



Fortnightly Update – Friday 10th January 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new year and a new term! We hope you had a relaxing break and were able to spend some quality time with your children. The staff have come back refreshed and the children ready to learn, and we are looking forward to all the new and exciting learning our children will be engaging with this term.

To ensure the best outcomes for our children we need them to be in class ready to start learning at **8.45am**, when school officially begins. We will ensure that the gates are open at **8.40am** in Reception and Year 1 to ensure you have time to drop off book bags and hang up coats. Please encourage children to do this independently as much as possible.

Thank you so much for your donations last year. They make a significant difference to what we are able to offer your children every day. We are ready to start collecting £10 donations for this term. Thanks again if you have already donated.

On Thursday we started our Daily Reading training with some parents from reception. Thank you for those who were able to come. The next training will be **on Monday 13th in the morning at 9.00am**, then again on **Wednesday**. We still need to recruit more parents, if you are not a reception parent and would like to support us with reading, please come and speak to myself or turn up for training next week. Your time is very much appreciated. Once familiar with the routine, you'll find reading in the morning very rewarding and a wonderful way to start the day.

Finally a note for your diary; on Wednesday 29th January we will be running an Internet Safety Workshop for parents from 5.30pm – 6.30pm in the evening, we hope you will be able to attend. Please look out for a letter next

week informing you further, about what to expect at the workshop.

Have a great weekend and enjoy reading about all the wonderful things your children have been up to this week!

Jessica Mendelssohn
Early Years Lead, Assistant Headteacher

NURSERY

The children have come back very happily after the holiday telling us all about their Christmas and where they had been on holiday. Martin, Eesa and Prince had their 4th birthdays over the holiday so we celebrated by making a playdough cake and they blew out their candles.

We give a big welcome to our new children and their parents who have started in our afternoon session, Montaha, Ismail and Dreyson.

Also Mohamed, Lilly and Mateen who are our two year olds. We are very excited that you here with us and look forward to watching you all grow and flourish.



Your £10 contribution is due again for the spring term. Last term we were able to buy different snacks e.g. honey, fruit and a selection of vegetables for the children to cut, cook and taste.

We were also able to keep our creative trolley stocked with fabulous resources to enable the



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children to develop their concentration, language and fine motor skills.



These experiences would not be possible without your contribution so we thank you all very much.

Later in the term we will be going to the farm, we will send out dates ASAP.

RECEPTION

The Reception children have settled back in as if they've never been away! We have had a very busy week, from beginning to learn about subtraction in Maths (using cubes to help us), to telling the story of 'The Gingerbread Man' which inspired a session of baking gingerbread men.

At the field this week, we took out all of our physical equipment. The children created games using the different types of equipment and learned to work as a team to lift and drop the parachute. We took a kite to the field for the first time and the children patiently waited for a turn to fly it. They loved watching it flutter in the breeze.



It has been great to see how busy the children are in their independent learning. They have been doing some fantastic problem solving when making, creating and exploring.

Mario did some very deep thinking when trying to make his own kite: planning it, then testing it, and adapting it to make improvements:



Ottie and Finlay were very interested in exploring the Bee-Bots. They gave them instructions to move forward, backwards, turn left and turn right.



Loic made a channel tunnel game, he told us that he received a channel tunnel game for Christmas; lots of children joined him in the game.



It was Stanley's birthday during the Christmas holidays, he kindly gave us a gift of 'Oi Cat' story book to read in school. It was also Matilda's birthday and her gift was 'Oi Dog'. Both very humorous and worth a read, thank you both!



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YEAR 1

The children in year 1 have had a busy week after returning from their Christmas break. In Kahlo class, Solomon and Beech created knight's helmets using papier-mâché. They cut them to the right size and then made a grill to go on the front. Joy, Lilac, Edith and Suraya created smoothies using fruit. In Calder class, Luqmaan and Ibrahim carried out an experiment using fizzy drinks and Mentos to make a volcanic explosion. In maths the children have been reading the time to the hour and the half hour and drawing clocks to show that they understand what the hands of the clock tell us.



ECO NEWS



We have some big news coming your way very shortly, please watch this space and look out for displays around the school!!!

WEEKLY DATES

Toddler group



Wednesday mornings - 9.00 – 10.45 – Toddler Group. Please come and join in the fun. This session is open to all friends and family in the local area. Due to its popularity please arrive before 9.30am.

REMINDER

Nursery Parent's – please remember to apply for your child's reception place for September 2020, online by 15th JANUARY 2020
<https://walthamforest.gov.uk/content/applying-primary-school-place>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

January

Monday 13th or Wednesday 15th – Daily Reading training for Reception parents and anyone else interested. 8.55 – 9.15 meet at the main office.

Wednesday 22nd – Nurse drop in 2 – 3pm, if you have any concerns please let your child's teacher know.

Tuesday 28th January – Parent Coffee Morning on Mental Health and Yoga at 9am

Friday 24th – Chinese Lunch for the children

Wednesday 29th - No TODDLER GROUP THIS WEEK due to space.

Wednesday 29th - Internet Safety parents' workshops 5.30 – 6.30 and school performances for the children during the day.

February

Thursday 13th - Reception family morning 9.00 – 9.45