

Friday 15 March 2019

Dear Parents & Carers,

Thank you to all of the parents/carers who attended the workshops this week. There is a huge focus on reading at the moment, and it is important that your children are reading every day at home. As a general guide, these are the times children should (on average) be reading for at home each day:

Reception: 15-20 minutes. This should include a story read to the child by a parent.

Year 1: 20-30 minutes. This should include 10-15 minutes independent reading, followed by 15 minutes of a story read to the child by a parent.

Year 2: This should include a minimum of 20 minutes independent reading, followed by a further 15 minutes of sharing a book with a parent.

You will receive a separate letter today about a reading after school club which we are setting up for all parents/children. This will take place every Monday from 3.15pm-3.45pm and will involve teaching staff working together with parents in helping children to become better readers. We hope to see you all there.

Finally, this quote from a government research paper highlights the critical role reading plays in a child's development.

Reading independently and for enjoyment has been reported as more important for children's educational success than their family's socio-economic status. (OECD).

Kind regards,

Mr Raheel Akhtar
Headteacher

KEY DATES 2018/19

Spring Term 2019

Friday 15 March

Y1 Parent Workshop at 9am
Y2 Parent Workshop at 2.30pm
Red Nose Day

Friday 22 March

Coffee morning for parents with
Barking and Dagenham College
Y2 trip to the Science Museum

Monday 25 March

Reception Parents Maths Workshop

Tuesday 2 April

Y2 trip to Houses of Parliament

Friday 5 April

Autism Awareness Non-uniform Day

Wednesday 10 April

Easter Disco

Thursday 11 April

Parents' Evening

Friday 12 April

Easter 10p Roll!
Parent Gym taster session for parents
Last day of term

**Dates may be added and amended as necessary.*

ATTENDANCE

Attendance for Bluebell Class this week was 100%. Sunflower Class had attendance of 98.5%. Poppy Class had attendance of 96%. Congratulations to Bluebell Class for having the best attendance this week with 100%! This is a super effort by all in Reception!!

Coming to school on time every day makes a significant difference to how well children achieve at school. Make sure your child doesn't miss out by bringing them to school every day. Missed learning time cannot be made up and it is the children who lose out. Good attendance at school is one of the key indicators of educational success for a child throughout their school life, so make it a priority to get your child to school every day.

Please remember that we do not authorise holidays during term time.

**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**



ALL CHILDREN IN SCHOOL UNIFORM EVERY DAY PLEASE!

STAR OF THE WEEK

Star of the Week in Sunflower Class is Chimamanda. On our trip to the Royal Mews Chimamanda demonstrated exceptional behaviour every step of the way. She showed excellent listening skills and manners, setting a fantastic example for her peers. Great work Chimamanda.

Star of the Week in Poppy Class is Hayaa. We have seen Hayaa's concentration improve a lot of the last few weeks, especially in Maths. As a result, she has been doing some excellent work in her book, particularly on multiplication. Well done for staying focused Hayaa, keep it up!

Star of the week in Bluebell Class is Youssuf-Fareed. During science week we experimented with colour changing water. Youssuf-Fareed was very excited to take part in the experiments and enjoyed commenting and asking lots of questions about what might happen. Well done Youssuf-Fareed!



Y1 TRIP TO THE ROYAL MEWS



Sunflower Class visited the Royal Mews on Thursday!

They took part in a Moving into Words workshop where they were all given their own special notebook and as they looked at the fantastic golden carriages they were able to write or draw their ideas about them. They also saw the horses which pull the carriages for the Queen. The day ended by walking to Buckingham Palace where they noticed the Queen's special flag was up, which meant she was at home!

The children were very well behaved and represented our school exceptionally well.

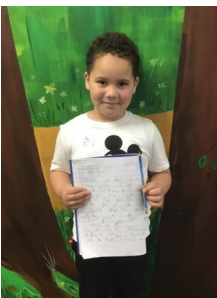
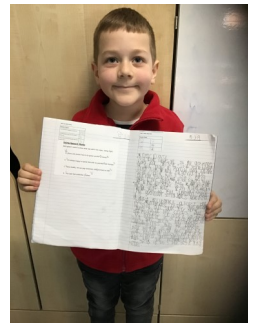


HEADTEACHER AWARD WINNERS



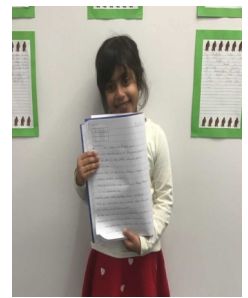
Antoine has received a Headteacher's Award for his impressive attitude towards learning. When learning about subtraction, Antoine needed a little bit of support to understand regrouping (which can be very tricky!). Instead of giving up, Antoine asked for more and more questions to answer until he was able to tackle regrouping all by himself. Everyone was absolutely blown away by his determination!

Samuel received a Headteacher's award for his super writing in Literacy. Samuel used a simile in his writing, and worked hard to spell his words correctly throughout. Great effort, Samuel!



Marcel received a Headteacher's award for fabulous writing! He wrote about Y1's trip to the Royal Mews yesterday, and wrote a whole page of detail about all of the exciting things that happened. Keep up the super writing Marcel!

Emma also produced some super writing today on the trip to the Royal Mews. Emma used some impressive vocabulary in her writing, including the words 'striking', 'golden', 'carriage' and 'after that...'. Top effort, Emma!



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