



Dear Parents & Carers,  
Happy New Year! We hope you all had a refreshing break and are returning eager for the challenges of the new year. Please take time to look at the diary dates that are coming up this half term including the chance to speak with myself and other members of the Senior Leadership Team at the SLT coffee afternoon on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> from 2.30 pm. I hope to see you there!

Sue Ferguson

## GENERAL MESSAGES

### REMINDER – INSET DAY

Please remember that the school is closed to pupils on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January** as this is an INSET day.



### Clubs

All clubs will commence week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Please note Art Club will be cancelled on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

### Punctuality & Attendance

We have had an increase in the amount of children late to school last term. It is essential that your child is in school "Every day & on time". Your child should be in the playground by 8.50 ready for the start of school. Please help us ensure that your child understands the importance of being on time, as this is an attribute they will need not only during their time at school but also into their adult lives. Thank you

### PE Kits

Please ensure that your child always has their complete PE kit in school including appropriate shoes. Thank you

## LEARNING TIPS

### Reading Tip 4: Tips for reading with children of any age

1. Set aside some time. Find somewhere quiet without any distractions - turn off the TV/radio/computer.
2. Ask your child to choose a book.
3. Sit close together.
4. Point to the pictures.
5. Encourage your child to talk about the book.
6. And lastly, above all - make it fun!



Want to find out more? Find lots more advice at:

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/tips-and-advice/reading-tips/how-to-read-with-your-child/>



### E-safety tip of the week

#### How do you know what is fake news?

It is getting more and more difficult to spot 'fake news' and our children are becoming more and more vulnerable in this regard via social media. Please find below a link to free online safety guide for parents.

**TWITTER:** <https://twitter.com/natonlinesafety/status/1082967693202993152>



**FACEBOOK:** <https://www.facebook.com/NationalOnlineSafety/photos/a.1681508315488685/1946517172321130/?type=3&theater>

We have also put this guide (and previous ones) on our website  
[www.ellenwilkinson.newham.sch.uk](http://www.ellenwilkinson.newham.sch.uk)

Simply click on the PARENT ZONE tab at the top and then on E-SAFETY TIPS at the side.

## CONGRATULATIONS

	<p><b>House Winners</b> House winners for the week ending 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018 are <b>Mo Farah</b></p>
	<p><b>Attendance Winners</b> Attendance Winners for the week ending 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018 = <b>Seahorse = 99.66%</b></p> <p><b>Punctuality Winners</b> Punctuality winners for the week ending 30th November = <b>Dolphin, Lobster, Guppy 2 and Guppy 1 – 0 Lates</b></p>

### Stars of the Week

Our stars are awarded in Friday assemblies to children who have shown particular commitment to our school values during the week. To say thank you we ask them to come to the front in our assembly and they can choose a friend to sit with them at their own special table at lunchtime that day.



Class	Name	Value(s)
6 Shark	George	<b>Resilience</b> (For trying really hard during our writing sessions and not giving up when it got difficult. Well done for persevering, you are making amazing progress)
6 Whale	Yusuf	<b>Inspire</b> (For writing a fantastically researched , well written biography on Carl Linnaeus)
5 Dolphin	Mariam	<b>Heard and Cared For</b> (For her thoughtfulness and kindness to everyone she meets)
5 Stingray	Ieva	<b>Successful</b> (For a massive all round improvement in her class work and attitude to learning)
4 Octopus	Anna	<b>Resilience</b> (For her hard work during Maths lessons about mass and mixed numbers)
4 Seahorse	Mubashir	<b>Resilience</b> (For great team work in story writing)
3 Lobster	Micah	<b>Successful</b> (For learning all his words and moving to the next level in his reading)
3 Turtle	Joseph	<b>Resilience</b> (For trying really hard with the 3D snowflakes)
2 Jellyfish	Erika	<b>Resilience</b> (For continuing to persevere with her learning)
2 Starfish	Cristina	<b>Heard and Cared For</b> (For helping others without being asked to)
1 Clownfish	Meer	<b>Successful</b> (For consistently applying his Phonics into his writing – keep it up)
1 Lionfish	Patricija	<b>Successful</b> (for working independently and writing a recount)



## UPCOMING DIARY DATES

### JANUARY

Date	Time(s)	Year Group(s)	Details	Parent Event?
<b>Thu 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>2.45 p.m.</b>	<b>2S</b>	<b>Starfish class assembly(REARRANGED DATE)</b>	<b>YES</b>
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	2.30 p.m.	1	Parents meeting – Year 1 Phonics	YES
Thu 17 <sup>th</sup>	2.45 p.m.	2	Jellyfish class assembly	YES
<b>Fri 18<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>All</b>	<b>INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS</b>	
w/b: 21st	N/A	All	STEM Week - Science & Technology (x2 days)	NO
Wed 23rd	2.30 p.m.	All	Parents meeting – Parent’s Coffee Afternoon with SLT	YES
Thu 24 <sup>th</sup>	2.45 p.m.	4	Octopus class assembly	YES
<b>Fri 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00 - 10.15 a.m.</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>Stay &amp; Play (DATE CHANGE)</b>	<b>YES</b>
	8.45 – 10.00 a.m.	N (a.m.)		YES
	12.45 – 2.00 p.m	N (p.m.)		YES
Thu 31 <sup>st</sup>	2.45 p.m.	1	Clownfish class assembly	YES

### FEBRUARY

Date	Time(s)	Year Group(s)	Details	Parent Event?
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	1.30-3.00pm	ECM	Safeguarding Meeting	
Thu 7 <sup>th</sup>	2.45 p.m.	3	Turtle class assembly	YES
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	N/A	1-6	Learning Fair	NO
Weds 13 <sup>th</sup>	2.30 p.m.	1-6	Parents Meeting – Attendance & Punctuality	YES
Thu 14 <sup>th</sup>	3.30 – 7 p.m.	All	Parents evening	YES
<b>18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup></b>		<b>All</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>	
Thurs 28th	2.45 p.m.	6	Whale class assembly	YES