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### School Values

Responsible Excellence Share Polite Encourage Communicate Truth

## Newsletter - 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

I can't believe it is the Christmas Break already! It has been a long term, but it has gone very quickly. As you are aware from the weekly newsletters, we have had a lot of exciting times and lots of things to celebrate this term. You will also find attached the topic web for your child for next half term.

Today your children will have received a special gift and will have taken part in an end of term celebration. Thank you to the Carpenters Company for their kind donation which enables these things to happen. The children and families really appreciate it. However, today is also a sad day as we say goodbye to Ms Valleperas who has worked at the school for 17 years! In her time at Carpenters, Ms Valleperas has worked across the school and has taught many of the children here. She has also worked hard to raise the profile of art and design & technology across the school. As a school, we are going to miss her very much and wish for a very happy and relaxing future.

I have listed below key dates for the Spring term 2018. I wish you all a restful holiday break with your family: Merry Christmas to those celebrating Christmas and a very Happy New Year to you all! Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to working with you again in 2018!

Diane Barrick  
Headteacher

## Winter Reading Challenge

Newham Libraries are challenging all children to borrow and read 4 books over the Christmas holidays. From Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December until Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January, you will receive a sticker for each book you borrow and read. When you complete the challenge, you will receive a certificate and will be entered into a prize draw (winners will be notified in January).

**1<sup>st</sup> prize:** £30 book token

**2<sup>nd</sup> prize:** £20 book token

**3<sup>rd</sup> prize:** £10 book token

You can also visit <http://readingagency.org.uk> to take part in their online challenge.

## Starting School

A reminder that the deadline for online applications via [eadmissions.org.uk](http://eadmissions.org.uk) for Starting School in a Reception Class from September 2018 is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018. Children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2014 must apply. Should you require any advice or support in completing the online form, please contact the school office.

## Attendance

A reminder to all parents/carers, that holidays during term time, or attached to a school holiday, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018, we will expect a note from your child's local GP to confirm their sickness/absence. Any parent/carer who does not provide this information will be issued with a penalty notice with a charge of £60 per parent per child.

## Dates for your diary

3rd Jan	Children return to school
8th Jan	Year 4 swimming for 2 weeks
10th Jan	Year 6 Parent/Carer Meeting - SATS & Fairplay
11th Jan	Year 5 Parent/Carer Meeting - Fairplay House
16th Jan	Year 2 Parent/Carer Meeting - SATs
17th Jan	Year 1 Parent/Carer Meeting - Phonics
w/c 5th Feb	e-Safety Week
6th Feb	e-Safety Parent/Carer Workshops
6th Feb	Safer Internet Day
9th Feb	Chinese New Year Assembly - 11am - Yr 1 - All Welcome
12th Feb	SCHOOL CLOSED - HALF TERM
16th Feb	Chinese New Year
19th Feb	Children return to school
w/c 19th Feb	Work Week & Bring a Parent/Carer to School Week
w/c 26th Feb	Book Week
1st Mar	World Book Dressing Up Day
7th Mar	Bag 2 School Collection
8th Mar	Parent/Carer Meetings - 3.30pm - 8pm
12th Mar	World Science Week
13th Mar	Class Photos
14th Mar	Science Day
21st Mar	Spring Music Concerts - Years 3-6
23rd Mar	Red Nose Day
28th Mar	Easter Concert - EYFS (Nursery & Reception)
30th Mar	SCHOOL CLOSED - EASTER BREAK
3rd April	Year 6 Easter School (Tue - Fri)

## Whole School Attendance - 5<sup>th</sup> September - 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017

### EYFS & KS1:

Sunflower - 91.0%	Snowdrop - 91.0%
Bluebell - 95.7%	Marigold - 97.7%
Daisy - 93.2%	Poppy - 89.3%

### KS2:

Rose - 94.8%	Fern - 92.4%
Willow - 97.9%	Pine - 95.3%
Chestnut - 95.0%	Oak - 90.4%
Tulip - 94.7%	Holly - 92.1%

**Whole School Target 2017-2018 - 96.6%**

Whole School Attendance this week (w/e 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017) - 93.6%

Whole School Attendance this term - 3<sup>rd</sup> September to & 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017 - 96.0%

Well done to Marigold & Willow for best attendance this term - A special visit will be organised for you next half term!

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

## Carpenters Attendance - Autumn 2017

### 100% Attendance

More great news to celebrate: 131 children, 30.25% of the school from Nursery to Year 6, achieved 100% attendance this term. Well done to all those children! There are too many to list but they each received a special treat for this amazing achievement.

#### Class Attendance

I am delighted to announce the following classes have won 'Best Attendance' for the Autumn term 2016.

**KS1 - Marigold Class**

**KS2 - Tulip Class**

Both classes have been rewarded with a special visit which will take place in the New Year. Well done to all children in both classes.

## Child of the term - Autumn 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:

**Tanem Demircivi, Eliza Khanom, Viola Bruno, Rayan Aouka, Yonael Elias, Aaliyah Ali Millar, Saksham Verma, Rayna Aschkar-Laird, Leon Bokoko, Kevin Appiah-Sarpong, Ambrin Elez, Aidan Haslam, Julia Mbuyi, Zain Hussain, Sumaya Karim and Delio Clanca.**

Each child received a special chocolate treat - Enjoy!