

Princess May Newsletter

SUMMER TERM 2



3rd June -
19th July

Dates for your diary

- **Reception Trip**
Tuesday 2nd July
Hackney City Farm
- **Sports Day**
KS1/EYFS 4th July
KS2 3rd July
- **Year 4 Trip**
Epping Forest 8th July
- **Carnival & International Evening**
Friday 12th July
- **End of Term**
19th July at 1.30pm

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.*

Important:

Contact Details
If you have recently changed your contact details please let the school office know immediately.

End of day

Please do not allow your child to play on the equipment in the Nursery at the end of the day, as this poses a health and safety risk. This includes the bikes and playscape.

A Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Summer has finally arrived and the children have been enjoying their break and lunchtimes in the sun. Due to the high temperatures, please ensure that your child is bringing a water bottle each day and a hat and/or sun screen. As you know, KS1 and KS2 have their sports day next week and so this is particularly important for these events.

I would like to congratulate our year 4 children who have taken the MTC this week. We will be feeding back to the Department for Education on our experience of administering the test, which will launch across the county from 2020. It seems that Times Table Rockstars is working very well for our children.

Finally, you will see in this week's newsletter that the results of the school uniform consultation have been shared with you. We will be sending out further details of our uniform policy and details around how our new uniform can be purchased within the next week or two.

I hope that you have a good weekend and enjoy the weather.

Mr Reynolds
Headteacher

E-Safety

A letter and advice leaflet was sent to the parents of year 6 children this week regarding Whatsapp and how parents should manage those children who are allowed to access this app (please note the age restriction for using Whatsapp is 16+). Please ensure that you ask your child to provide you with this letter. For other parents who also have concerns about the use of Whatsapp, the advice from the school can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/y4xjrfcc>

Hot Weather

The weather has been very hot this week, and it is forecast to remain warm next week also. We strongly urge all parents to send their child to school with a water bottle, hat and/or sun screen. Water fountains are available around the school for children to fill up their bottles.

Windrush Day

The children took part in a whole-school Windrush Day assembly this week. The arrival of the Windrush generation was an iconic moment that shaped modern Britain. In light of the recent immigration scandal surrounding the treatment of the Windrush Generation, it is more important than ever to shine a light on their stories and highlight the important contribution the Caribbean community has made to our city. Thank you to children for listening so well during this important assembly.



School Uniform Consultation

I am pleased to be able to share with you the results of our recent uniform consultation survey. The views of parents, staff, governors, and most importantly our children, were all taken into account during the consultation. Some of the comments from our children include:

- 'The uniform is smart and matches the school'
- 'The colours represent the school'
- 'It is a special uniform for our special school'
- 'The old uniform doesn't make us look smart'
- 'The new uniform makes us look smart'
- 'The new uniform gives us a unique identity'

For the parent survey, we had an incredible 147 responses, which is well above average for a survey of this type.

- 50% were extremely dissatisfied or dissatisfied with the current school uniform, with 31% extremely satisfied or satisfied
- 51% strongly disagreed or disagreed that the current school uniform allows children to look smart, with 35% agreeing or strongly agreeing
- 48% strongly disagreed or disagreed that the school uniform encourages pride amongst children, with 33% agreeing
- 61% agreed that the current school uniform is not sufficiently aspirational or smart, 30% disagreed
- 58% agreed that there are too many variations in the current school uniform, with 28% disagreeing
- 56% agreed that any new school uniform should include a tie, 36% disagreed
- 44% would prefer a clip-on tie, 20% a traditional tie and 36% an elasticated tie
- Affordability and comfort were the 2 most important factors when considering school uniform
- 74% agreed that the current school uniform is easy to purchase

Based on all of the feedback received, the school has decided to launch a new school uniform in time for September 2019. We will be sharing more information about our new uniform with you shortly. Thank you to all of those parents and carers who have taken the time to feedback.

Multiplication Tables Check

This week, year 4 children took part in a government pilot scheme of the soon-to-be-launched MTC. The MTC will be taken by all year 4 pupils across the country from 2020. It is great to see the impact that our innovative times tables programme – Times Table Rockstars – is having. Well done to all of the children who took part.



Child Care Vouchers

As a provider of childcare, Princess May will shortly be accepting Childcare Vouchers. Childcare Vouchers offer parents significant savings (about £1,000 per year), and are easy to redeem. Parents can use Childcare Vouchers for a range of care options, however they can only be used with registered or approved childcare providers.

Residential Visits

The school is currently exploring opportunities for year 6 to participate in a residential visit next year. We will be in touch shortly with more details.

Year 3 Enterprise Week

Last week was Enabling Enterprise week. Year 3 worked on an exciting book publishing project. We published our very own salad recipe book and also tried and tested our recipes.

