



Dear Parents and Carers,

Today we held the first of our Roast Dinner Days where KS2 parents had the opportunity to come and have lunch with their child. Thank you to all those parents who participated and for such positive feedback from our surveys. A huge thank you to all the staff who supported in the organisation of this and particularly our catering staff. We look forward to welcoming our Reception and KS1 parents next Wednesday. Finally, Mrs Ferdinand starts her maternity leave at the end of this week and I'm sure you join me in wishing her well and look forward to welcoming her back next year.

Sue Ferguson

Governing Body Update

Governing Body Newsletter Every year the Governing Body compiles a special edition newsletter that reflects on the outcomes of the previous 12 months. It also incorporates the findings from the annual parents' survey. We would urge you to take some time to look at this, as it provides some useful information about the quality of education your child receives at the school and what we are going to be working on next.

Meet the Governors: Want to find out more about how the school is doing and what are our future plans? Come along and meet the Governors tomorrow at 9 am. Please wait at the main gate. (There will be tea, coffee & munchies!)

New Parent Governor: Congratulations to Aisha Khan who was elected as parent governor last week. Thank you to everyone who stood as candidates and for everyone who voted in the election, we really appreciate your involvement.

Complaints Policy: Last week the Governors approved the updated complaints policy. We hope you never need to use it, but if you do, it will shortly be uploaded onto our website in the parents tab or you can request a hard copy from main reception.

Admissions: The Governing Body are aware that parents trying to get their child into our school are sometimes being provided with conflicting advice from different sources. To clarify :

Nursery places: *These are managed by the school and so you apply directly to us.*

Reception places: *As we are a Local Authority school these are managed by pupil services. Even if you are already in our nursery you must still apply and you are not guaranteed a place in Reception. **The school has no control or say in who gets allocated a place as it is in accordance with the Local Authority admissions procedure.***

Other year groups: *Same as above.*

Mid-year admissions: *Same as above.*

Reception Parents & New Parents to our School – We Need Your Help!

As you may know, every child in a Newham primary school gets a free school lunch every day. Newham is one of only three local authorities in the country to provide a universally free school meal scheme offer through to year 6. This offer is delivered and funded by the schools and the Mayor of Newham.

Even though primary schools offer a free school lunch every day, if you apply for a free school meal your application is agreed you can raise **£1,300** for your child's school. This extra money comes from the Government. **At EWPS it also entitles you to free after school club provision.** Therefore we are urging all Reception or new to the school parents to complete an application to check your eligibility.





You will need your address, date of birth and national insurance details. You can apply in 2 ways:

1. Apply online yourself using the following link

<https://achieve.newham.gov.uk/default.aspx/RenderForm/?F.Name=CV8DyEJxMp8&HideToolbar=1>

2. Join us at 9 am on Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th November and we will help you through the online process.

Thank you.



Punctuality

We just wanted to say a huge thank you for all your help this week with making sure children are in school on time. It has been very noticeable that there has been much less disruption to learning and the children are much more settled. Thank you.



Turtle Class – Visit to Benjamin Franklin’s House

As part of our science topic we visited the house of Benjamin Franklin on Tuesday this week. We got to dress up in the type of clothes that people wore at the time (including servants). Some of us even had to wear wigs! We really liked how the house had been kept in the same way as when Benjamin Franklin lived. We learnt lots about his life (like he was born in 1706 and died in 1790 and he was a printer, candle maker, inventor, politician and scientist!) We have lots more information so if your child would like to know more please ask them to speak to us!

Joy, Kyran & Ismaeel



Photographs

We have now received all of the school photographs that parents and carers have ordered. These will be sent out this week.



Reminder - school is closed to pupils this Friday (24th).

Stars of the Week

Class	Name	Value(s)
6 Shark		At Fair Play House
6 Whale		At Fair Play House
5 Dolphin	Charley	Resilience (For practicing her handwriting)
5 Stingray	Simran	Resilience (For her effort and resilience in Maths this week)
4 Octopus	Keyaan	Successful (For finding the mass of each object)
4 Seahorse	Yasir	Successful (For brilliant work in Science)
3 Lobster	Raigardas R	Inspire (For demonstrating and leading the class in sharing his knowledge of drawing difficult patterns on the white board)
3 Turtle	Kayne	Resilience (For his huge improvement in his spellings. Well done)
2 Jellyfish	Abdul	Successful (for trying hard to improve his handwriting)
2 Starfish	Rosie	Inspire (For producing fantastic homework every week)
1 Clownfish	Cristina	Successful (for retelling the story of Baby Jesus independently in her R.E. work)
1 Lionfish	Zeynep	Inspire (For producing a fantastic piece of homework)

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 **Albert Einstein** House for having the most house points this week



Attendance and Punctuality Winners

Attendance winners for the week ending 10th November are: **Clownfish, Turtle and Octopus with 100% attendance**

Punctuality winners for the week are: **Octopus, Lobster and Starfish = 0 lates**



Upcoming Diary Dates



NOVEMBER

Date	Time(s)	Year Group(s)	Details	Parent Event?
Thu 23 rd	9.00 a.m.	All	Meet the governors and find out more about the school – Drop in session	YES
	Morning	1-6	Learning Fair	NO
Fri 24th	All day	All	SCHOOL CLOSED	
Wed 29th	9.00 a.m.	New parents	Help to apply for free school meals (NEW)	YES
	12.00 – 12.30	R, 1 & 2	Roast Dinner Day (NEW)	YES
	2.15 p.m.	1-6	Attendance & Punctuality information meeting for parents	YES
Thu 30th	9.00 a.m.	New parents	Help to apply for free school meals (NEW)	YES
	2.45 p.m.	6	Shark class assembly	YES

DECEMBER

Date	Time(s)	Year Group(s)	Details	Parent Event?
Thu 7 th	4.00 – 5.15 p.m.	R - 3	Christmas Disco (Reception Parents only)	YES
	5.30 – 6.45 p.m.	4 -6	Christmas Disco	NO
11th – 15th	TBC	All	Christmas gifts on sale (charity fundraiser)	NO
Wed 13 th	2.30 p.m.	1 & 2	Nativity performance	YES
Thu 14 th	11.00 a.m. 2.45 p.m.	N & R	Nativity performances	YES
Tue 19th		All	Wear a Christmas or winter jumper (£1 donation)	NO
	12 p.m.	R - 6	Christmas Dinner	NO
		N	LAST DAY OF NURSERY (NORMAL FINISH TIME)	
Wed 20th		R-6	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL. SCHOOL FINISHES AT 1 P.M.	