



**Dear Parents & Carers,**

It has been a busy start to the term but the children have settled into their new classes and routines well. It has also been wonderful seeing curriculum delivery returning to our normal approach as we have less Covid restrictions in school at present, this includes the Ancient Greek workshop year 4 had yesterday! Further details about our curriculum offer for your child's year group will be sent out shortly.



Last week children across the school also completed their British values unit. Although this covers all five of the British Values, every year we choose an area to focus on for the next three terms. For 2021-22 the values are mutual respect and tolerance. We will keep you updated throughout the year on how we are developing these strands across the school.

**Scooters & Bikes in the playground**



We are extremely happy to see how many children are using bikes or scooters to come to school and there is lots of storage in the playground for these. However when you collect your child at the end of the day please make sure they do not start riding until they leave the playground. Thank you.



**After school clubs**

Attached to this newsletter are details about the after school clubs available for this term for years 1 to 6 (Reception clubs start in the summer term). All clubs run for 1 hour from 3.30 until 4.30 for 10 weeks. The first week will be the week beginning 27th September. Your child can choose as many clubs as they wish in their age range. **Please ensure your child/children only choose clubs appropriate to their year groups.**



Clubs are charged at £2 per club per week and run for 10 weeks. So it will cost £20 for each club your child attends. The whole amount must be paid in advance of the club starting otherwise your child will not be able to attend.

However, if you are in receipt of free school meals (which means you have completed the online registration form and the school has received confirmation of eligibility) you will not be charged for any of the clubs your child attends.

**And finally ...**

Newham and Ilford schools are being asked to support a Community Stem Donor Appeal to help a little girl called Esha who needs to find a donor within the next 2 to 3 weeks to try and save her life! Please take time to look at the details later in the newsletter and on the flyer to see if you can help. Thank you.



**Take care and stay safe.**

**Sue Ferguson**

# General Information

## Updated Information

Please find below the link to update the contact information we hold for your child. This is an annual safeguarding requirement. It is important that this is completed by every parent even if your child has just joined the school so we can make sure the information we have is accurate.

<https://forms.gle/MgDd9E9w5ucUubpN8>

On this form we will also ask you a few other things



**Access to devices** - we use this information to know who we may need to loan laptops to in the case of isolating or another lockdown.

**Key workers** - again we ask for this information so we know how many children we may need to host on site in the case of a lockdown.

**Registered with ParentMail** - this is the system we use to email and text parents. It also allows you to pay for trips and clubs and book parent evening appointments.

## Term Date Cards



Your child will come home tonight with a term date card for this academic year which is designed to be small enough to fit into your purse/wallet/phone case.

Please note that there is still the additional bank holiday day for the Queen's Jubilee to be added to our dates. As the national day happens during the June half term, schools are free to place the additional day elsewhere. Governors will be discussing this at their next meeting and so we should be able to confirm the added holiday date with you by the end of this month.

## Nut Allergies



Please make sure that you do not send any food into school that has nuts as we have several children with nut allergies. This includes packed lunches and any birthday sweets. So if you are using one of the sweet tubs please check this (for example no snickers). Thank you for your support in this matter.

## Caring for Reading Books

Reading is an essential part of your child's learning, so please hear your child read regularly at home. It is also important that children learn to take care of items including books so please make sure they keep them in their book bags when not in use as there may be a charge made for lost or damaged items.



## Breakfast Club



Breakfast club is available every school morning for years 1 to 6. Reception children can join from January. Children enter through Mitchell Walk gate between 7.30 and 7.45 am. To apply for a place please use the link below.

<https://forms.gle/BFozFfeyYMJsyYLR9>

## Free School Meals

**APPLY NOW**

### Free school meals in primary schools

Every primary school aged child attending school in Newham still has the opportunity to have a free school lunch even if their parents/carers are not in receipt of one of the qualifying benefits for free school meals.

### Reasons to apply - free after school clubs and discounted trips

If your child is eligible for Free School Meals they will no longer pay for their after school clubs with us and any residential trips are offered at a discounted rate.

### Extra funding for your child's school too!

Whether your child is at primary school and receiving a free meal, has packed lunch or you are currently working, we request that the parents/carers of all primary and secondary aged children in Newham should still register for free school meals, even if you don't think you are currently eligible.

Once we have the application, if at any time a family is in receipt of one of the qualifying benefits for free school meals we will automatically update our records and their school will receive additional funding known as Ever6 Pupil Premium. This is up to £1,320 depending on the child's age!

### Applying for Free School Meals

To apply for free school meals please go to: [https://newham-self.achieveservice.com/service/Application for Free School Meals](https://newham-self.achieveservice.com/service/Application%20for%20Free%20School%20Meals)

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us via the main office

## Learning Tips



### **Reading**

#### **Make use of your local library**

Visit libraries when you're able to and explore all sorts of reading ideas. Local libraries also offer brilliant online materials, including audiobooks and e-books to borrow.

### **Maths**

Food shopping is a great time to help children with their maths! You can get them to compare prices and sizes, add two costs together or even estimate how much they think it will all cost.



### **Well-being** Talk openly about mental health

Just as you might encourage them to eat fruit and veg to keep their bodies healthy (and model this behaviour yourself), talk openly about, for example, staying connected with others or being physically active in order to take care of our minds.

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/publications/make-it-count-guide-for-parents-and-carers>

### **E- Safety**

Would you like further advice about how to keep your child safe online? If so you may want to consider downloading the free National Online Safety app. On it you'll find:

- Online safety guides on the topics you need to know about
- An online safety training course for parents
- Ways to stay up-to-date with the latest online crazes (and risks);

<https://info.nationalonlinesafety.com/mobile-app>



# Early Years

## Reception parents

Please remember that children will be attending school full time from next week (Monday 20th September). You will still be dropping them at the reception gate in the morning but will be collecting them from the class doors at the end of the day. Please use the gates on Mitchell Walk or Dove Approach to enter the playground, the reception gate will not be used at the end of the day.



Can you also please make sure not to park on the zig zag yellow lines when dropping your child to school. Thank you



## Beckton & Royal Docks Children's Centre

### Activity Timetable September 2021

**FREE events and opportunities for you and your child!**

#### Monday

- Sing-along & Stories, under 5 years 9.30am-10.00am (**Zoom**) **Contact the centre for the zoom details**)
- Music & Movement at Royal Wharf Community Dock Square, 2-5 years 10am-11am
- Messy Mondays, under 5's 11am-12pm
- Baby Sing-along & Stories, 0-12 months 1.30pm-2.30pm

#### Tuesday

- Stay & Play Babies, 0-12 months 10am-11am
- Childminders Support 10am-11.30am
- Stay & Play, under 5 years 1.30pm-2.30pm

#### Wednesday

- SEND Stay & Play, under 5 years 10.30am-11.30am (**For children with additional needs, communication/speech delay**)
- Stay & Play Babies, 0-12 months 1.30pm-2.30pm
- Sing-along at North Woolwich Library 1.30pm-2.30pm (**starts 22<sup>nd</sup> September**)

#### Thursday

- Little Talkers, 4 week course for children over 2 years with speech/communication delay waiting to be seen by speech & language team 10am-11am (**starts 30<sup>th</sup> September**)

#### Friday

- Stay & Play AM, under 5's 10am-11am
- Stay & Play PM, under 5 years 1.30pm-2.30pm
- Baby Massage 11am-12pm (**starts 17<sup>th</sup> September**)
- Learning through Play, 4 week course under 5 years 1.30pm-2.30pm (**TBC**)

**Booking essential for all sessions**

Call the Children's Centre on **Fridays from 9.30am to book** or for more information about the sessions:

**0207 474 0654**

Beckton & Royal Docks Children's Centre, Dove Approach E6 5TJ (*Access is via the house gate on Dove Approach.*)

Email: [info@becktonandroyaldockschilddrenscentre.org.uk](mailto:info@becktonandroyaldockschilddrenscentre.org.uk)

Website: [www.bardcc.co.uk](http://www.bardcc.co.uk)

# Wellbeing and Support

## Urgent - Community Stem Donor Appeal

Please find attached a community appeal for a stem cell donor for a pupil at a school in Ilford who needs to find someone who is a match within the next 2-3 weeks!



In May of this year a little girl called Esha was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukaemia. She has been incredibly brave, undergoing two cycles of intensive chemotherapy, but this has been ineffective. Great Ormond Street has said that she needs to find a stem cell donor in the next couple of weeks to save her life.

Therefore all schools in the local areas have been asked to send this appeal to their families to try and find a donor to help Esha.

Details of Covid safe donor testing are in the attached flyer and the next testing session is planned for tomorrow (Thursday 16th).

## COVID advice of the week-



### 5 STEPS FOR COVID-19 WELLBEING

STAY SAFE	BE KIND	STAY HOME	GET TESTED	GET VACCINATED
Do the basics 2 METRES	Look after yourself & those around you	If you have symptoms, or test positive	Know your Covid-19 status	Protect yourself and others

[www.newham.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.newham.gov.uk/coronavirus)

## Congratulations

### House Winners

Every child is in one of our 5 houses. They can earn points for their house by showing our 5 school values and by supporting other children in the school. Each week the House with the most points becomes House of the Week. They have a star added to their chart in the hall. The House with the most stars at the end of the year gets an afternoon at the park with ice lollies too!



*We are currently in the process of renaming our school houses and over the next couple of weeks children will be voting for who they think should be the role models we use. Therefore we will be announcing the winning house as a colour until this takes place.*



Last week's House winners who earned the most house points were

## **Blue House**



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.



Reception Stars begin once children are in full time.

	Inspire	Respect	Successful	Resilient	Heard & Cared For
Lionfish	Frankie	Ayden	Genesis	Tope	Nicholas
Clownfish	Thomas	Darius	Elena	Eliora	Shannon
Jellyfish	Ryan	Ramisah	Jayden	Emilijua	Kemi
Starfish	Albie	Elizabeth	Nikita	Luca	Jessica
Turtle	Michael	Minahil	Maverik	Ruby	Victoria
Lobster	Aleena	Evie-Rae	Hussain	Tyler	Elena
Octopus	Naglis	Dijana	Ayesha	Boston	Emma
Seahorse	Inaaya	Deniz	Afia	Yasin	Abdul-Hameed
Stingray	Daria	Casandra	Arijus	Nia	Maria
Dolphin	Melissa	Ahmed	Olivia	Ariana	Jannah
Shark	Sara	Paul	Rubena	Jonas	Tade
Whale	Kelly	Isaac	Ava	Cristain	Aiden