



# Princess May News

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### A Message from the Headteacher

10<sup>th</sup> May 2019

#### SUMMER TERM



23rd April -

19th July 2019

##### Summer Term 1

Tuesday 23rd Apr -

Friday 24th May

##### Year 6 SATs

Mon 13th May—

Thurs 16th May

##### Year 2 SATs

Mon 20th May—Fri

24th May

##### Half Term

Monday 27th May-

Friday 31st May

##### Summer Term 2

Monday 3rd June—

Friday 19th July

**Carnival &  
International  
Evening**  
Friday 12th July

**SCHOOL OFFICE**  
Open Monday-Friday  
at 7.30am-5.00pm

#### Headteacher parent drop-ins

Wednesdays between  
8.30am and 9.30am

Get to know more about our school from our Headteacher. Come along, sign-in at the office and inform them you are here for the Headteacher drop-in. *All welcome.*

#### **Parent Tours**

We are running weekly tours of the school for new parents each Friday morning between 9:30am and 10:30am. *To book your place phone the school office on 020 7254 1589 or email [admin@princessmay.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:admin@princessmay.hackney.sch.uk)*

Dear parents and carers,

As you may know, year 6 will be taking their end of key stage assessments next week and I would like to take this opportunity to wish them all the best of luck and to thank them for their incredible hard work this year. We look forward to welcoming each year 6 pupil to our special SATs breakfast to be held each day next week.

You will have now received information about our new breakfast and after-school provision, to be launched after half-term. A special whole-school assembly was held today to introduce all of the new coaches and the activities that will run. Please keep an eye out for further details and sign-up sheets to be circulated next week.

Finally, I would like to thank parents and carers for making a special effort to be on time this week. We have certainly noticed an improvement in the number of children coming in on time so they can join their classes each morning. It would be great if we can maintain this improvement over the remainder of the year.

Have a great weekend.

Kevin Reynolds  
Headteacher

#### SATS

From Monday 13<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019 **Year 6 children** will be sitting their SATs tests in **Reading, Grammar, Spelling, Punctuation and Mathematics**. This is an important time for our children and there are a number of things that parents can do to help their child:

- **Make sure that your child is well rested**
- **Ensure your child is in school EVERY day**
- **Make sure that your child has a healthy breakfast**
- **Ensure that your child has access to drinking water** (plastic water bottles are fine)
- **Continue to help your child revise every day**

Year 6 SATs Breakfast Club will be available each day of SATs week. This will provide a **free** healthy breakfast and give them a chance to relax. They can also chat to their friends and teachers in order to settle any last minute nerves they may have.

**Year 2 pupils will be taking their assessments during the following week from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May**

SATs are an opportunity for children to show off their skills and knowledge. We wish them all good luck and that they achieve their best! Believe it or not, most children actually end up enjoying their SATs week!

#### Attendance

Whole school attendance is improving which means that fewer children are missing out on essential learning opportunities at school. Thank you to both parents and children for your efforts in helping us reach our attendance target!

##### **Term Time Holidays**

It's so important that children come to school each school-day so please do not arrange time off for your child during term time. We will not be authorising time away from scheduled learning and will be in contact on parents if we feel we need to improve the attendance of any of our children.

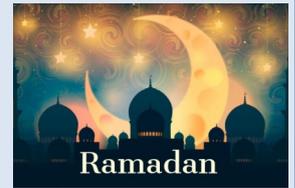
##### **Awards**

Did your child attend each day of the Spring Term (*January—April 2019*)? Certificates are being prepared for all those children who have a 100% attendance record for Spring 2019, watch out for them in your child's book bag!

## Religious Education - How our Muslim community experience this Holy Month

Dear parents and carers,

As some of you may be aware that the Holy Month of **Ramadan** began on Monday, May 6 and ends on Monday, June 3. Ramadan is the ninth month in the Islamic calendar and is a period of prayer, self-control, charity and goodwill to others. For our Muslim and non-Muslim students, this is an excellent opportunity for them to think about self-discipline and consideration of other people.



Part of Ramadan is fasting, which is one of the Five Pillars (fundamental religious duties) of Islam. Muslims believe fasting has many benefits, such as feeling closer to God, establishing a healthier life style, developing better habits, understanding of self and establishing better relationships with others.

Whilst young children are exempt from fasting, sometimes some of our older pupils partake in fasting.

As you will appreciate, fasting is a process of learning and adjustment for mind, body and spirit and so we would like to thank you in advance for your support and understanding in helping our Muslim community through this process.

Kind regards,

Monifa Cumberbatch

RE Coordinator

### Introducing First Kicks



Today in a special assembly children were very excited to meet some of the coaches from First Kicks, a sports based company which will be delivering a variety of sports activities during the school day, Breakfast and After School Clubs.



First Kicks will start working with us on Monday 3rd June just after half term break. The registration form will be sent shortly.

For more information about the company go to: [www.firstkickssports.co.uk](http://www.firstkickssports.co.uk)

### Congratulations on Music Award

So we are pleased that Lyan Gama in addition to the Mayor Music Scholarship award is now the recipient of a further award from Universal Music UK Sound Foundation. Well done and Congratulations to Lyan. Keep that lovely music playing!



### Adult Learning

To enquire about adult courses on offer in Hackney, please contact the ACS Office: 0207 249 5748, or Email: [office@acschool.org.uk](mailto:office@acschool.org.uk)