



29th April 2021

Dear Families,



Welcome back! The bluebells in Wanstead Park have been slow to open this year but are now looking splendid!

The children have settled back into a less restricted school environment.

Last term we had “zones” outside to avoid mixing classes. In line with the wider “route map” we have relaxed this and children can mix outdoors but not indoors.

Normally as we start the summer term our thoughts turn to assessments (sats) which are not happening this year.

Teacher’s will however still be assessing children’s progress against the National Curriculum and reporting this to you, reflecting the fact that many have missed months of school over the 2 years in Key Stage 1.

Children in Year 1 will undertake the phonics screening check in June as normal- this is nothing to worry about and is very similar to the ongoing assessments they are used to taking- they simply read a list of 40 words to a familiar adult.

We are now in the process of contacting new parents joining us in September and making plans for Year 2’s transition to Godwin or St James Junior schools. Receiving schools set the agenda for this process so it will be the Junior school who will contact you about arrangements but we will liaise closely with them.

It is still a time of uncertainty regarding how we can safely support transition into and between schools so please be patient with us all.

Celebration

Each year we hold an Eid Feast to celebrate the end of the Holy month of Ramadan. This year we won’t be able to do this with parents in attendance as we must avoid large gatherings but we do still plan to hold the feast with the children.

We usually take the dinner tables outside and the children sit with their classmates to enjoy some fabulous food together.

We plan to do this on Thursday 20th May.

Chickens

From this week we are re starting the chicken rota- each class will take turns in caring for them for a week.

At the moment the hens are not all laying eggs regularly. We would like to widen their diet.

Currently they have chicken pellets supplemented some fruit and sweetcorn cobs left over from lunchtimes.

We would love to give them more:

-green vegetables- e.g. cauliflower leaves/ cabbage trimmings/ anything limp from the bottom of the fridge!

-water melon skins

-cooked rice and pasta leftovers

-stale bread/ chapattis etc

When it is your child’s class’ turn we will invite food contributions and see how this works...

Also if anyone has time to spare at weekends or in school holidays to join the “holiday hen” team.

We are planning a refurbishment of their shelter and would appreciate any help from parents with building and carpentry skills...

Please let Jo Zakiewicz or Sarah know.



Diary dates

Bank Holiday Monday 3rd May- school closed

Bag2school collection 11th May – bags will come home on 7th May.

Thursday 20th May- Eid feast for children

Have a good weekend
Sarah & Staff