

## Update Your Details

If any of your details have changed, please can you inform the office as a matter of urgency.

These include (but are not limited to): new address, contact numbers, emergency numbers, authorised home time collectors, change of family situation.

## Attendance and Punctuality

**Lessons start promptly.** Please make sure your child is outside their classroom by 8:50 a.m. (if they are in EYFS/KS1), and at the KS2 gates (if they are in KS2) - this guarantees your child arrives on time. School gates are closed at 9 o'clock. All children who arrive late for school receive a late mark. The school will take action if children are continually late or fail to attend school, which may result in a visit from the Education Welfare Officer (EWO).

If you know your child will not be in school, please call to inform the school on 020 8472 0322 as soon as possible. No permission will be granted for term time leave.

## School Uniform and PE Kits

Parents please make sure your child/children's uniforms and PE kits are labelled clearly with your child/children's name. Also make sure your child brings their PE kit in to school at the beginning of the week.

## Dropping your children at school for Before School Clubs

Some pupils are arriving very early for before school clubs and are sometimes being left at the main school entrance door unattended. The children are not allowed in until a staff member of the clubs, lets them into the school at 7:55 am. Please ensure your child is not left alone.

## Lost Property

Lost Property is open after school today (28th April 2017) in the KS1 playground between the hours of 3.00 pm and 3.30 pm ONLY.

Anything not claimed at the end will be disposed of.



# Essex Primary School

Newsletter April 2017

*Every Child Matters*

**Everyone valued, everyone challenged,  
everyone achieving**

★ ★ **Holiday Dates** ★ ★  
**SUMMER TERM 2017**

**School term:** Tuesday 18th April 2017 to Friday 26th May 2017

**May Day:** Monday 1st May 2017 (**SCHOOL CLOSED**)

**Half term:** Monday 29th May 2017 to Friday 2nd June 2017

**School term:** Monday 5th June 2017 to Friday 21st July 2017

**Eid—Ul-Fitr:** Monday 26th June 2017 (**SCHOOL CLOSED**) (TBC)

**INSET:** Monday 24th to Wednesday 26th July 2017 (**SCHOOL CLOSED**)

**Summer break:** - Thursday 27th July to Friday 1st September 2017

**AUTUMN TERM 2017 START DATE**

**INSET:** Monday 4th September 2017 (**SCHOOL CLOSED for CHILDREN**)  
**SCHOOL RE-OPENS FOR CHILDREN:** Tuesday 5th September 2017 at 8:45 am

**Important Dates for your Diary**

**Nursery Closed—Thursday 8th June 2017**

Nursery will be closed all day Thursday 8th June due to polling day (general election).

**Year 6 SATs Week:** 8th to 12th May 2017

**Year 6 Visit to France:** 15th to 19th May 2017

**Refugee Week** 12th June to 16th June 2017 (Concert on 16th June for Year 5 parents)

**School Reports to Parents—Friday 14th July 2017**

**Parents Evening Drop in Session—Monday 17th July 2017 3:30pm-4:30pm**

## Commonwealth Youth Orchestra and Choir

The Year 6 children have been participating in the Newham Commonwealth and Choir workshops. This term, the children were provided with the opportunities to perform for Her Majesty the Queen, at the Cadogan Hall. The children were able to perform alongside the Coldstream guards as well as having opportunities to meet famous people such as 'Alexander Armstrong'. They sang 'Jack' to commemorate Jack Cornwell, who was a famous war hero. Throughout these events the children's performance, listening and creative skills have developed. This has led to the children becoming courageous and reliable. Well done to the Commonwealth Orchestra and Choir team!



## Year 4 - Kew Gardens Trip

Our Year 4 children recently enjoyed an educational visit to the world-famous Kew Gardens! These botanic gardens are filled with plants collected from all over the world, as well as many other exciting and educational exhibits.

Year Four's topic was 'Rainforests,' so they have been learning all about these important natural resources. To support their learning, the children took part in a rainforest workshop at Kew. This was led by one of the botanists.

Children explored the different plants found in rainforests, and how they form part of intricate food chains. They also learnt about the climates, and how the humidity and soil temperature affects what grows in each type of rainforest.



The children worked very hard, and then had a well-deserved picnic in the sun before playing in the play area. They walked across a treetop walkway high above the trees, showing their resilience to try new things. The views were incredible.

This visit to Kew was not only important in supporting the Year 4 learning – it was also fun!

## Year 6 SATs Week

**(Monday May 8th—Friday 12th May)**

SATs week is fast approaching and the timetable has now been sent out to all Year 6 parents.

Here are some tips on how you can help your child, please note these routines must be established for the next few weeks:

- Support your child with revision and homework given
- Ensure they have a good working environment to revise in
- Make sure your child is in school every day and on time
- Make sure your child does not have any weekends away
- Pupils must go to bed on time so that they are ready to focus on their tests
- Ensure they eat a healthy breakfast and meals throughout the day
- Encourage and support your child to try their best
- Pupils on the Saturday school register must attend all sessions

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Thompson (AHT Upper Key Stage 2)

Thank you for your support.

## Year 2 Trip to The Museum of London The 'Fire Fire' Exhibition

Children from Year 2 visited the Museum of London to take part in the 'Fire Fire' Exhibition. This was a great learning opportunity for the children as they were able to see what London was like before, during and after the Great Fire of London which took place in 1666.

The children were engaged, educated and exceptionally enthusiastic. After the exhibition, the classes also spent time looking at the different galleries within the museum. The children showed great interest as they wandered around the museum and asked questions that intrigued their minds.

The day was very successful and children returned to school with a wealth of new information that they learnt from their visit to the museum.

