

Friday 11 December 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,

### Last week of term

There is only one week left until the Christmas holidays. I am aware that some of you will be considering keeping your child at home next week (following the letter from Havering Council). It is completely understandable that you will be thinking ahead to your Christmas plans and wanting to take every precaution so that you can have a happy and festive time with family members, some of whom you may not have seen for quite some time.

As a school, and in keeping with government guidance, we encourage you to continue to send your child in to school until the last day of term which is Friday 18 December. However, if you do choose to keep your child off school next week then please do inform us. This is a unique situation and we will authorise any absence where the parent feels that, as a safety precaution, they would like to keep their child at home next week. By knowing in advance, we can also prepare home learning packs for your children to complete next week so that they do not miss out on any learning.

### Foodbank Advent Appeal

Great thanks to all of the parents/carers that have brought in food donations, we have amassed a lot of food to give to the following two charities:

Hope4Havering— A local homeless shelter

Havering Women's Aid—They provide support and shelter for women and children who have been exposed to domestic violence.

Please do support us with this appeal by bringing in any food donations before Wednesday 16 December, it is important that we are giving back to our community and supporting those in need in any way we can.

### Parent Meetings

These take place next week. Please ensure that you are available at the scheduled time to receive the phone call from your child's class teacher.

Kind regards,

Mr Raheel Akhtar  
Headteacher

## KEY DATES 2020/21

**Autumn Term 2020**  
**Friday 11 December**  
Xmas Jumper Day

**Week beginning Monday**  
**14 December**  
Parent meetings with teachers (via phone)

**Wednesday 16 December**  
Xmas lunch for children and staff

**Friday 18 December**  
Students' last day of term holidays—school closes at 12pm

**Monday 4 January**  
Staff training day—school closed

**Tuesday 5 January**  
Children return to school

*\*Dates may be added or amended as necessary*

## ATTENDANCE

Class Name	Weekly Attendance
Buttercup	97.4%
Bluebell	94.2%
Daisy	97.7%
Daffodil	97.6%
Sunflower	97.5%
Poppy	96.7%
Carnation	96.1%
Orchid	88.5%

Congratulations to Daisy Class who are our attendance award winners this week with 99% attendance! The class with the highest attendance percentage at the end of Autumn Term will receive a special prize.

Coming to school on time every day makes a significant difference to how well children achieve at school. 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!**

## HEADTEACHER AWARDS



In Buttercup Class, the Headteacher Award goes to Tahiya. Tahiya has been trying really hard to try new food at lunchtime, which is a big step forward. Congratulations Tahiya!

In Daisy Class, the Headteacher Award has gone to Emelia this week for her super focus and effort to complete her activity rainbow in class. Children must collect a different colour lolly stick for each activity they finish, and I can rely on Emelia to finish her rainbow every day! Well done, Emelia!



The Headteacher Award in Daffodil Class goes to April. April has made fantastic progress in both Maths and in her reading. In Maths, April is able to choose a strategy and explain why she has chosen it. In her reading, April is developing great speed and confidence when reading to others. Well done April, keep it up!



Also in Y1, Sandra received a Headteacher Award this week for super reading. Sandra was breaking down long words into smaller chunks and sounding out each part before blending them together. Well done Sandra!

Maximo received a Headteacher Award this week for his thoughtful answers in Comprehension. We've been discussing 'Random Acts of Kindness' in Comprehension this week, and reading about the selfless Mary Seacole. Maximo offered some lovely thoughts about how he has helped his mum and why Mary Seacole was a caring individual.



During this half term, Carnation Class have been learning about Hinduism as part of their Religious Education. Anwita has shared her knowledge surrounding Hinduism with the whole class in a polite and thoughtful way, including how she would celebrate certain festivals. Great work, Anwita!

In Orchid Class, our Headteacher Award went to Maya! Maya has unfortunately been off school recently, but she has returned this week with a positive attitude, full of enthusiasm and keen to help others with their learning. Thank you for being so helpful around the class Maya, keep up the amazing work!

What a super effort by all of our award winners!



## STAR OF THE WEEK



The Star of the Week in Buttercup Class is Meida. Meida has been trying extremely hard in Phonics and is able to use Fred Talk to read green words. Ms Mills and Miss Courtney are very proud of Meida, well done!

The Star Of The Week in Daisy Class this week is Nirvana-Spirit! She is simply a pleasure to see every day because she always comes in to school with a smile on her face and something funny to say! We are very lucky to have her in our class, because she is also such a kind friend to everybody. Well done, Nirvana - Spirit!



The Star of the Week in Bluebell Class is Kai! Kai has made a real effort to complete our classroom activities and has managed to make his rainbow every day. As well as working hard during learning time, Kai is a kind and supportive member of Bluebell class with impeccable manners. Well deserved, Kai - keep up the fabulous work!



In Daffodil Class, our Star of the Week is Sophia Nichols. Sophia has been working hard in her Maths lessons. During class discussions she has been participating well and been able to reason her answers. Well done Sophia, keep it up!

Star of the Week in Sunflower Class is Ayaan. Ayaan has been working very hard on all of his Set 1 and 2 sounds and showed Ms Hollows superb reading this week. He was thinking carefully about special friends and using them to decode lots of tricky alien words. Great work, Ayaan.

In Y2, Youssuf-Fareed has been sharing his great ideas in Maths and Comprehension this week, by explaining his reasoning clearly. This has helped his classmates think about how they would get to the answer next time. Great work, Youssuf-Fareed!



Alex is the Star of the Week in Carnation Class. He has been much more focused recently and has worked hard to improve his presentation during all lessons, especially in Handwriting and Literacy lessons. Well done!

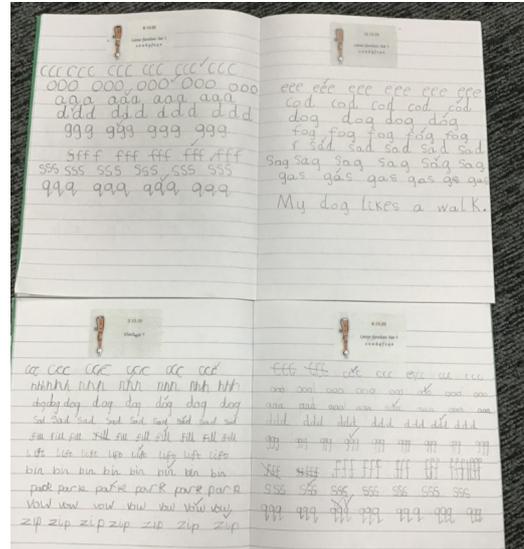
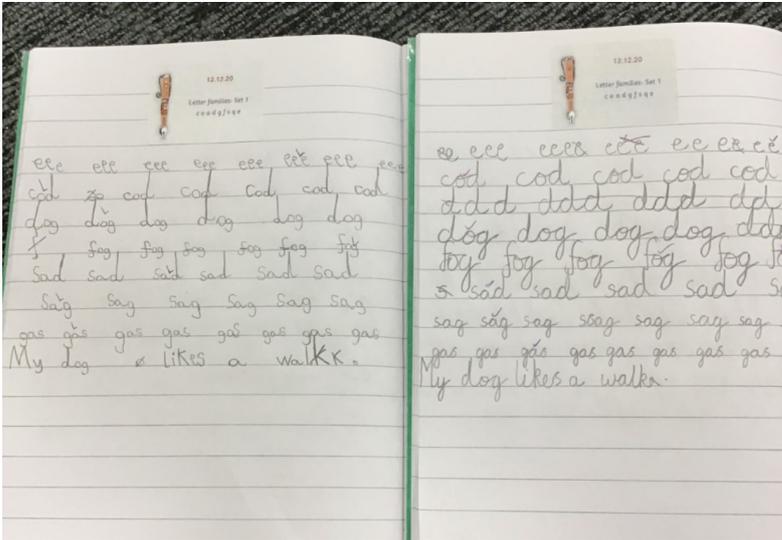
In Orchid Class, our Star of the Week is Nadia for demonstrating a determined attitude to learning. Nadia is showing her eagerness to learn in every lesson, especially Maths, and working hard to learn all her times table facts off by heart!

Well done to all of our winners this week.



## CURRICULUM CORNER—SUNFLOWER CLASS

This week we have been focusing on our handwriting in Year 1. We know how important it is to ensure our letters start and finish in the right place and have been practising a lot to make sure our presentation is always neat. Some of the children in Sunflower Class have also learned how to do joined up writing, which is very impressive! Here are some pictures of our beautiful work.



## XMAS JUMPER DAY



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