



**Key dates coming up:**

Please refer to the School Calendar on the school website for the date of Class Monday Collective Worships and Thursday Class Assemblies planned. Additionally please note the following:

- Friday 13 March will be **Sports Relief**
- Thursday 26 March will be our **Spring Concert** from 2:30pm.
- Friday 03 April, there will be a further **Early Years Open Classroom**. Contrary to what is published in the School Calendar, this will start at 1:15 and finish at 2:00pm.
- The last day of the Spring term is Friday 03 April when we will close at **2pm** and there will be **no after school clubs**.
- We are closed for **Polling** on Thursday 7th May 2020 and a Bank holiday on Friday 8th May 2020.

**Newsletter**

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**Attendance**

	W/B 24/02	W/B 02/03
Mango (Nur)	92%	87%
Peach (Rec B)	93%	95%
Apple (Rec N)	92%	89%
Beech (1L)	96%	97%
Maple (1S)	95%	95%
Birch (2B)	96%	91%
Ash (2C)	95%	94%
Oak (3B)	98%	89%
Lemon (3C)	96%	89%
Aspen (4G)	96%	93%
Spruce (4L)	97%	96%
Palm (5D)	95%	87%
Cherry (5S)	95%	93%
Willow (6G)	97%	96%
Cypress (6S)	95%	92%

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to start this issue of the newsletter by sharing some news about staffing. I need to share with you that Sue Hudson, our Nursery Manager, will be leaving our school on Friday 20 March. I realise many of you will be really saddened to hear this because Sue has worked at our school for such a long time, approximately 20 years, and will have taught many of your children when they have started in a school setting. Starting school is such a big step for children, and their parents, and so it is a time when you form a really strong bond with the staff working with you and your child, and so many of you will hold Sue, from that time, in such high regard. Sue and her husband made the decision sometime ago to sell up and leave London and so Sue is not leaving us to go to another school, she is leaving us and London, to start something entirely new. As such, although very sorry to see Sue go, we are happy and excited for her, as she starts this next phase of life's journey. I have no doubt that you will join with me in using the next few weeks, to share with Sue how much we have appreciated her and everything that she has done for our school and in wishing her well. Anticipating this move for some time, we have had Harvey George working with the Nursery class. Harvey will be continuing with the class as their class teacher for the rest of the year.

Additionally, in regards to staffing, we are delighted to welcome Ms. Rothon back from her maternity leave this week. Ms. Rothon is both a class teacher and the school's subject leader for Writing. Ms. Rothon has returned buzzing with ideas to inspire our young writers.

Regrettably, I have received the news that Ms. Eler has decided not to return to teaching from her maternity leave. As such, Ms. Rothon will resume her class teaching with Year 1 Beech class and Mr. Lawry, who has been providing maternity cover, will be leaving us after next week.

**World Book Day** - Thank you to all of the parents and children for their enthusiasm on World Book Day. Everyone of the children I spoke to had a really enjoyable day, thanks in particular to Ms. Sutherland who led the assemblies and organised the activities for the children to enjoy. It was fantastic to see so many children and members of staff dressed up as their favorite book character. The effort that everyone goes to is truly commendable. Please make sure to check out our twitter page for pictures of different activities that the children took part in. We are also very excited that the children's author, Margaret Bateson Hill, will be visiting our school on March 25th. She will be working with some classes, but all children will have the opportunity to read some of her books and meet her. Currently, we have a selection of her books available in the library for children to borrow.

**PTA update & AGM** - shared on email this week, but published here again in case you missed it. You may have noticed the new stage area in the playground which was constructed over half term. This was paid for by the PTA using the funds raised at the Christmas Fayre. We will be adding some big chalk boards to the wall at the back of the stage once we have a run of dry weather! Hopefully these new additions will further enhance the children's enjoyment of the playground!

Our Valentine's Day raffle and fruit & cake sale raised £250. The money will be used to buy sports balls, hula hoops and other play equipment for the children to use in the playground at break time. If you have any suggestions or ideas either for things we could fund for the school, or how we could raise money please let us know.

Lastly, our Annual AGM will be held on Wednesday 25th March at 18:00 in the Community House. This is a great opportunity for you to come and find out more about the PTA, the money we have raised so far and how it has been spent. As well as our plans for the rest of the year.

We will also be holding votes for the position of Chair, Deputy Chair and Treasurer. If you would like to find out more or put yourself forward for one of these positions, please get in touch via email at stlukespta@hotmail.com. As always we welcome your views and suggestions and thank you for your continued support.

**Healthy lives support in the borough**

I have been asked to remind you all about the Active Together Programme that is delivered by the Bromley by Bow Centre and is funded by Sports England. The programme works with families with children 5- 11 years old and their siblings, offering 10-12 weekly sessions of physical activity and behaviour change.

In the programme participating families are provided with free physical activity taster sessions of badminton, yoga, table tennis, football and many more activities. In addition, they are offered fruit snacks each week, a family Action folder containing useful information about different aspects of the program and also as supporting information for topics covered in sessions such as:

- What is Physical activity, its benefits and how much we need to do daily to stay healthy,
- Information on nutrition, diet, food and hydration,
- Information about services available in the community as well as events and initiatives around the borough.
- Any other information that families feel might be useful to them.

Next Friday is Sports Relief. Children can come to school on Friday dressed in their favourite sports gear - donating £1 towards Sports Relief. During the day we will run the daily mile together and in the afternoon we will have a football tournament where children can pay £1 to play. Best wishes, Ms. Abrahams



**Mass**

Led by Cypress class  
Monday at 9.10am  
All Welcome



## Class catch-up

<u>Nursery</u>	<u>Reception</u>	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>
<p>We had a great first swimming lesson on Wednesday, with the children really enjoying their first time in the newly refurbished pool! Next week we will be reading 'Naughty Bus', so we will be doing lots of bus role play outside and continuing to learn about 2D shapes. Our phonics sound will be 'e', remember to pick up a phonics sheet from the nursery for some weekend practice if you would like to. We hope you have a great weekend from all the Nursery</p>	<p>Next week in Reception, we will be exploring Non Fiction texts and creating our own. In Maths, we will be introducing the term estimating and practising this in our estimation station. In phonics, we will be learning the new sounds; 'oi' and 'ou'. Swimming will be on Wednesdays for Peach class and Thursdays for Apples class. Please ensure you pack a towel, hat, goggles, one piece swimsuit and have all items named. The termly newsletter is now available on the school website with all the important dates for this term.</p> <p>Enjoy your weekend!</p>	<p>We had a fantastic World Book Day this week! Thank you so much to everyone for your efforts - everyone looked amazing!</p> <p>Next week we will be writing our Beegu stories. We will be using our own alien character to retell the story. Then we will move onto writing instructions. In maths we are looking at measuring, we will be comparing the height and length of different items, measuring using cubes and then rulers. In RE we will be starting our learning about the Easter story and in science comparing the different body parts of animals. We are looking forward to our trip to Hackney City Farm next Friday - your child will have their letter with them today. Have a lovely weekend</p>	<p>We had a wonderful time during world book day. We really enjoyed reading interesting books and creating monster bookmarks. Everyone's costumes looked fantastic. Next week we will continue our work on fractions in Maths and retell the story of the Sea Monster in Literacy. In RE we will be starting our learning about Easter focusing on our big question 'How do Easter symbols help us to understand the meaning of Easter for Christians?' In Science we are planting beans in bags and watching them grow to observe what seeds need to grow into healthy plants. In Geography we are understanding that a journey can be made around the world. We hope you have a lovely weekend.</p>
<u>Year 3</u>	<u>Year 4</u>	<u>Year 5</u>	<u>Year 6</u>
<p>Wow! what a wonderful World Book Day we had yesterday. It was so nice to see everybody dressed up and looking amazing. Next week in English we will be looking at information texts in relation to how they are set out and what are their features. In Maths we shall continue our new area of learning which is measuring. Children will be focusing on comparing lengths and converting between mm, cm and m. Our topic works continues to look at Volcanoes with our focus being on what happens when they erupt. It has been really nice to see some of the excellent topic homework. We really do appreciate all the work you do with your children at home. We hope you have a lovely peaceful weekend.</p>	<p>This has been a fun packed week! We have really enjoyed our cycling sessions and our World Book Day activities. Next week, we look forward to getting stuck into our new reading book, Kensuke's Kingdom. We have had an introduction to decimals and cannot wait to explore this topic further next week. For R.E, we will be focusing on our second big question of the term surrounding the topic of Holy Communion. Have a fantastic weekend!</p>	<p>Year 5 have been tackling more fraction problems and will continue developing our understanding of them. Our journey to 'the beach' has ignited our imagination for descriptive writing. Next week we will be looking at literary devices to improve our ability to describe a setting. In science we are focusing on materials and their properties to understand why certain things are made from particular materials. Our topic in Geography of 'Mountains' has already enthused the creation of some 3D projects, well done! Please support your child in completing these by the end of the term. Lastly our HSBC judging day is fast approaching, it would be great to see parental support of this. Please see the flyer that was handed out for details.</p>	<p>Next week in Year 6 we will be continuing to look at measurements in shape particularly looking at volume and ratio. In English we will be further exploring our book 'Holes' after the children wrote some fantastic letters this week. In R.E. we will start our Easter unit on, 'What does the Easter festival mean to Christians'. We will continue to research and develop our understanding of animals including humans in science. It is Cypress class service this Monday so if you are available please do come along to join us. Have a great weekend - Team Year 6.</p>

### Community House News

**Coffee Morning** on Mondays from 9.00am in the Community House, please come along and join us for a coffee and a chat.

**Keep Fit:** on Wednesdays 9.00am-10.00am in school. Crèche available on site.

**ESOL Life Skills Course:** on every Thursday, to develop your English Language Skills for work, further learning and everyday life.

**Employability Course:** Tuesdays 9:00am-11.30am. This course is in preparation to returning to work. Building skills and confidence.

### Free Taster Day at the Anna Fiorentini Theatre & Film School

Wednesday the 23rd and Saturday the 25th of April 2020 at our Docklands Branch

To sign up please visit: <https://www.annafiorentini.com/application-form>

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