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### School Values

Responsible Excellence Share Polite Encourage Communicate Truth

## Newsletter - 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have finally reached the end of another busy term at Carpenters - and what a way to end it! Thank you for all your support with Red Nose Day last week, we raised an amazing £1088.73. This week, children in the early years performed their Easter Concert. It was wonderful to see the children singing, dancing and working together. A big thank you to the many parents/carers who were able to support the children.

The summer term will be equally as busy so I have listed below the key dates for the Summer term 2016, as well as, the term dates for next academic year so that you can plan ahead. I wish you all a restful break with your family and thank you for your continued support.

Diane Barrick - Headteacher

### Offering a broad and balanced curriculum

As always, the start of a new term and new topic is very exciting for our children. Along with the newsletter this week, you will also receive a copy of the 'Topic Web' for next half term (Summer 1) so that your children can begin to prepare.

Year	Lead Subject	Topic	Entry Point	Exit Point
Nursery	Understanding the World	Light & Colour	Colours in the Environment Walk	Under the Sea Party
Reception	Understanding the World	Transport	Survey of traffic in the area	Designing & building vehicles
Year 1	History/Science	Dinosaurs	Dinosaur Egg Hunt	Super Stegosaurus workshop National History Museum
Year 2	Science	We're all Architects	Science Workshop - Kitten rescue - How to keep the kitten warm	Straw Sculptures Art Exhibition
Year 3	Science	Light & Dark	Science Workshop - Light & Dark	Make a shadow puppet
Year 4	Science	Watt! No Electricity?	Science Workshop - Electricity & Circuits	Construct a variety of circuits
Year 5	Science/Geography	Natural Disasters	Science Workshop - The Water cycle	M&M Investigation
Year 6	History	World War 2	WW2 Day	VE Day Street Party

### Easter Egg Competition

#### EYFS

Runner up: Riolind Hamza (Sunflower)

Winner: Samiah Islam (Sunflower)

#### Years 1 & 2

Runner up: Iqra Akthar (Daisy)

Winner: Eli-Denzel Amoah (Bluebell)

#### Years 3 & 4

Runner up: Frankie O'Shea (Fern)

Winner: Ainhoa Palacios Marquez (Pine)

#### Years 5 & 6

Runner up: Hamzah Rahman (Oak)

Winner: Filip Mozolewski (Oak)



Winners and runners up received a special chocolate treat and all those who entered received a certificate of 'Egg-cellence'.

### Cross Country Championships

Carpenters cross country teams again came home medal laden from yet another successful tournament last week. On a freezing windswept course at West Ham Park, nine Carpenters teams across years Four, five and six battled the difficult conditions to show all the qualities of resilience, determination and perseverance we encourage at our school. In the year four race, all three teams completed the course, with one of them (Riaz, David, Karima and Elaine) achieving an excellent but agonising fourth position, just outside the medals. Well done to the other athletes: Wahida, Julia, Raees, Juven, Dylan, Jaydon, Kenesia and Camia. The Year six A team (Pedro, Lara, Freddie and Acacia) showed huge character to come from behind to win silver, due in no small part to a stunning third leg by Freddie. Well done also to the other athletes: Marita, Faiza, Hajira, Luc, Zen, Sabian and Christopher. Finally, a tremendous example of distance running was demonstrated by a gold medal winning year five. The A team (Francis, Elin, Christian and Charlene) again came from behind to win by a clear 50 metres. Well done also to Thaissa, Ibtisam, Keyla, Chelsy, Cauan, Kelvin, Joseph and Yunis. Congratulations to all our teams for representing the school so well!

### School Attendance

A reminder to all parents/carers that holidays attached to a school break will not be authorised, except in exceptional circumstances. We have already had a number of families whose children have been absent from school and we have not been able to make contact with them. This leads us to believe that some families may have taken their children on holiday without authorisation. Any parent/carer who takes their child/ren on holiday without authorisation will be issued with a penalty notice with a charge of £60 per parent per child. Should your child/ren not return to school on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2017, the school will expect a note from your child's local GP to confirm their sickness. Any parent/carer who does not provide this information will also be issued with a penalty notice with a charge of £60 per parent per child.

### School Uniform

It is lovely to see most of our children arriving at school looking so smart and I would like to thank you all for your support with this; it really does make a difference as it creates a sense of belonging. However, some children are beginning to wear items that are not part of our school uniform. As we have the Easter break, it is ideal opportunity for parents/carers to ensure that their children have the correct uniform when they return for the summer term.

The main issues are:

- large earrings - small studs are required
- trainers with colours on them and long boots - plain black shoes, ankle boots or trainers only
- jogging trousers - grey or black formal trousers are essential
- children not wearing the correct coloured PE kit - I have listed this for you below

PE Kit:

- White t-shirt or polo shirt
- Red or black shorts/plain tracksuit bottoms
- Black plimsolls/trainers

Please do not hesitate to contact the member of the team should you wish to discuss this further. Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit in school and it stays in school for the whole week.

Most items of uniform can now be purchased online at [www.orchardschoolwear.co.uk](http://www.orchardschoolwear.co.uk).

## School Term Dates - 2017-2018

Lots of parents/carers have been contacting the school for the dates for next year. The details are below and will also be available on the school's website under - *information - term dates*.

**Children return to school on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017**  
**Half term break - Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2016 - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017**  
**Children return to school on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017**  
**Christmas Break - Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017 - Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018**  
**Children return to school on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018**  
**Half term break - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2018 - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018**  
**Children return to school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018**  
**Easter Break - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2018 to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2018**  
**Children return to school on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018**  
**School closed - May Day - Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018**  
**Half term break - Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2018 to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018**  
**Children return to school on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018**  
**Summer Break - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018 - to be advised**

As you can see from the dates, the school leadership (including Governors) have again made the decision not to close the school for additional religious festivals. In order to support our school community, so they are able to celebrate, we will be authorising 1 days leave for each festival for those children who will be celebrating with their families. Following the Governor parent/carer questionnaire at the end of the autumn term, where views on a 2 week half term were gathered and consultation with other local schools, it was agreed that this would not be considered this academic year. However, we did note your views on an extended Christmas break so we will be finishing earlier. Remember - any holidays taken during term time will result in a penalty notice being issued and a fine of £60 per parent/carer per child.

## Dates for your diary

18th Apr	School closed - Staff training day
19th Apr	Children return to school
19th - 21st Apr	Year 5 at Fairplay House
1st May	SCHOOL CLOSED - BANK HOLIDAY
3rd May	Maths Day
w/c 8th May	Year 6 SATs Week
w/c 15th May	Year 2 SATs Week & Yrs 3-5 Assessment Week
w/c 22nd May	Charity Week
27th May	Ramadan begins
w/c 29th May	SCHOOL CLOSED - HALF TERM
5th Jun	Year 3 Swimming for 2 weeks
w/c 6th Jun	Year 2 SATs Week
7th Jun	Parent/Carer Meeting - New to Reception
12th Jun	Year 1 Phonics Check & Year 2 Phonics Re-check
13th Jun	e-Safety Parent/Carer Workshop
w/c 26th Jun	Eid-UI-Fitr
30th Jun	Summer Fete - 3-6pm
3rd Jul	KS1 & KS2 Sports Day - All Welcome
5th Jul	EYFS Sports Day - All Welcome
8th Jul	Newham Carnival- year 4
w/c 10th Jul	Year 6 Concert
w/c 10th Jul	Summer Discos
11th Jul	New Reception Class transition day
11th Jul	Whole School transition day
12th Jul	Parent/Carer Meeting - New to Nursery
12th Jul	End of year reports to Parents/Carers
17th Jul	Parent/Carer Meeting - 3.30-8pm
18th Jul	Year 2 swimming taster day
19th Jul	Summer Concerts
20th Jul	EYFS Graduation
21st Jul	Year 6 Leaver's Assembly for Parents/Carers
24th Jul	SCHOOL CLOSED - SUMMER HOLIDAYS

## Whole School Attendance - Whole Term - Spring 2017

### EYFS & KS1:

Sunflower - 91.8%	Snowdrop - 93.6%
Bluebell - 96.1%	Marigold - 91.9%
<b>Daisy - 96.9%</b>	Poppy - 94.9%

### KS2:

Rose - 95.4%	Fern - 97.6%
Willow - 92.9%	Pine - 96.6%
Chestnut - 95.7%	Oak - 96.8%
Tulip - 97.8%	<b>Holly - 98.4%</b>

Whole School Attendance this week (w/e 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017) 94.0%  
Whole School Attendance so far - 6<sup>th</sup> September to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 - 95.8%

Keep working hard to ensure your child attends school every day and on time (8.55am)!

## Carpenters Attendance - Spring 2017

### 100% Attendance - Spring

More great news to celebrate: 165 children, 37% (compared to 18% last year) of the school from Nursery to Year 6, achieved 100% attendance this term. Well done to all those children who have attended school every day! There are too many to list but they each received a special treat for this amazing achievement.

### 100% Attendance - Autumn & Spring

Of the children who achieved 100% attendance this term, 99 children, 22% (compared to 8% last year) of the school, have attended school every day since the new academic year in September. We are so very proud of you children and each of these received a bigger treat for their efforts.

### Class Attendance - Spring

I am delighted to announce the following classes have won 'Best Attendance' for the Spring term 2017.

KS1 - Daisy

KS2 - Holly

Both classes will be rewarded with a special trip in the summer term. Well done to all the children.

## Child of the term - Spring 2017

Well done to the following children who have been awarded Child of the term, in recognition of their hard work, improvements and/or overall performance this term:

**Muhammad Thiam, Alesha Islam, Bilal Islam, Darryl Addae-Kodua, Nevaeh Crouch, Kingshuk Shome, Eliza Shujon, Leon Bokoko, Patricia Vida, Adelina Vint, Ainhoa Palacios-Marquez, Ameera Rashid, Hamzah Rahman, Hanaan Galayr, Freddie Morton & Rajib Ahmed.**

Each child received a special chocolate treat - Enjoy!