



Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to this week's newsletter.



New Covid guidance for schools

The Covid guidance for schools has been updated due to the government announcement in relation to the new omicron variant.

The main changes are:

- Mask wearing in communal areas and corridors for all adults unless exempt.
- Visitors (including parents) must wear masks when in the building unless exempt. (Mask wearing in the playground is a personal choice as it is outside)
- Returning from travelling to a red list country is a 10 day isolation on return regardless of PCR result
- Returning from abroad (non-red list) you need to isolate and do a PCR test by day 2 of return and keep isolating until a negative result.

At the moment school visits and events can continue in accordance with the school's risk assessment and as long as the above is followed. Therefore class assemblies, pupil discos and the 8 nativity performances will still go ahead as long as the following is followed:

1. No more than 2 people per pupil at any performance
2. All adults need to wear masks when inside the building attending performances unless exempt.

We would ask for your full support in this matter, as we believe it is really important children and their families have these experiences. However please be aware that even with this in place we may have to cancel if the school guidance changes again.

The full list of December events is later in the newsletter.

Litter Pick - Eco Schools



On Friday 19th the EWPS Eco Guardians joined 'Curious By Nature' a local environmental charity for a Litter Pick in Beckton District Park South to kick start the Eco Schools programme at EWPS.

We worked really hard and collected five bags of rubbish from the woodland adjoining our school! A lot of the waste was plastic which will not now end up in our rivers, seas and oceans. Well done to the Eco Guardians! Thank you also to all the parents who



joined us and helped.

Date Reminders



- Last day for Nursery - Thursday 16th December (normal times)
- Last day for R to Y6 - Friday 17th December at 1.00 (gates will be open at 12.55)

Take care and stay safe.

Sue Ferguson

General Information



Toilets update

As explained last week, we have problems with the drains across the site collapsing.

Therefore, temporary toilet blocks for staff and pupils (with heating and hand washing facilities) will be coming onto site on Friday and will hopefully be in use from the following week.

It is highly likely that these toilet blocks will be in use until the end of the school year as the work that needs to be done on the drains is significant and can only take place during school holidays.

December Events Information



Event Calendar

Below are all the dates and times of events taking place in December. Further details about each event are further down this page.

Date	Event	Year Groups	Times
Monday 6th	Reception & KS1 Discos	Reception, 1 & 2	3.45 - 4.45 (Reception) 5.00 - 6.00 (Years 1 & 2)
Tuesday 7th	Y1 Nativity	Year 1	Gates open -10.30 & Starts - 10.40 (Lionfish parents) Gates open -1.45 & Starts - 1.55 (Clownfish parents)
Wednesday 8th	EYFS Nativities	Nursery & Reception	Gates open -10.30 & Starts - 10.40 (Nursery am parents) Gates open -1.45 & Starts - 1.55 (Nursery pm parents)
Friday 10th	EYFS Nativities	Nursery & Reception	Gates open -10.30 & Starts - 10.40 (Guppy 1 parents) Gates open -1.45 & Starts - 1.55 (Guppy 2 parents)
Monday 13th	KS2 Discos	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	3.45 - 5.00 (Years 3 & 4) 5.15 - 6.30 (Years 5 & 6)
Tuesday 14th	Y2 Nativity	Year 2	Gates open -10.30 & Starts - 10.40 (Starfish parents) Gates open -1.45 & Starts - 1.55 (Jellyfish parents)
Wednesday 15th	Christmas dinner & winter jumper day	Reception to year 6	During the school day
Thursday 16th	Last day nursery	Nursery	Normal times
Friday 17th	Last day R to Y6	Reception to year 6	1 pm finish for children



Christmas Dinner & Winter Jumper Day

Christmas dinner will be served on Wednesday 15th and all children will also be given crackers (including if they are packed lunch). We are also continuing with our tradition of winter jumper day, where children can wear a festive jumper rather than school colours on this day. We use this to raise money for the charity Save the Children and so encourage a £1 donation where possible towards this worthwhile cause.

Christmas Discos



Dates and times

Monday 6th December 3.45 - 4.45 (Reception) & 5.00 - 6.00 (Years 1 & 2)

Monday 13th December 3.45 - 5.00 (Years 3 & 4) & 5.15 - 6.30 (Years 5 & 6)

Location and access to the site

- All discos will be held in the hall and will be supervised by school staff.
- Parents need to use the Mitchell Walk gate (at the back of the school) to access the site.
- Children need to line up with their adult by the hall doors and give their ticket to gain entry.
- Collection is from the same place.

Tickets

Available on Parentmail and in the playground at the end of every day from Thursday 25th November. Price £2.

Further information

- **Please note all children must be collected from school at 3.15 as usual. Children who are not collected will not be allowed to attend the event and ticket money will be refunded.**
- ALL children including year 6 must be collected.
- Please collect your child promptly as we have only 15 minutes between the two events on each night and staff are giving up their own time so these events can take place.
- We strongly suggest that as your child enters the hall that you take their coat away with you and bring it back when you collect them (this way they don't get muddled with someone else's)
- Sorry no parents can attend the discos
- Discos are NO PHOTOGRAPHY events (this includes mobile phones).
- This is a non-uniform event.

Also on sale

Crisps 50p

Drinks 30p

Glow bands 25 p each or 5 for £1

Nativities



Details of all the nativities are below and we ask you to attend the performance for your child's class only due to the restriction on numbers at each performance. **Please note that there is a maximum number of 2 adults per child.** Windows will be open to allow sufficient ventilation and we are happy for parents to be masked if they are more comfortable with this. All performances will be held in the Hall and access to this will be via the Mitchell Walk gate (back of the school). Sorry no access via the main office.

Times	Tuesday 7th December	Wednesday 8th December	Friday 10th December	Tuesday 14th December
Gates open at 10.30 Performance starts at 10.40	Y1 (Lionfish parents only)	Guppy 1 and Morning Nursery (Nursery parents only)	Guppy 1 and Morning Nursery (Guppy 1 parents only)	Y2 (Starfish parents only)
Gates open at 1.45. Performance starts at 1.55	Y1 (Clownfish parents only)	Guppy 2 and Afternoon Nursery (Nursery parents only)	Guppy 2 and Afternoon Nursery (Guppy 2 parents only)	Y2 (Jellyfish parents only)

We will have our charity bucket for donations at all performances with all proceeds going to Richard's House Children's Hospice in Beckton. We look forward to welcoming you.

Learning Tips



Reading **Ask questions**

To keep them interested in the story, ask your child questions as you read. Start with 'Where did we get to last time?', 'Can you remember what's happened so far?' and 'What do you think will happen next?'.

Maths

Math support for KS1

Need different ways to support your child in maths. Use the link below to find some great ideas and games that can be used on and offline

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zjxhfq8>



Well-being **Being a Parent Group**



The Being a Parent Group is a weekly space for parents with children aged 9 -16 to come together sharing experiences and learning tried and tested approaches that can help us navigate this difficult time. Many parents have already benefited from this course, and Headstart wants to reach as many parents (and grandparents, aunts, uncles, carers too) as possible . All parents will need to register for a place as the group has limited capacity. Parents can sign up via the link below.

<https://www.headstartnewham.co.uk/get-involved/sign-up-to-headstart/>

E- Safety

If you are concerned about something your child has seen online or want more advice on keeping your child safe in the virtual world visit ThinkuKnow which provides guidance and support for parents. Or come and speak to us and we will help you find the correct support.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>



Community, Wellbeing and Support



Parent Connect

Attached to this week's newsletter is the latest edition of Parent Connect. It has lots of information about how and where to access support including helpful advice with parenting and keeping your child safe online.

- ❖ **HAF – Holiday Activities and Food Programme**
- ❖ **Headstart Coffee and Chat**
- ❖ **West Ham Foundation – EmployMe and UpSkill Projects**
- ❖ **PlaceToBe Bullying Video**
- ❖ **SEND Parents Support Group**
- ❖ **Our Newham Learning & Skills**
- ❖ **Therapeutic Workshops**
- ❖ **Headstart Peer Parenting Sessions**



Congratulations



Assembly Special Mentions



Congratulations to the following people who had a special mention in assembly this week

Luca (2S) Completing level 1 on Lexia
Emilijus (2J) Completing level 1 on Lexia

Dragos (2J) Completing level 2 on Lexia

Elias (2S) Completing level 3 on Lexia

For mastering 1 level in Mathsfacts in a Flash

2J - Daniel M, Sumaiya & Emilijus

2S - Aroush & Lakin

For mastering 4 levels in Mathsfacts in a Flash

2J - Matas

For mastering 5 levels in Mathsfacts in a Flash

2J - David

For mastering 8 levels in Mathsfacts in a Flash

2S - Joel

For earning their bronze certificates in Mathletics.

2J - Eric, Matas, Dragos, Daniel M, Ryan & Ramisah

For earning their silver certificate in Mathletics.

2J - Rexhep

Deniz (4S) Completing level 11 on Lexia

Nicoleta (4S) -For being so inspired in her English lesson that she went home and wrote an outstanding poem about change. Well done Nicoleta the poem was amazing

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!



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

Marcus Rashford



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.



House Name	Creola Katherine Johnson	Malalah Yousafzai	Michael Rosen	Ade Adepitan	Marcus Rashford
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Value	Inspire	Respect	Successful	Resilient	Heard & Cared For
Guppy 1	Aisha	Matei	Gabriel	Patryk	Michaela
Guppy 2	Paula	Elsie	Lincoln	Samuel	Samara
Lionfish	Helen	Areeb	Rida	Scarlett	Austeja
Clownfish	Reece	Sonny	Nael	Harry	Elia
Jellyfish	Raphael	Amelia C	Rexhep	Markas	Mariana
Starfish	Aroush	Luca	Zain	Ester	Fionel
Turtle	Jessica	David	Saarah	Olivia	Mikaela
Lobster	Elena	Orion	Aleena	Alexandra	Simon
Octopus	Riad	Arile	Naglis	Kydon	Precious
Seahorse	Miley	Henryk	Paulina	Deniz	Afia
Stingray	Lauryn	Maria	Arijus	Peter	Sofia
Dolphin	Cristina	Morgana	Camilla	Azaan	Melissa
Shark	Jonas	Kornelija	Sam	Delia	Paul
Whale	Zarah	Matei	Theo	Maria	Ava