



## Newsletter

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### Attendance

	W/B 10/02	W/B 24/02
Mango (Nur)	91%	92%
Peach (Rec B)	93%	93%
Apple (Rec N)	91%	92%
Beech (1L)	96%	96%
Maple (1S)	95%	95%
Birch (2B)	96%	96%
Ash (2C)	95%	95%
Oak (3B)	98%	98%
Lemon (3C)	96%	96%
Aspen (4G)	96%	96%
Spruce (4L)	97%	97%
Palm (5D)	95%	95%
Cherry (5S)	95%	95%
Willow (6G)	97%	97%
Cypress (6S)	95%	95%



### Mass

Led by Willow class  
Monday at 9.10am  
All Welcome

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THANK YOU

#### 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:

- Thursday 05 March will be **World Book Day**—where the children are invited to dress up as a book character. There will be activities planned for the children during the day and an assembly to celebrate.
- Friday 13 March will be **Sport's Relief**—details to follow next half term.
- 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.

Dear parents and carers,

What a week it has been. As you are no doubt aware from your children, there have been some issues this week with the provision for **lunch**. I did meet with Principles on Thursday morning and there was a significant improvement for Thursday and Friday. Attached to this newsletter, is a letter from them to you, explaining the position and offering ways to stay in touch with you over the coming weeks to ensure that the consistency of provision is secured.

The other pertinent issue at the moment is of course, the **Coronavirus**. I want to reassure you that I receive daily information from the Department of Education and Public Health England about the Coronavirus. To implement the guidance effectively we are checking with families returning from travel, where they have been. We also appeal to you please, if you have traveled recently, to familiarize yourselves with the guidance available on the internet and to take the precautions seriously, if the guidance does relate to you. We have distributed posters throughout the school, along with additional hand sanitizer and soap. Children are being encouraged to wash their hands regularly throughout the day. We have also distributed lots of boxes of tissues and children/staff who have runny noses are being encouraged to 'catch it, bin it, kill it' afterwards, in line with the best practice being encouraged.

#### World Book Day

Thursday, March 5th is World Book Day. In school, the children will spend the day celebrating reading and taking part in several activities. We encourage the children to come in dressed up as their favourite book character. Please don't feel you have to rush out and spend money on this, we love seeing homemade costumes! Make sure to check our Twitter page for pictures of the festivities. Please see the following link for ideas that you can do at home with your children. <https://www.worldbookday.com/2019/09/world-book-day-2020-launch/> Happy Reading!

**SEND Funding** Tower Hamlets are planning to make cuts to current SEND funding levels. This will include a reduction of EHCP funding for schools by 2% and over £1,000,000 cut from the Support for Learning Service. Our school currently uses the Support for Learning Service to help assess children for Special Educational Needs and go on specialist training to ensure we are supporting children in the best way we can. Today every child will be sent home with a postcard, please take the time to fill in this postcard and send it on to your local MP, councillor or Mayor John Biggs.

'**We Are Fetching**' is an app that has been developed by an Island parent to support parents in managing the school run digitally, by sharing the after school care of their children with other people they know and trust.

I met with the parent who has designed the app and I have agreed for her to be able to come and share the app with you in case any of you would like to trial it.

The app works by allowing a parent to create a secure profile connecting them with other parents, and together build a network of 'fetchers' that they approve to pick up their children. If a parent collects another person's child as well as their own, the idea is that they will earn credits that can be used when they need their own child collecting. This does not have to be a regular commitment. By picking up any child from the network, on a day that suits this parent, they earn credits to use on days when managing the school run is more of a challenge. My understanding is that they are developing the credits to act like 'rewards' that can also be cashed in with particular businesses.

The school will be automatically notified when someone other than the parent is due to collect a child, with a photo of the 'fetcher', to ensure each child is passed to the correct person.

If you decide to trial this with the developer, our school will be one of the first schools to test this new technology. I am interested to see whether this could support what can be a challenging time for parents, when an issue makes us late to collect our children.

Rachel Beech is the local parent and she will be here at St. Luke's at the following times next week, to meet you, if you are interested:

- The coffee morning at Community House on Monday 2 March from 9am;
- On Tuesday 3rd March, in the school at 9am, 4pm and 5:30pm to further introduce the app and help interested parents to start using the app. She will bring a few of her existing test users with her to ensure that no one is kept waiting.

Please understand this is not a school product, but I am sharing it with you because it may have potential. You'll have to try it out, but if you do find it helpful, we would certainly want to do our part to make sure it can be used effectively.

I have not had the chance to check uniform this week, but will be doing so next week. On the topic of clothing, as the cold weather continues, please make sure all children have coats so they can wrap up warm when they are outside.

With best wishes, Rebecca Abrahams

## Class catch-up

<p><u><b>Nursery</b></u></p> <p>We have had a great first week back, with the children settling well after their week at home and they have enjoyed playing in our new DLR roleplay area. Next week we are going to be reading 'The Train Ride', so feel free to have lots of conversations about trains and travel. Phonics is going well and we are going to learn 'c' and 'k' sounds next week, we will be making car tracks with paint and exploring 2D shapes around us.</p>	<p><u><b>Reception</b></u></p> <p>Next week in Literacy, we will be reading the story Mr Gumpy's Outing and acting out the story to help us remember it. In Maths, we will be moving on to learning how to find one less than a given number. In Phonics, we will be learning the sounds 'th' and 'th'. In RE, we will be talking about 'the last supper'. We hope you enjoy your weekend!</p>	<p><u><b>Year 1</b></u></p> <p>We have had a great start to the term in year 1! We started our new story of Beegu, and next week we are looking forward to designing our own alien and writing our own version of the story. In maths next week we will be learning to count forwards and backwards in 2s, 5s and 10s. We have focused on our PSHE unit of 'Healthy Me' this week so next week we will be starting our learning about our local area and classifying different types of animals in science. In RE we will continue thinking about the 10 commandments and what rules are important to us. We hope you have a lovely weekend!</p>	<p><u><b>Year 2</b></u></p> <p>We've had a busy week in Year 2. We really enjoyed our visit to St Paul's Cathedral and learning about the impact of The Great Fire of London. In PSHE this week we looked at the different ways we can keep our bodies healthy. Next week we will continue our learning around measure in Maths, measuring in centimetres and metres. In Literacy we'll be starting our new book The Sea Monster. In RE we're learning about the story of Noah and in Science we're learning more about seed dispersal. In Geography we're learning about the seven continents of the world. We hope you all have a lovely weekend.</p>
<p><u><b>Year 3</b></u></p> <p>Wow! what a busy first week back. Next week in English we will be continuing to look at Poetry, this weeks focus will be Limericks and Acrostic poems. Our Destination Reader focus is looking at nonfiction texts and our skill is summarising and questioning. In Maths we shall be finishing off Statistics and then moving onto length and perimeter. Our Science focus this half term is rocks and next week we will be looking at the different kinds of rocks and grouping and sorting them based on their appearance and physical properties. In Geography we have begun to look at Volcanoes and this week our focus is the features and how they are formed. Don't forget its World Book Day on Thursday and we look forward to seeing all the wonderful costumes your children shall be wearing. Have a great weekend.</p>	<p><u><b>Year 4</b></u></p> <p>We have had a brilliant first week back. we have undertaken science experiments around evaporation, as well as Spruce class delivering a showstopping performance for their class assembly. Next week, we will be looking at Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Mopurgo in English. We will be moving on to decimals in Maths, as well as revisiting fractions to help us with our learning. In Geography, we will start to look at Rivers and how they have helped us. Have a great weekend year 4.</p>	<p><u><b>Year 5</b></u></p> <p>Welcome back everyone. It's been a busy start back for Year 5 this week. We have concentrated a huge focus on our HSBC projects, which you are all welcome to watch (invitation letters to come). Next week our maths focus remains fractions whereby we will be adding and subtracting mixed numbers. We will explore our new class text for English which is a setting description. we will be drawing settings from description to underpin the importance of detail and clarity. We have experienced Ash Wednesday in church this week, which will help develop our understanding of our new RE investigation: 'What happens in Churches during Lent and at Easter?' Have a wonderful weekend.</p>	<p><u><b>Year 6</b></u></p> <p>It has been great to welcome all the children back after half term and everyone is excited about getting back to work for the next half of the year. Next week in Year 6 we will be writing letters from the juvenile detention centre, Camp Green Lake (it's not really green and there's no lake!) In maths we will be looking at ratio having developed our understanding of measures. Our new science topic is Animals including humans and we will begin by looking at the circulatory system. Meanwhile, in our geography lessons we will be looking at fair trade and sustainability. We hope you have a wonderful 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>

**FREE TASTER DAY** ANNA FIORENTINI THEATRE & FILM SCHOOL  
23 & 25 APRIL 2020

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