



Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Governing Body has spent a lot of time in the last couple of weeks ensuring our policies and procedures are up-to-date and reflect best practice. A number of these updates will shortly be on our website and we urge you to take time to have a look. The Governors will also be in school tomorrow as part of the school's self-evaluation process. This is to see how areas we are developing are improving, and to speak to children and staff to gather their views on our school. Feedback from this will be provided in next week's newsletter. If you would like to know more about how the Governing Body works and how they help move the school forward please contact the main office who will put you in contact with them.

Sue Ferguson

Parents Evening

Parents Evening is next Thursday (8th) for all classes. Appointment request letters are being sent out with this email. Please return them as soon as possible to your child's class teacher. **Families with more than one child in the school, please list all your children's names on one sheet and return it to your oldest child's class and we will endeavour to coordinate appointment times.** Please note this is less likely to be possible if you chose an early time due to the popularity of this time slot. Appointment times allocated will be confirmed in your child's home school book.

Please note After School Clubs will not be running on this day due to Parents Evening.



Governing Body Update

The governing body have been reviewing a number of our policies and procedures to ensure they reflect current practice and statutory requirements. Therefore by Friday the updated versions of the following policies will be available on our website (parents tab/policies):

Positive Behaviour, Anti-Bullying (Policy & Charter), Safeguarding & Child Protection, Health & Safety, Safer Recruitment and Collection Policy (including appendix)

We would urge you to particularly note our **Safeguarding & Child Protection policy** as it outlines how we work to help keep your child safe. It also covers specific elements that you may not be aware of such as: Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), Honour Based Violence (HBV) and safeguarding against radicalisation and extremism. There is also a list of helpful websites at the end or alternatively if you would like further information please contact the school who will put you in touch with a member of the Safeguarding Team.



Children's Centre News: Meet the Minders'

Are you looking for childcare? Have you considered a Childminder? Come along and meet our local childminders and gain an insight into the wonderful work, care and professionalism they provide for the children in their care.

Date: Monday 5th February 2018

Time: between 10– 12

Venue: Beckton & Royal Docks Children's Centre



Cleaner Vacancy

**REQUIRED 1 X CLEANER
(Salary Scale 1)**

Do you have a wide range of cleaning skills, demand high standards, can be flexible and have good communication skills? Do you want to work in an environment where staff are hardworking, friendly and committed?





Then you may be the person we are looking for to help care for our school.
Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday - 3.30 pm to 7.30 pm
 Thursday & Friday - 3.30 pm to 6.00 pm
 (Please note that this is a 52 week a year contract)
 To apply please collect an application form and job description from main reception or download from our website.
Closing Date: Friday 2nd February 2018

Safer Recruitment

Please note that when we advertise any vacancies, the successful applicants will have to meet the requirements of the person specification in order to be offered the post and will be subject to an enhanced DBS check. The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Only applications submitted on the borough's application form will be considered.



Advance Notice - Polling Station – Thursday 3rd May 2018

It has now been confirmed that the school building will be required as a polling station for the Local Elections on Thursday 3rd May. **Therefore school will be closed to pupils on this day.** We apologise for any inconvenience this causes.

E-Safety - Tip of the Week

Subject: Where can I find out more?

There are a number of really useful advice sites for parents on how to keep your child safe online and how to start having conversations with them about this. Many of them provide age specific guidance so you can start these conversations early and develop them as they grow. Some of the sites which you may find particularly helpful are listed below.

- www.internetmatters.org/advice
- www.nspcc.org.uk/children-safe/share-aware
- www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers
- www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre/How-can-CEOP-help-me-YP/How-can-CEOP-help-me-parent



Stars of the Week

None due to INSET Day.



House Winners

None due to INSET Day – double winners will be announced this week.



Attendance and Punctuality Winners

None due to INSET Day – double winners will be announced this week.



Upcoming Diary Dates

FEBRUARY

Date	Time(s)	Year Group(s)	Details	Parent Event?
Thu 1 st	2.45 p.m.	1	Clownfish class assembly	YES
5 th – 9 th	N/A	All	Classics Week – Shakespeare Focus	NO
Wed 7 th	2.30 p.m.	1 & 2	Parents meeting – Handwriting & Spelling at EWPS	YES
	N/A	All	Safer Internet Day	NO



Thu 8 th	2.45 p.m.	3	Turtle class assembly	YES
Thu 8 th	3.30 – 7 p.m.	All	Parents evening	YES
12th – 16th		All	HALF TERM	
Wed 21 st	2.30 p.m.	1-6	Parents Meeting – Attendance & Punctuality	YES
Fri 23 rd	N/A	1-6	Learning Fair	NO
Wed 28 th	2.30 p.m.	5	Year 5 Fairplay House parents meeting	YES