



**Dear Parents & Carers,**

Welcome to the first newsletter of the academic year!

It has been lovely to welcome the children back this week and see how quickly they have settled into their new classes.



A special hello to all our new families who are joining us for the first time either as their child enters nursery, reception or are new to the school in other year groups. We know it can be a little daunting starting a new school but please remember we are here to help, so if you have any questions just ask!

Our newsletter is sent out by email every Wednesday and usually has quite a lot of information in it. This is divided into sections

- ★ **General Information** *(this is generally events, dates and information about the school)*
- ★ **Our Learning** *(examples of children's learning including visits, sports participation etc)*
- ★ **Learning Tips** *(ways you can support your child's learning at home)*
- ★ **Community Wellbeing & Support** *(details of community events, support and information including the Children's Centre which is located on site)*
- ★ **Congratulations** *(this is a chance to celebrate our stars of the week and various ways children have excelled. These are shared in the whole school assembly the previous Friday)*

Please take time to look through each week as it is our main way of keeping you informed. Diary dates for this academic year will be sent out by the end of this week. As always, if you have any questions please speak to your child's class teacher or any staff member at the school gates (including me!)

Playground and roofing:

You will have noticed all the barriers and scaffolding around the main school block and parts of the playground. The Local Authority started out on maintenance and refurbishment roofing works during the summer break. Work is due to be completed soon. There are also yellow markings across various parts of the playground identified as being hazardous, due to subsidence. The LA will be carrying out some maintenance work here too.

**Janice Owen-Amadasun**

**Head teacher**

### General Information

#### School Photos

Children's individual and group photos will now take place in November. More information will be sent out closer to the time. Please note that children will need to be in their full school uniform (not PE kits) for these photographs.





## Year 6 Parents - Applying for Secondary School

Your child will be coming home with a copy of the booklet "We are going to secondary school" A digital version is now available please click on the link [Starting Secondary School in Newham](#) This explains the process of applying for a secondary school place and when school open evenings are taking place.

We are holding two online meetings to explain the process and answer any questions you may have. These are taking place on **Tuesday 16th September at 2.15 – 2.45 pm and repeated again from 4.30 – 5.00 pm.** Please join using the link below:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87629238508?pwd=ZTlVbVA0cmdHYUN6cmJ3cGlzTW4xZz09>

## Uniform & PE Days

Children in years 1 to 6 need to come to school in their PE kits on their PE days (unless it's school photos!). The days your child has PE are below, please note that children do get two sessions but some of them happen on the same day.

- ★ Nursery - Friday
- ★ Reception - Tuesday
- ★ Year 1 – Thursday & Friday
- ★ Year 2 – Monday & Tuesday
- ★ Year 3 – Monday & Wednesday
- ★ Year 4 - Tuesday & Wednesday
- ★ Year 5 - Monday & Friday
- ★ Year 6 – Monday



Year 4 will start a block of swimming lessons in October. More information will follow in a separate letter.

- Please return all phonics and library books if you have not done so already
- Lexia will start on Monday 8th September 2025 8.30 -8.45 am All children involved have already been allocated the session.
- Please send in old dress up clothing for our Early Years classes to add to their role play costumes

## Breakfast, After School Clubs & Wrap around care

**Breakfast club** is available every school morning for years 1 to 6. Reception children will be able to join from when they start school full time.

Children enter through the main school entrance on Tollgate Road between 7.30am and 7.45am. To fill in the form please ([click HERE](#))



**After school Clubs:** Details of how to apply for after school clubs will be sent out separately on Monday 8th September. We will confirm if your child has been allocated a place by Monday 15th September. Clubs will start the **week beginning Monday 22nd September.** Each club runs for 10 weeks each term and you will need to reapply each term.

**Wrap around care** is available after school for children in Reception to Year 6. It is situated on our school site in Beckton and Royal Docks Children's Centre training rooms. **Apply at**

[https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/18552/?location=E6%205UP&distance=0.0&distance=0.0&type\[\]=WAC](https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/18552/?location=E6%205UP&distance=0.0&distance=0.0&type[]=WAC)

## Parent Volunteers

We welcome parent volunteers to support our children with various aspects of their learning during school time. This can include support with reading and maths in small groups or 1:1. Please ([Click HERE](#)) to fill in the google form to register your interest. We will get back to you to confirm how and when you can support us in school.



## Our Learning

### British Values & Equity in Diversity

This week children in years 1 to 6 are spending time exploring the 5 British Values which include:

- Democracy
- The rule of law
- Individual liberty
- Mutual respect
- Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs.

As part of this learning they will be writing their own manifestos and taking part in a whole school election to represent their class on our Junior Governing Body.

Children are also spending time learning more about significant people in different fields including mathematicians, authors, sports, creative arts, scientists and activists.

Towards the end of the week each year group will be focussing on a specific theme in relation to our Equity on Diversity work which we will be sharing with you in more detail later this term. These themes are:

Year 1: What is fair and not fair, how can we make decisions? Why should everyone be heard?

Year 2: Royal Family. Line of succession.

Year 3: What is racism?

Year 4: Unconscious bias / Stereotypes

Year 5: Windrush generation

Year 6: Universal suffrage and the right to vote



## Learning Tips



### **Reading** **Ask questions**

To keep children 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**

Get children to tell you the time rather than you tell them! Try and make telling the time part of the things you do every day.



### **Well-being**

Use activities that you do together to have conversations about how they are doing. Talking whilst doing something together, side-by-side, such as cooking, can help them share their feelings more easily than a face-to-face conversation.

### **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



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

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

### **Parking - Dove Approach**

We understand that the school pick up can be a rush for parents and parking close to the school can be difficult at times but we do ask that you be mindful of our school neighbours and avoid parking on the yellow lines on Dove Approach. There is parking further up Dove Approach and the joining roads.



**Our 'Congratulations' section will start next week.**