



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a relaxing break and are ready for the challenges of a new half term. It was lovely to see so many of you at parents evening before we broke up and we hope you found the discussions with your child's teachers and the other information available helpful. We know that the opportunity to taste items from the new school lunch menu was particularly popular, and as a result we ran out of food! So huge apologies to those of you with later appointments who were not able to do this and be assured we will order more for next time!!

Sue Ferguson



Presentation by Councillor Easter

Councillor Ann Easter attended our assembly on Friday 20th October to proudly present some of our children with medals and a silver salver. This was to celebrate their creative skills and inspiring and resilient attitudes when participating in Mayor's Newham Carnival on the 8th July. Our children proudly took their positions again as the star drummers in the opening parade. Over 2000 people took part in this colourful event and it would not have been possible without the support of the parents, carers and staff of Ellen Wilkinson. Thank you to all those involved and particularly to Ms Sreedharan for leading our involvement.



Anti- Bullying Week

Next week is our anti-bullying week; this year the focus will be on discussing issues in relation to cyber bullying, what children can do to keep themselves safe online and what to do if they feel that they are being bullied online. As part of this work we are also holding a parents information event on the 8th of November at 2.30 to ensure that together, we are able to help our children stay safe. We look forward to seeing you.



Attendance Policy

Before half term the Governing Body reviewed our attendance policy which has now been agreed. This is being sent with this newsletter and will appear on our website shortly. Hard copies are also available on request from the main office. Thank you for working with us to ensure that our children are at school 'Every day and on time!'



New Menus

As you know, our school lunch menus get changed twice a year. Therefore please find attached to this newsletter a copy of the new menus which started this week. These will also be available on our website and hard copies are also being sent home so please check your child's book bag.



Parent Governor Elections

We have been informed by Governor Services that unfortunately the parent Governor Election has been delayed due to an issue with printing the ballot papers! We are now due to receive these next week and they will be sent out to you on Wednesday 8th November. Voting will close on Wednesday 15th and the count will take place on Thursday 16th. Thank you for your patience in this matter.



Community News: Courses Running at the Children's Centre

We are pleased to announce the following parent events are being run shortly at our Children's Centre. **These are all free of charge!**
Toilet Training Workshop – Wednesday 13th December



Made of Money Workshops – once a week for 4 weeks beginning on 14th November

Flyers with further information are being sent with this newsletter.



Book Fair

This term's book fair will take place after school every day next week from 3.15 until 3.45 in the hall. This is an excellent opportunity to purchase reading books for your child or even get started on your Christmas shopping. Every item sold also raises money for the school which we use to purchase new books for the school library. So please come and support this worthwhile event.

Stars of the Week



| Class | Name | Value(s) |
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| 6 Shark | Darcie | Inspire (For always working hard to improve her work to the best of her ability) |
| 6 Whale | Fahima | Successful (For a hugely successful first half term in Maths) |
| 5 Dolphin | Desta | Successful (For joining her handwriting in all lessons for a week) |
| 5 Stingray | Radiyah | Inspire (For her thoughtful contributions during R.E) |
| 4 Octopus | Kainas | Resilience (For never giving up and making huge improvements in handwriting) |
| 4 Seahorse | Alessandro | Successful (For taking part in the class assembly) |
| 3 Lobster | Rubie | Respect (For always being polite and caring. Well done!) |
| 3 Turtle | Anastasia | Respect (For always listening to others in class) |
| 2 Jellyfish | Isaac | Resilience (for a great attitude to learning and not giving up when things get challenging) |
| 2 Starfish | Rubena | Successful (For speeding up when doing work and trying her best) |
| 1 Clownfish | Thomas | Successful (For being independent in his learning and listening to the adults) |
| 1 Lionfish | Enrikas | Successful (For working independently all week. Well done) |

Our stars are awarded in Friday assemblies to children who have shown particular commitment to our school values during the week. To say thank you we ask them to come to the front in our assembly and they can choose a friend to sit with them at their own special table at lunchtime that day.



House Winners

Congratulations to everyone in **J K Rowling** House for having the most house points this week



Attendance and Punctuality Winners

Attendance winners for the 9th – 13th October are **Stingray 99.66% attendance**
Punctuality winners for the week are: **Shark, Whale, Stingray, Dolphin, Octopus, Turtle and Jellyfish = 0 lates**



Upcoming Diary Dates



NOVEMBER

| Date | Time(s) | Year Group(s) | Details | Parent Event? |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Thu 2 nd | 2.45 p.m. | 6 | Whale class assembly | YES |
| Fri 3 rd | 9 am & 2 pm (event repeated) | All | Parents meeting - Inclusion | YES |



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| 6 th – 10 th | 3.15 – 3.45 p.m. | All | Book Fair | YES |
| 6 th – 10 th | N/A | All | Anti-Bullying Week | NO |
| Wed 8 th | 2.30 p.m | All | Parents meeting - Anti-bullying week (How to keep your child safe online) | YES |
| Thu 9 th | 2.45 p.m. | 3 | Lobster class assembly | YES |
| 13 th – 17 th | N/A | 6 | Year 6 @ Fair Play House | NO |
| Wed 15 th | 2.30 & 5.30 pm (event repeated) | 2 | Parent Meeting – Key Stage 1 SATs | YES |
| Thu 16 th | 2.45 p.m. | 5 | Stingray class assembly | YES |
| Wed 22 nd | N/A | All | Governors Newsletter Issued | NO |
| Thu 23 rd | 9.00 a.m. | All | Meet the governors and find out more about the school – Drop in session | YES |
| Thu 23 rd | Morning | 1-6 | Learning Fair | NO |
| Fri 24th | All day | All | SCHOOL CLOSED | |