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Friday 11th September 2020

### A Message from the Headteacher

Dear parents and carers,

It has been fantastic to welcome all of the children back to school this week and I am delighted to report that we have had an average of 93% of pupils attending each day, which is well above the national average at the moment. I would like to thank you all for bringing your child back so that they can continue their education after what has been an incredibly turbulent period for us all. From my conversations with various children this week it seems they are thrilled to be back in the classroom and mixing (safely) with their friends again. I am personally very excited to have a full school again after so many months of disruption and I know that staff feel the same way.

Thank you so much for your cooperation in ensuring the school remains 'Covid19-safe'. After some very slight teething problems earlier in the week, the entrance and exit arrangements seem to be working well. However, we have been listening to you all and I want to assure you that we are continually evaluating our plans and will be making tweaks as the weeks go on to ensure that parents are not unduly inconvenienced; we know there is an issue around sibling start times and this is something we will look to address for next week; further details to follow shortly.

It is so important that we all maintain social distancing, particularly outside of the gates each morning and afternoon. Remember that households should not be mixing during drop-offs and collections, and this includes children from different bubbles. It is also vital that children arrive **on time** each morning so that the security of our bubbles are maintained. Please also take note of collection times and ensure that these are strictly followed.

Aside from all of the above, children have been participating in a transition week, where they have been given the opportunity to share any concerns, as well as successes, during their first week back. We are also laser focussed on ensuring that children 'catch-up' with any lost learning during lockdown and partial school closure. However, it is clear that you have all been doing a sterling job supporting children at home with Microsoft Teams remote learning so again, thank you for your support here.

Please stay safe this weekend and let us know immediately by phone on 020 7254 1589 or by emailing [admin@princessmay.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:admin@princessmay.hackney.sch.uk) should your child develop a cough or fever before or on Monday.

Enjoy the good weather and see you all next week.

Kevin Reynolds  
Headteacher

#### Meet the Teacher Presentations Monday 14th September at 4:15pm

Due to the current, ongoing situation with Covid-19, we will be conducting this year's presentations remotely using video conferencing software. Heads of Year will be in touch with details of how to access your meeting. For those of you with more than one child at the school, presentations will also be emailed and texted to you over the course of next week. This is a really important opportunity to find out about your child's learning this year and the expectations for the year group. **We look forward to (remotely) seeing you all on Monday 14th September 2020 at 4:15pm.**

#### Introducing our new SENCO Ms Blunden

I would like to introduce myself to you all as the new SENCO and Year 4 teacher at Princess May. I am very excited to be working with the inclusion team this year to support children with special educational needs alongside those who require medical support. I will be supporting children, teachers and parents to ensure that Princess May continues to be a fully inclusive environment in which all pupils can achieve. If you have any concerns about your child's progress and would like to book a meeting to discuss this further then please contact me through the school office to arrange an appointment.



#### Learning for the Coming Year

Today, your child will come home with an overview of all the planned learning for the year (Curriculum Map). Please take some time to read it through and contact your class teacher via the school office if anything is not clear.



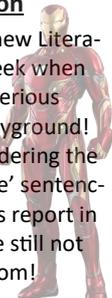
#### Year 5 - Celebrating Exceptional Individuals

In Literacy, Year 5 are learning about significant individuals from the past and have officially joined the NASA Induction Programme!



#### Year 4 Exploration

Year 4 launched into their new Literacy topic with a bang this week when they discovered some mysterious robot body parts on the playground! They have since been considering the facts and writing 'news style' sentences in preparation for a news report in the coming weeks. They are still not certain where they came from!



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