

## Attendance, Attention and Achievement

### Weekly Newsletter

**Date: 8th September 2023**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Warm sunshine has welcomed us back to the first week of the new academic year, 2023-2024. Already, pupils have made a fantastic beginning, settling into their new classes, purposefully. Their new teachers report that they have made an excellent start in following the class expectations for behaviour and learning. We are delighted that attendance has been so good which means pupils are enjoying their right to education. We have also welcomed many parents and carers into the school for the year group meetings; we would like to thank you for attending, demonstrating your commitment to working in partnership with the school.

A warm welcome to children and their families who are new to our school community; we look forward to a long and successful relationship with you and your children. Next week, Reception pupils will begin their full day of learning, as well as staying for lunch. We would like all parents to go through the menu with their children during the weekend, and discuss the food choices on offer. Lunch menus can be found on the school website.

#### Awesome New Playground

Pupils were amazed to return to probably one of the best school playgrounds in London. The Key Stage 2 playground has been transformed during the holiday with a range of new zones and activities for pupils to enjoy exploring during their lunch breaks. A significant investment has been made to boost pupils' wellbeing and enjoyment because we believe in the whole-child approach that supports and nurtures all areas of children's development and learning - from social-emotional and cognitive skills to literacy, maths and science understanding.



Owing to the inclement weather over the summer, some of the works have not yet been completed but that has not affected their enjoyment of the new playground or sports lessons. Regrettably there has been some inconvenience to parents dropping and picking up children and we really appreciate your support over this short period of time.

#### Reading at Essex



Reading is an essential skill to your child's future success. One of the greatest gifts parents can give to their children is regular shared reading together. This is why we prioritise reading at Essex. Take a look at how our imaginative teachers have been busy creating fabulous class book corners to inspire pupils with a lifelong love of reading for pleasure. We know Essex parents go the extra mile for their children and we have identified 12 must read books which we expect you to enjoy reading with your child, daily throughout the year. We have also introduced a new guided reading approach with Take One Book. Some of our best, most motivated readers will shortly receive an invitation to the Reading Gladiators Clubs taking place on Thursdays. We hope that parents will ensure they attend regularly so that pupils can get the most out of this opportunity.

## **Healthy Lunches**

All pupils from Reception to Year 6 are entitled to a free school lunch. Essex Primary School is a Healthy School; it is also “nut free” because a number of our children have severe allergies to nuts. The School Council together with our catering company have been instrumental in securing a healthy balanced diet for all pupils. Menus can be found on our school website. [www.essex.newham.sch.uk](http://www.essex.newham.sch.uk)

However, some pupils enjoy a packed lunch every now and then and it is very important that parents/carers of children who have packed lunches ensure they do not include any items that contain nuts. To ensure your child has a healthy packed lunch you can visit this website for some great healthy tips and menu choices.

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes#jTjmDVEf8dXtIslj.97>

## **Sports Clubs**

We are pleased to welcome our new sports coach Mr Aiyeola who joins the team of Mr Allen, and Ms Sanchez.

## **School Clubs (Week beginning 11th September)**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b><u>Before School Club</u></b> <b><u>8:00-8:45</u></b> Year 1&2: Football Year 3&4: Table Tennis	<b><u>Before School Club</u></b> <b><u>8:00-8:45</u></b> Year 1&2: Netball Year 3&4: Yoga	<b><u>Before School Club</u></b> <b><u>8:00-8:45</u></b> Year 3&4: Netball Year 5&6: Handball	<b><u>Before School Club</u></b> <b><u>8:00-8:45</u></b> Years 1&2: Handball Year 5&6: Football	<b><u>Before School Club</u></b> <b><u>8:00-8:45</u></b> Year 5&6: Table Tennis KS1: Multi-skills
<b><u>After School Club</u></b> <b><u>3:30-4:30</u></b> KS1: Girls Football Year 3&4: Girls Football Year 5&6: Girls Football	<b><u>After School Club</u></b> <b><u>3:30-4:30</u></b> KS1: Dance Year 3&4: Hockey Year 5&6: Hockey	<b><u>After School Club</u></b> <b><u>3:30-4:30</u></b> KS1: Gymnastics Year 3&4: Football Year 5&6: Netball	<b><u>After School Club</u></b> <b><u>3:30-4:30</u></b> KS1: Multi-skills Year 3&4: Multi-skills Year 5&6 Multi-skills	<b><u>After School Club</u></b> <b><u>3:30-4:30</u></b> KS1: Hockey KS2: Gymnastics KS2: Dance

## **Important Dates**

Date	Event / Information
Monday 11th - 13th September	Year 6 Residential Fairplay House
Wednesday 13th - 15th September	Year 5 Residential Fairplay House
Thursday 21st September (4:30pm - 5:30 pm)	Royal Institution Community Science Show (Book your tickets)
Wednesday 1st November 2023	Flu Vaccinations (Reception to Year 6) Please complete consent forms

## Attendance Matters!



### Every Student, Every School, Every day

Here is our attendance chart. Thank you to all the parents who have sent their children to school during this time. Sending your child to school plays a vital role in your child's development.

Class	%	Class	%	Class	%	Class	%
Nursery Tiger(am)	100.0	Year 1 Bumblebee	91.7	Year 3 Lamprey	93.3	Year 5 Baobab	89.9
Nursery Rhino(am)	95.7	Year 1 Butterfly	91.7	Year 3 Halibut	92.2	Year 5 Redwood	89.2
Nursery Tiger(pm)	81.8	Year 1 Beetle	89.2	Year 3 Bluefin	90.5	Year 5 Maidenhair	100.0
Nursery Rhino(pm)	63.9	Year 1 Moth	96.7	Year 3 Vendace	87.1	Year 5 Chestnut	91.8
Reception Dolphin	89.1	Year 2 Anaconda	89.6	Year 4 Grebe	93.1	Year 6 Orchid	89.4
Reception Vaquita	88.0	Year 2 Crocodile	85.3	Year 4 Puffin	96.0	Year 6 Clary	88.4
Reception Turtle	92.2	Year 2 Gecko	90.0	Year 4 Nightingale	93.3	Year 6 Helleborine	96.3
Reception Penguin	95.5	Year 2 Tortoise	88.3	Year 4 Kiwi	90.4	Year 6 Wintergreen	100.0
Whole School			91.6%				

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