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Friday 10th September 2021



A Message from the Headteacher

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to another school year; a year in which we very much hope and are confident will be much closer to normality than we have had over the past year and a half or so. I do hope you have had an enjoyable and restful summer.

It has been a very smooth and productive start to the year. We are glad that the drop-off and collection arrangements seem to be working well, although timekeeping is still an issue; a reminder that gates open at 8:45am each morning and close promptly at 8:55am. Anyone arriving after this time will be marked as late, which may result in further action from Hackney Education. In the afternoons, we open the gates at 3:25pm and close them at 3:35pm. Please ensure you collect your child in good time, as collecting late can often cause anxiety and distress for children.

We will soon be starting our before and after-school booster sessions; your child's class teacher will have been in contact if your child is eligible. These are important sessions offered free of charge by our class teachers, and so these will have a tremendous impact on your child's progress. If you are offered a place, I would strongly encourage you to take it up.

Finally, parent meetings for each class will take place shortly – please do look out for an invitation via text or email.

Have a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Mr Reynolds
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

Parent Presentations: 13th - 17th September
Half term: 25th - 29th October



Reading at Princess May

We all know just how important it is for all our children to develop and improve their reading skills, but that only comes with consistent practice. Below are our expectations for home reading:

- Ensure your child reads at home (daily)
- Make sure your child brings in their **book, book bag and reading record book** each day
- Make sure their reading record book is signed every day.

Bookbags and reading record books can be purchased from the school office.

You can help your child develop a love of reading too. Here are just some of the ways:

Make regular use of the local library

Read together

Make reading time a 'no devices time' for everyone



School Streets Road Restrictions

Hackney Council has confirmed that the **School Streets** road restrictions which affect vehicle access on Princess May Road and Barrett's Grove during term time, have begun. Restrictions are in place Monday - Friday (8.30-9.30am and 3-4pm). Please check the signage on those streets to avoid incurring a charge. For further information: <https://hackney.gov.uk/school-streets>



Music Assembly

On Wednesday, Mrs Crawford our Music Teacher, led a music assembly on Teams, teaching children a beautiful song by Bill Withers called **Lovely Day**. Do you know the song? Children will continue to learn more about the song and its lyrics through the week ready for our next music assembly. It was great to hear such lovely voices ringing through the school!

Parent Presentations Next Week

You are invited to attend a Parent Presentation meeting next week via Teams. These important meetings will inform you of what your child will be learning this year and how you can support them at home. For parents who have children in both year groups on Wednesday or Friday, slides for all meetings will be available from Monday 20th September via the school website.

Watch out for the meeting link by text.

4:15 pm	Year 1	Monday 13th September
	Year 2 and Year 4	Wednesday 15th September
	Year 3	Thursday 16th September
	Year 5 and Year 6	Friday 17th September

The School Dining Experience



How would your child feel about a new dining experience at lunch time?

As always, we encourage a calm and peaceful dining room but we are busy thinking of different ways to make it an even more enjoyable experience for all. We'll definitely be adding some mindful music while children are eating and we'll work closely with our School Council to get children's feelings and ideas about lunch times in general. Look out for updates as the work progresses.

Attendance and Punctuality



Attendance at school is the first step towards your child reaching their full potential. That's why we take regular attendance and punctuality very seriously at Princess May. If your child cannot attend, it is **essential** you contact the school, first thing, to let us know.

How we help to ensure good attendance?

- We monitor attendance each morning
- If your child is not able to attend but we haven't heard from you, we will contact you to make sure everything is ok
- We may visit you at home if we are unable to make contact.

Can we help?

Please contact our school attendance officer if you feel you need support with your child's attendance. More information is available on our website ([Attendance policy](#))



School Website

www.princessmay.hackney.sch.uk

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