

Friday 2 February 2018

Dear Parents & Carers,

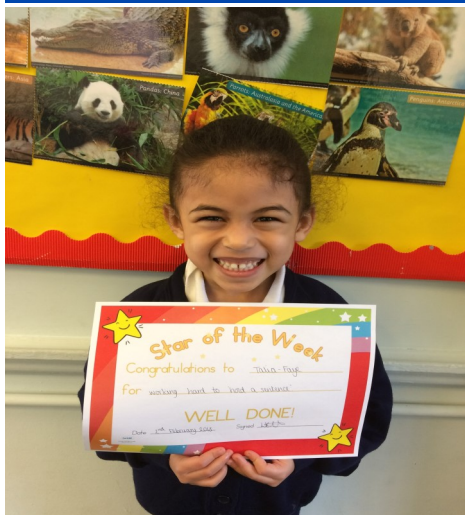
I had the pleasure of visiting our new building this week and I am happy to report back that work is progressing at a good pace. Over the next two weeks, the builders will also be working on erecting the main school hall—if you look at the site from Jubilee Park this is the wooden timber framed structure that is now visible. Although we are not allowed to publish pictures of the inside of the school building at this stage, I am hoping to show you some images by Easter.

In other exciting news, Concordia Academy will be in Living Magazine! This is the quarterly magazine sent to all homes in Havering. The next edition is out in March and there will be a short article on Concordia Academy so please look out for it.

Kind Regards,

Mr Raheel Akhtar  
Headteacher

## STAR OF THE WEEK



In Bluebell Class, our Star of the Week is Talia-Faye. Talia-Faye has been doing some really great writing with her teachers and has shown that she's working very hard to remember her sentences as she writes them. Great work, Talia-Faye!

Star of the week for Sunflower Class is Maya. Maya has been putting a lot of effort into learning how to count forwards and backwards in two's from 70. This has been a challenge for many of the children and Maya has been making sure that she takes every opportunity to practice this important skill. Well done Maya.

## ATTENDANCE

Attendance this week for Bluebell Class was 86%. Attendance for Sunflower Class was 94%. Well done to Sunflower Class for having the best attendance this week.

We will be handing out prizes at the end of this term for the children with the best attendance, and the children with the most improved attendance. These prizes will include children's books and cinema vouchers.

Please remember we do not authorise holiday absences during term time.

**EVERY  
SCHOOL DAY  
COUNTS**

## KEY DATES 2017/18

### Spring Term 2018

#### Thursday 8 February

Y1 visiting Purfleet for  
Sportshall Athletics

Vet visiting Y1

#### Friday 9 February

Children break up for half  
term

#### Monday 19 February

Children return to school

#### Monday 5 March

Keeping Healthy Week—  
workshops for children and  
parents on the afternoon of  
Monday 5 March

#### Wednesday 7 March

Coffee morning for parents  
(starting at 9.20am)

#### Thursday 22 March

Parent's Evening

#### Thursday 29 March

Last day of term

### Summer Term 2018

#### Monday 16 April

Staff training day—school  
closed

#### Tuesday 17 April

Children's first day of term

#### Thursday 3 May

Staff training day—school  
closed

#### Monday 7 May

Bank Holiday—school  
closed

#### Friday 25 May

Children break up for half  
term

#### Monday 4 June

Children return to school

#### Thursday 5 July

Parent's Evening

#### Friday 6 July

Staff training day—school  
closed

#### Friday 20 July

Last day of term

*\*Further dates will be added as and when  
necessary*



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## VET VISITING YEAR 1 NEXT WEEK!

Sunflower Class have been learning about animals this term, specifically those with paws, claws or whiskers. We are very lucky as next Thursday we have a local vet coming to visit us in the classroom. The vet will tell us all about the animals that they deal with in their job, as well as how the children can look after their own pets at home. This visit will take place next Thursday afternoon.

## CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY UPDATE

Due to the efforts of lots of schools (including Concordia!) a huge amount of money has been raised for Christmas Jumper Day. Please see the information we have been sent below by Children Now Magazine.

Thank you so much for your brilliant fundraising this **Christmas Jumper Day**. So far we've raised **£3,193,934!** The support of you and everyone at your school means we can be there for children when they need us most. To see how your donations make a real difference read our latest [Children Now magazine](#).

## HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

Every week, children are brought to the headteacher's office for making an extra special effort with their work. These children are given a special prize and congratulated for their efforts. This week, we have had a number of children who have really impressed us with their determination to succeed:



**Ilias** produced a fabulous piece of writing independently when writing about what he had done over the weekend. He used Fred Fingers to help him spell his words and worked really hard to keep his writing neat.

**Terence** made a special effort with his maths work this week. He successfully subtracted different numbers from 10, working extra hard on keeping his formation of numbers accurate.

**Imran** has had a super week, and is impressing all the staff with his increasing vocabulary.

Finally, in Y1 **Danielle** showed super understanding of partitioning two digit numbers into tens and ones. Best of all, she completed her work independently.

Congratulations to all of these children!



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