



Newsletter

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Attendance

Our target is 96%.

Attendance to date from
September 2018.

Please note difference	W/B 18/03	W/B 25/03
Mango (Nur)	90%	90%
Peach (Rec B)	93%	93%
Apple (Rec N)	95%	95%
Beech (1E)	96%	95%
Maple (1T)	96%	96%
Birch (2R)	96%	96%
Ash (2S)	97%	97%
Oak (3B)	94%	94%
Lemon (3D)	95%	95%
Aspen (4KN)	95%	95%
Spruce (4L)	96%	96%
Palm (5A)	96%	96%
Cherry (5S)	96%	96%
Willow (6G)	96%	96%
Cypress (6S)	93%	93%



Easter Mass
Led by
Father Tom
Monday 9.15am
in Church

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has seen an immense amount of activity going on. The staff have all been working hard, finalising their assessments of the children in their learning for the Spring term. It is great to see the evidence of their learning in school. Certainly we are seeing real advances in the quality of children's writing across the school, which is great as it has been one of our priorities this year.

Our team in Year 5 also did us proud this week when they represented us at the final of the Dragon's Den project in partnership with HSBC. They had worked so hard, taking the feedback from the previous Dragons and had refined their business idea really well. They presented with gusto and everyone was really impressed by them, including one of our parents Chumki Shetty who has supported them in this work. They won a cup as runners up and we are really proud of them. Well done 'Hop to it'!!

Children who are collected late at the end of the day—new arrangements

Whilst attendance at our school is improving and we are really grateful for your efforts with this, we do have an issue where some children are repeatedly collected late at the end of each day.

Please note that the school day, for everyone, finishes at 3:30pm. We have a duty of care to look after the children up to but no later than 3:45pm and our staff have directed time to do this. After 3:45pm, the staff are not expected to look after the children any more, unless the child is enrolled in a club—whether that is an extra curricular club or Energy Kidz after school club.

Please can you make every effort to make sure that your child is collected on time. Truthfully, it is upsetting for children when they are repeatedly collected late.

From next week, Natalie Trew and Kabita Kamaly, will collect all children who have not been collected by 3:45pm from the main Reception where their teachers bring them and will take them to another area of the school until they are collected. They will maintain a clear register of who has been collected late and what time they have actually been collected by.

If children are regularly collected late, we will have to issue families with a fine that reflects the additional hours of unauthorised child care taken. Clearly we recognise that occasionally things happen which upset arrangements that have been made and lead to lateness, but in tracking collection times more carefully, we will easily be able to differentiate between the 'unavoidable delays' and those instances where an assumption is frequently made that the school will routinely look after the children, which is not fair.

Please understand, that the school day does not end for staff when the children go home. As soon as the children go home, staff's work continues as they work together to mark the children's work, plan for the following day and invest time in creating the lovely welcoming environments that your children enjoy each day. As such it is not fair to the children in the school, when staff are retained looking after a few and are therefore not able to prepare the learning for everyone. Thank you in anticipation, to you all, for your cooperation on this issue.

World Autism Awareness Week

Next week is World Autism Awareness Week. On Wednesday the 3rd April the children are invited to wear silly socks or tights with their school uniform. This is to raise awareness for Autism. We wear different or unusual socks to celebrate our differences and individuality. The brighter the better! Why not even wear an odd pair?

We will also be holding a coffee morning on Wednesday 3rd April. Please find more information about this on the back of the newsletter.

Dates coming up

We have our **Spring Concert on Thursday 4th April 2019 at 2:30pm**. The names of the children taking part were shared in the newsletter last week. If you missed this you can find a copy on the school's website.

We close for the **Easter Holidays on Friday 5th April 2019 at 2.00pm**. Please note that there will be no Energy Kidz after school provision and no clubs either. Please can you make arrangements for your children to be collected at 2pm as the site will be locked soon after.

The first day back after the Easter holidays is **Tuesday 23rd April 2019**. This is because Easter Monday, a bank holiday, falls on the day before. The Tuesday is a normal school day and Energy Kidz will be back running as normal.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE CLOCKS CHANGE THIS WEEKEND!!

See you all on time on Monday morning! Best wishes, Rebecca Abrahams

Class catch-up

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Bonjour</u></p> <p>La phrase de la semaine: Joyeuses Pâques! = Happy Easter! Pronounced "Jshwyerz Pack" Music: If your KS2 child is interested in the Isle of Dogs Children's Choir at St Edmund's 4-5pm on Wednesdays, please complete a form and return to Mrs McLucas. All are welcome at our Spring Concert on Thursday 4th April. Arrive in good time for a 2.30pm start!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Nursery</u></p> <p>In Nursery this week we have been making flowers for spring, playing with the farm with baby lambs and chicks and making a special gift for Mothers day. Next week we are really looking forward to some Easter treats and our Easter hat parade on the last day. Please remember to speak to a member of staff if you would like your child to make a hat in school. Have a good weekend</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Reception</u></p> <p>What a busy week we've had this week! We had some special visitors who came in on Monday to do an exciting drama workshop with us. It was so much fun! In maths we learned the song: Ten Green Bottles and we explored how many bottles would be left if more than one bottle fell at a time. In Literacy we learned about positional language (on, under, behind, in front) and we went on an Easter Egg hunt. We then had to tell our teachers where we found the eggs using positional language. In Phonics we learned these diagraphs: ie (pie, tie) and ue (cue, blue). We are looking forward to next week's Easter Bonnet parade. Have a lovely weekend.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Year 1</u></p> <p>Year 1 have been creative busy bees this week! They have written some incredibly imaginative remakes of Rumpelstiltskin, working so hard to use different punctuation, speech and exciting characters that they designed themselves. In maths, we have been exploring halves and quarters of both shape and number. They have enjoyed cutting and colouring their shapes, taking some very artistic talents to their maths lesson. Science and Geography have been taking us on tropical holidays and allowing us to roll up our sleeves and enjoy some exciting weather experiments. Next week will be very active with 2 swimming sessions and lessons that will get the children off their desks and shaking it up! Have a lovely weekend!</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Year 2</u></p> <p>This week in Year 2 we have been writing our own stories based on 'The Sea Monster'. In Maths we have been exploring money and making the same amount in different ways. We will continue to consolidate our understanding of money next week. We will also be having a Spring dance workshop next week which we are really looking forward to. Enjoy your weekend!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Year 3</u></p> <p>We have had such a busy week in year 3! In literacy, we have been getting ready for our big write by planning and practicing using conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions. Next week we will have finished and we will be eager to share them with you! In maths, we have been looking at fractions and understanding how to add, compare and solve problems related to fractions.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Year 4</u></p> <p>In year 4 this week we have started a new unit of work on poetry in our English. In our maths, we are learning all about telling the time and the calendar. Next week we will look in detail at the 12 hour and 24 hour time, so if you are able to do any work with your child over the weekend on this, it would be very useful! Our RE continues to focus on Holy Communion. Please note that we have our Easter Mass in Church on Monday, and that we finish school at 2pm next Friday. Have a lovely weekend!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Year 5</u></p> <p>It's been an incredibly busy week in Year 5! We have been researching about Napoleon in Literacy so we can write up our biographies using the features next week. In Maths, we have been working hard to solve problems using addition and subtraction. A huge well done to the children who represented us as a school for our Dragon's Den projects at HSBC. The children did incredibly well and won 2nd place! Congratulations on showing resilience, determination and for making the school proud. Have a great weekend!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Year 6</u></p> <p>Year 6 have been busy completing word problems and further developing their understanding of number. We also had an immersive lesson in English with children role playing taking cover in the underground during The Blitz. Our focus in RE remains on Easter and we are looking forward to applying our knowledge to our school Easter service. Have a great weekend!</p>
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**Early Years
Easter Bonnet Parade
Friday 5th April 1.30pm**



Autism Awareness

**Wednesday 3rd
April 2019 we
will be hosting
an Autism
Awareness**

coffee morning in the Community House from 9am-10am. We will be joined by our Phoenix Outreach Worker, Athina Stamou. All parents are welcome.