



Dear Parents & Carers,

**Nativity**

Nativity practice is continuing at pace and thank you to all parents who have supported with costumes. We are hoping to start filming shortly and then links will be sent out to you once it has been edited so that you can watch it at a time to suit you and your child!

**Singing**

We have also been able to amend our risk assessment to do some singing in individual classes as long as the spaces are well ventilated – it has been lovely to hear the school fill with music again (even if it all separately and at different times!)

**Christmas Dinner**

This will be on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. The menu for this is below.

**Health & Safety Executive Visit**

Less 'Christmassy' but still important, yesterday we had a visit from the HSE who are looking at COVID compliance in schools across the country. Schools are chosen at random and it happens this time we were one of them!

The 2 hour visit looked at all aspects of our risk assessment and also involved a tour of the school to see it in action. We are pleased to say that feedback about measures in place was really positive and the only suggestion was to stop using even infra-red thermometers in school just send the individual home. So we will make that change at our next review.

**Take care and stay safe, don't forget Tier 2 restrictions!**

**Sue Ferguson**

**General Messages**

**Junior Governing Body -  
Kindness Calendar**

The Junior Governing Body (JGB) have worked together to create a Kindness Calendar for the month of December. We shared ideas together as a team and compiled a list of 30 acts of kindness. Our aim is to follow the calendar and tick off an act of kindness done for each day. Let's have a Delightful December, full of acts of kindness. End the year of 2020 by putting a smile on other people's faces.

Ms Yousef & the JGB

**Christmas Menu –**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

**Meat Option (Halal & Non-Halal options)**

Roast turkey with chipolata, sage and onion stuffing, carrots, peas and roast potatoes

**Vegetarian Option**

Vegetarian samosa, sage and onion stuffing, carrots, peas and roast potatoes

**Dessert**

Gingerbread biscuit with ice cream or Christmas pudding

## General Messages

### Relationships, Sex and Health Education

Thank you to everyone who has attended our virtual consultation sessions in relation to RSHE it has been amazing to have such high engagement. The final events are happening this week and then next Monday a survey link will be sent out to all parents for you to make your individual thoughts known. All views matter so whether you attended a session or not please make sure you have your say.



### PE Outside

Due to the impact of current COVID restrictions, all PE continues to take place outside. Please make sure your child has a sweatshirt or track suit top to help keep them warm. We would also suggest they may wish to wear gloves as hands are often the thing that gets the coldest even when you are running around!



## Community Messages



### COVID QUESTION OF THE WEEK

**Q: WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE IN TIER 2?**

**A: With the end of the national lockdown yesterday all of London including Newham are now back in Tier 2. However the guidance has changed a little so please take time to look at the information sheet sent out with this newsletter.**



### Message from Newham Immunisation Team

#### Flu Spray/Injection Catch Up Clinics

If your child in (Reception to Year 7) has missed the Flu vaccine at school, please contact the vaccination team to arrange an appointment on: **0208 214 1393** or **0208 214 1394**

If you refused the vaccination due to faith/vaccine content reason, they are now able to offer the Flu Injection which **DOES NOT** contain gelatine.

#### Reasons to have the flu vaccine

**Protect your child** – the vaccine helps protect your child against flu and other serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia

**Protect others** – vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable family and friends

### Gift Appeal

We realise that this time of year is difficult for many families, and even more so at the moment.

The Metropolitan Police have launched a gift appeal to support struggling families this year. More details are on the attached flyer or if you would like to buy a gift for a child, please visit -

[www.met.police.uk/christmastree](http://www.met.police.uk/christmastree)





## Learning Tips

### Reading Tip –

#### **Choose different types of books**

A report from the Oxford University Press highlighted the importance of parents reading with their children. 'Children who read outside of class are 13 times more likely to read above the expected level for their age'.

The report also offers six tips for reading with your child at home, including:

#### **Choose different types of books**

The wider your reading experience, the better you read!



### E-Safety Tip

#### **Discover the Internet together**

Agree with your child rules for Internet use in your home.

Encourage your child to be careful when disclosing personal information.

Talk about the risks associated with meeting online "friends" in person.

Spend some time online with your child so you can explore and agree limits together.

### Minute madness

How many star jumps can you do in a minute? How many times can you write your name in a minute? How many socks can you get into a washing basket in a minute? Just three possible challenges you could set using a countdown timer. Take a look at the 'Minute to win it' games online for even more challenges you have to try and do within a minute.

Change timings and activities in progression.



## Congratulations

### Special Assembly Mention

**Who?** Seahorse Class

**Why?** For their hard work and creativity in their first recorded assembly. Mrs Willis would like to say well done, and how proud she is of all of you!

### Special Assembly Mention

**Who?** Times Table Rockstar Players in Dolphin Class

**Why?** Dolphins are now a second quicker on average in answering questions- from 5 to 4 seconds. Our target: 2.8 seconds! Well done

### Summer Reading Challenge Certificates

Congratulations to the following children for completing the summer reading challenge run by the library service.

**Christopher-Slav Atanasov, Sophia Islam, Denusa Patratanu, Cristina Patratanu and Anabelle Sy**





## Stars of the week



Our stars are awarded in our Friday virtual assembly to children who have shown particular commitment to our school values during the week. To say thank you they also get 3 House Points and a star of the week pencil to use in school or take home.

Value	Inspire	Respect	Successful	Resilient	Heard and Cared For
Guppy 1	<b>Aleena</b>	<b>Nicole</b>	<b>Harry</b>	<b>Merlia</b>	<b>Emilis</b>
Guppy 2	<b>Mia</b>	<b>Stefania</b>	<b>Khadija</b>	<b>Austeja</b>	<b>Alisha</b>
Clownfish	<b>Abeera</b>	<b>Kenny</b>	<b>Amelia</b>	<b>Matvii</b>	<b>Raphael</b>
Lionfish	<b>Diana</b>	<b>Saule</b>	<b>Jonathon</b>	<b>Jessica</b>	<b>Lucia</b>
Jellyfish	<b>Olivia</b>	<b>Aisha</b>	<b>Alena</b>	<b>Mate</b>	<b>Sadja</b>
Starfish	<b>Emma</b>	<b>Vesta</b>	<b>Sneeha</b>	<b>Philip</b>	<b>Simon</b>
Lobster	<b>Boris</b>	<b>Artjom</b>	<b>Liam</b>	<b>Yasin</b>	<b>Ilyas</b>
Turtle	<b>Adyaan</b>	<b>Aishah</b>	<b>Anna</b>	<b>Nicholas</b>	<b>Precious</b>
Octopus	<b>Melissa</b>	<b>Ahmed</b>	<b>Jill</b>	<b>Niah</b>	<b>Tornadas</b>
Seahorse	<b>Maxi</b>	<b>Aleeza</b>	<b>Olivia</b>	<b>Taleah</b>	<b>Sofia</b>
Stingray	<b>Allison</b>	<b>Emily G</b>	<b>Masai</b>	<b>Saifan</b>	<b>Maher</b>
Dolphin	<b>Rubena</b>	<b>Maria</b>	<b>Arnas</b>	<b>Junaid</b>	<b>Ikran</b>
Shark	<b>Agota</b>	<b>Danielle</b>	<b>Senam</b>	<b>Mubashi</b>	<b>Daniel</b>
Whale	<b>Aleena</b>	<b>Nicole</b>	<b>Harry</b>	<b>Merlia</b>	<b>Emilis</b>

## House Winners

All children in the school are part of one of the 5 Houses. They can earn house points for their house by working hard, and following our 5 values. The House with the most house points each week wins a star for their house board which is in the main hall. The children in the house with the most stars at the end of the year get a special treat.

**Congratulations to last week's House winners –  
J K Rowling!**