News from the Early Years- June and July 2023





Be safe in the Sun Sun safety

Please check out the following websites with further information and a short video which your child will watch at school. <u>https://www.afpe.org.uk/physical-education/the-outdoor-kids-sun-safety-</u> <u>code/</u> <u>https://www.teachertoolkit.co.uk/2017/05/27/stay-safe/</u>

In order to keep your child safe in the sun, please apply sun cream all over at home in the morning before school. We are happy to teach your child how to top up their sun cream whilst at school. Please make sure your child's sun cream is clearly labelled with their name. This can be kept at school in your child's peg bag. <u>Please take not</u> note of the recommended Five Layers of Protection

1. Slip!- Slip on sun protective clothing that covers as much of your body as possible. Clothing is the most effective form of sun protection so the more skin you cover the better.

Slop!- Slop on SPF 30 or higher broad-spectrum, water-resistant <u>sunscreen</u>, at least 20 minutes before sun exposure. Reapply every two hours when outdoors or more often if perspiring or swimming.
Slap!- Slap on a broad-brimmed hat that shades your face, neck and ears. A legionnaires hat is best because this protects the head and neck more effectively than a baseball cap.

4. Seek!- Seek shade from the sun whenever possible.

5. Slide!- Slide on quality sunglasses as they protect eyes from UV rays, which can lead to cataracts later in life. Look for sunglasses that wrap around and block as close to 100% of both UVA and UVB rays as possible.

<u>BUG CLUB Please</u> note, your child should be accessing bug club resources and E-BOOKS online every day. There is another upcoming parent workshop on <u>5-7-23 at 3.40 in the</u> <u>nursery</u>.

Eid-Ul-Adha 28-6-23 Happy EID!

This is a time when Muslims take a pilgrimage to a place called Mecca for Hajj. This is a very special journey which lasts 10 days. Mecca is a holy place for Muslims.

Visiting the Opticians- Have you taken your child as yet?

If you have any concerns about your child's eye sight, please take them to the opticians for a free check. Early checks prevent undiagnosed problems later on.

Voluntary Contributions

We have reached the end of the academic year and there are still some contributions that we have not received.

If you have not yet paid your voluntary contribution, please bring your £5 contribution into school by the end of June

June-July 2023

Reception Class

Nursery Class

The nursery is always busy developing their own ideas and selecting their own resources to carry these out.

Last week the nursery went on an educational visit to the **<u>British Museum</u>** to explore printmaking inspired by an amazing exhibition all about China.

<u>Growing Cress</u> Following a focus book all about the sun. The children spoke about sun safety and the importance of the sun in order for plants to grow. This led to further investigation of the cycle of cress, growing our own cress! And talking about the changes we could see.

The Hairdressers at Holmleigh! Have you popped into the nursery hairdressers? Available 5 days a week, appointments not necessary! This has been an interest for all the children in the nursery. They have looked at hairstyles and designed their own. Finally, we made a hat shop as part of the Kings Coronation as part of our enhanced play.

What have we been learning

Reception class have been busy investigators this term! We have been learning through our focus storybook 'Jim and the beanstalk'. Discussions have been around story characters, settings, predicting what might happen next and looking at a UK map to see where we might find castles in the UK. We have discussed oculists- who they are and what they do. The children looked at a diagram of an eye, learning the names of different parts of a human eye such as iris, pupil etc. They have enjoyed role-playing in the opticians set up, taking on roles of oculists and receptionists. As part of our learning through our focus story, we have also been reading a story called 'The Tiny Seed' leading our investigation of where plants grow best. The children planted seeds in three different conditions- 1. No water, 2. No light, 3. Water and light. They then made predictions of under which condition they thought the plant would grow best. We will be recording weekly what happens to our plant on our plant diary sheets.













Important dates for the diary

Parent/carers workshops in the early years

As a result of the completed parent/carer questionnaire about further support the following workshops have been planned.

• Bug Club and E-books part 2

Wednesday 5th July 3.40-4.25

Event	Date	Parent support at home
The Tree of Life sessions begin and continue for 3 weeks	Tuesday 13 th June Thereafter every Tuesday 2.30-3.30	Letter sent out
Hackney Music Festival for Reception class only	Friday 30 th June	Letter to follow
Reports sent home	Tuesday 4 th July	Please read the report. If you are happy with it you DO NOT have to meet your child's teacher on 5 th July.
Nursery and Reception end of year picnic	Friday 7 th July	Letter to follow
Early Years Sports day	Wednesday 12 th July 9.30am	Letter to follow
Whole school parent consultations	Wednesday 12 th July 1.30 onwards	Please see letter sent: Tuesday 13 th June 2023. School will close at 1.30 for all reception children. Morning nursery will finish at 12. Full day nursery will finish at 1.30pm.
Summer Fair Last day of nursery	Friday 14 th July	Letter to follow
Home Visits for new intake	Monday 17 th July- Friday 21 st July	Nursery is closed for all children
Stay and Play (For children due to transfer to Reception in September 2023)	Tuesday 18 th July 10-11am	See Settling In booklet in pack to be sent home
Year 6 Leavers show	Tuesday 18 th July	2pm for parent/carers of Year 6 only.
We would like to take this opportunity to thank all parent/carers for supporting us this year. Team work truly does make the dream work! We are far from perfect but 100% caring! Thank you all!		

Summer Holidays

Are you worried about what to do during the Summer holidays?



School holidays Summer 2023

The Hackney Haf programme was fantastic over the Easter / Spring break with over 55 clubs taking place across Hackney

We are now planning for the summer holidays. We expect to be teaming up with a number of schools, sports activity providers and community services to offer a wide range of exciting activities and a daily healthy free meal as part of the government funded Holiday Activities and Food programme.

Further information can be found at holiday activities and food programme/hackney education

Education.hackney.gov.uk

London Museum of Water and Steam

The Council's **Young Hackney Summer Activities Guide** is now out – packed with free activities for children and young people to get involved in throughout July and August.

The guide is specifically for young people aged up to 19 years old (up to 25 with a special educational need and/ or a disability [SEND]) in Hackney this summer and includes free sports clubs, art workshops, drama courses and music and DJ-ing opportunities.

The guide is also available from all schools, libraries and youth hubs in the borough!



Hornimans Museum and Gardens

Coram's Fields-Guildford street



There are so many free places to visit-<u>Time Out</u> London guide for children is worth a buy!



Ruislip Lido- The only beach you can get to by tube!

This is a bit further away but worth a visit. Get there early to avoid not getting in. <u>https://ruisliplido.com/</u>

This year we have put together a work pack for all children transferring to the reception class in September 2023. The pack is called **Out and About** and is focused upon exploring local areas in Hackney. Please complete the pack with your child, have fun and remember to bring the completed pack into school on your child's first day in the Reception class.