



Headteachers Message

Dear Parents & Carers,

It is with great sadness that I am informing you that Mrs Ferdinand (Deputy Head) will be leaving us on Friday. I know that this has not been an easy decision for her to make, but she is looking to spend more time with her young family. I'm sure you join me in wishing her the very best and thank her for her many years of service. You will be truly missed!

Sue Ferguson

General Messages

Cold weather

Please make sure your child has suitable coats, hats, gloves and scarves in this cold weather. Thank you.

In school on time

Please ensure children are in the playground for **8.50** so that school can start promptly at 8.55. Thank you.

Learning Tips

Reading Tip 6: Be a role model

Does your children see you reading? It doesn't matter if it's the newspaper, a cookery book, romantic novel, detective mystery, short stories, computer manual, magazine - anything! Show them it's important —if you do it they will too!



E-Safety Tip of the week

How do I know what is right for my child's age?

Children use the internet in different ways depending on their age and so Internet Matters have developed checklists for parents that give you top tips on how to help them stay safe at different stages of their development.

The guides can be found by following the link:

https://

**www.internetmatters.org/
advice/esafety-leaflets-
resources/#age-guides**

We have also put these guides (and previous ones) on our website in parent zone/e-safety

www.ellenwilkinson.newham.sch.uk

Want a paper copy? Just let us know and we will provide one for you.

Volunteers—Urgently Needed

As you may know, this year we are looking at developing reading across the school. As part of this we are reorganising our library so that children have more guidance about which books will support and challenge them.

But we need help!

We have over 150000 books to get through and therefore we need all the help we can get! Even if you can only give us a couple of hours on one afternoon it will really help. Please speak to anyone at the gate or your child's class teacher if you have some time you could give us. Thank you.



Upcoming diary dates



- ◆ **24th January** - Octopus class assembly (2:45pm)
- ◆ **Friday 25th January**—Stay and Play (Nursery and Reception)
- ◆ **Thursday 31st February** - Clownfish class assembly (2:45pm)
- ◆ **Thursday 7th February** - Turtle class assembly (2:45pm)
- ◆ **Friday 8th February** - Learning Fair
- ◆ **Weds 13th February** - Parents Meeting – Attendance & Punctuality (Y1-Y6) 2:30pm
- ◆ **Thu 14th February** - Parents Evening (All) 3.30 – 7 p.m.
- ◆ **18th – 22nd February** HALF TERM
- ◆ **Thurs 28th February** - Whale class assembly 2:45pm
- ◆ **Friday 1st March** - Parents meeting – Inclusion (by invitation) (ALL) 9am & 2pm repeat
- ◆ **4th – 8th March** - Classics & Creative Arts Week
- ◆ **Wed 6th March** - Fair Play House parents meeting (Y5)
- ◆ **Thursday 7th March** - World Book Day
- ◆ **Thursday 7th March** - Starfish Class assembly (2:45)