email the office.

Parking on Pavillon Way



Please be considerate towards our neighbours in Pavilion Way. We have had complaints from residents whose parking bays have been blocked at school drop off and pick up times. In one instance, a car was blocked in.

Please also ensure that ONLY cars displaying disabled badges can park in the disabled bays at the end of the school. We know parking is tight but we would appreciate your help.

Videos to Support Parents with Helping Their Child

Miss van Bergen has been able to upload the videos showing how you can help your child with closing any gaps in English and maths to the website.

Please see the attached information to help you access them. We trust you will find them informative.

Rescheduled events:

Flu Nasal Spray Vaccinations: Just to let you know that the revisit for flu nasal spray vaccinations will take place on Monday 30th November. All children who didn't have their nasal spray done because they were self-isolating will have them on this date.

School Photos: The school photos have been postponed until Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th April 2021 due to lockdown.

Anti-bullying week

Last week, we kicked off Anti-Bullying Week with national 'Odd Socks Day' where all children and staff wore colourful and patterned odd socks to show our uniqueness and differences. Throughout the week, we celebrated our differences and learnt how to be good friends.

In PSHCE lessons, the children spoke about what it meant to be kind and how we can be a good friend to all those around us. Each class thought of 'A Minion Way's to be Kind', which will be collated to form a friendship display.

Our Stars of the Week have been chosen for their kindness and friendship towards others, identifying those who have one out of their way to be kind to other people in their year group!



Christmas Lunch



We will be sending Christmas lunch letters soon so please keep an eye out for it.

Please ensure letter slips are returned by 5th December so that we know how many children in each year group are having Christmas lunch. **Every child MUST return the slip and pay (if required) in advanced. No slip or payment = no Christmas meal.**

KS2 children: Please add money to your Arbor account for Christmas lunch. All children entitled to a **free** school meal do not need to pay.

BPET Community Fund – Launched on 19/11/2020 Target £10,500!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AT BPET

“Did you know that within our BPET family of 8 schools, 22% of children qualify for Pupil Premium/Free School Meals? That means that at least 510 children across our Trust are classified as disadvantaged and we know that many of them and their families are living in relative poverty.

Therefore, BPET has created a “Community Fund” project which looks to raise funds from across our school, supplier and partner communities to help offer support to our families most in need.

Working with our Catering Partner, we are using crowd-funding to deliver each of our 510 families with a Christmas Hamper, which will include Fruit and Vegetable staples as well as some Christmas Treats.

We believe that, within our community is the power to help.

If you can make a one-off donation or create a regular payment please visit: [https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/bpet-](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/bpet-communityfund-christmashampers/)

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Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance:

This Year's Attendance Target:	Last week's attendance:	Comments:	Class with the best attendance:
96.5%	94.8%	<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>	Well done to Cedar 100%

Punctuality:

Class/es where everyone arrived on time:	Comments:
Elm, Oak, Pear, Pine, Cedar, Hazel, Ash and Chestnut	<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

Last week, we enjoyed exploring the celebration of Diwali through our focus book 'Lighting a lamp'. We wrote Diwali cards to our friends and focused on using the tricky red word 'to'.

As it was Anti-Bullying Week, we spoke about how to be kind and what this looked like. We made kindness hearts for each other.

In maths, we explored the concept of basic addition by being able to say one more than a number up to 10.

In Topic, we read the story of Rama and Sita, made masks and puppets and retold and acted out the story with our peers. We also created Diya lamps using salt dough.

In phonics, we focused on: 'z', 'ch', 'qu', 'x' and 'ng'.

Pine and Pear Class

Pear Class:

Pear class celebrated Children in Need. We joined in with Joe Wicks at 9am as a class.

We then as a class discussed what charity is and why the Children in Need charity is important.



Pine Class:

Last week was Anti-Bullying Week and Year 1 focused on how to build friendships, how to be a good friend and why it is important to be nice to everyone. Pine class then moved onto painting a beautiful picture for a friend in their class. Every child went home with a picture painted for them. Well done Pine class for being so FRIENDLY to each other! Keep up the positive attitude.

Hazel and Cedar Class



Last week in Year 2, we have been continuing with our story, 'Lila and the Secret of Rain'. We have been exploring features of a diary entry, as this week, we will be writing our own entry from the perspective of Lila.

In maths, we were learning how to add/subtract two 2-digit numbers by exchanging tens and ones.

During our geography lessons, we researched about the countries within Africa and learnt about some of the famous landmarks. In science we have been exploring the Savannah habitat and the animals that live there.

We also have been practicing our Nativity! Ask your child to sing you one of our songs or to say their line without looking.



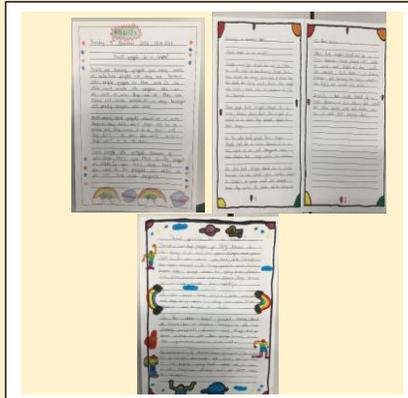
Maple and Ash Class



Maple class had such an exciting Science lesson where we investigated how sound travels by making our own string telephone.

In Ash class, we wrote balanced arguments about whether or not graffiti should be a crime.

We were so proud of our amazing drafts that we decided to decorate and display them!



Willow and Birch Class



Year 3 have really enjoyed thinking about how to be a good friend for Anti-Bullying Week. Here are our minion ideas of how to be a good friend.

Chestnut and Holly Class



Year 5 have had an incredible couple of weeks navigating their learning online. We have enjoyed using Zoom to complete our English and Maths learning and have even done PE and completed Science experiments over the web. In these two weeks we have developed our typing skills, taken more responsibility for our learning and have shown the teachers how mature and engaged we are. The teaching team are so proud of the Year 5s and want to say a HUGE WELL DONE for all their efforts.