



## Weekly Newsletter

15th October 2019

The **Soft Start** began well this morning with children arriving between 8.40am and 8.55am and entering the school independently using the two entrances. Children in classes were making a calm start to the day as they entered the classroom one by one. Tomorrow, Reception classes join in the Soft Start.

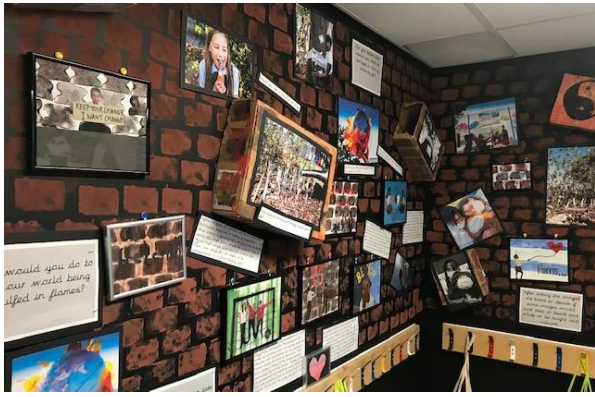
As it was **World Mental Health Day** last week, we took the opportunity to talk to children and help raise awareness of something that is often not spoken about but affects so many. In KS1, children discussed the different emotions that they know, how some emotions are similar and how we can look at our friends' faces to get clues about how they may be feeling. We spoke about those 'trusted adults' who can help us and how they might do this if we are feeling unhappy. In KS2, children explored how actions impact on our own and other people's emotions. They discussed how relationships are important and listed actions that contribute to positive relationships and the opposite. In addition to this, they discussed how behaviours can change when a person has a mental illness. The children across the school were clear – it is GOOD to talk about how we are feeling! It was wonderful to hear children engaging in high level conversations about emotional intelligence - a clear step in the right direction to help dispel the stigma that can be attached to mental health illnesses.

Matt O'Brien  
Headteacher

### Children's Art in New Displays

At the beginning of term the children worked for a couple of intensive days on an art theme which then formed the basis of a shared-space display. On these pages you can see the fruits of their labours, with work inspired by artists from **Frida Kahlo to Vince Van Gogh, Banksy to Edward Munch**, and Japanese artist, **Yayoi Kusama to Andy Warhol**. The children have enjoyed seeing their work on display and it is great to have such a vibrant art presence in corridors and staircases around the school, firing imaginations as everyone walks past.





### **School Uniform**

School uniform can be bought from the Victoria 2 School shop (near McDonald's on Hoe Street) or ordered on line via Mapac. If you order on line, uniform is delivered to school. May we also remind you that coloured trainers do not form part of our school uniform. Please ensure children wear sensible, black shoes. Thank you.

### **Attendance and Punctuality Winner**

No class has 100% attendance last week, but well done to 3 Wilson who came closest with 98.33% attendance. Punctuality was not as good as the previous week with 55 late marks across the school. However, well done in particular to Reception Attlee, who had everyone here on time every day for the second week running, and to 4 Morris who joined them this week.

### **Stars of the Week**

This Friday we will be having a very special assembly, led by the NSPCC. There will therefore be no Stars of the Week presented this week.

### **Reception Intake September 2020**

Children born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 will need to apply this year between October and 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020 for admission in September 2020. We have a series of Open Days/Evenings as follows:

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30am  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 10am.

Please share with any interested parties.

### **Half-Term Cycle School**

Waltham Forest are pleased to announce they will be running an October Half Term Cycle School – the cycle school is free to attend and will take place in Leyton Jubilee Park. Details will be e-mailed out with this newsletter.

### **School Lunches**

Just a quick reminder, school meals are now £2.20 per day, which is £11.00 per week. For those parents who prefer to pay half termly, the cost of dinner money for this half term will be £70.40 - or for the full term, until Christmas, will be £158.40. Payment may be made on ParentPay at any time and accounts should be kept in credit at all times. If your child has packed lunch, please remember that we are a healthy school and packed lunches should not include cakes, sweets, biscuits. No glass bottles or fizzy drinks either please. Thank you.

### **Parent Workshops**

During the course of the year we will be running a series of Parent Workshops on a number of subjects that parents may find useful. The workshop will begin at 3.45 and will last between 30 minutes and an hour. There will be a crèche for your child, should you wish to attend. Workshops start tomorrow and we hope to see you there.

Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Phonics and Early Reading EYFS
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	SEND (By Invitation only)
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Cyber Safety
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	EYFS Homework
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Homework
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Stories
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	Fabulous Phonics
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	Magic Maths
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Calculation Workshop
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Free Online Learning
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Science
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Gifted and Talented
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	History Projects
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Handsome Handwriting
Tuesday 24 <sup>rd</sup> March	RE Curriculum
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Sharing Age Related Expectations
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Writing
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Developing Your Child's Creativity
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	SRE Workshop
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Creative Curriculum
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	SEND (By Invitation only)
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Values and Growth Mindset

### **Diary Dates**

Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Year 5 to William Morris Gallery</b> <b>3.45pm – 7.00 pm – Parent/Teacher Conference Evening</b>
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>3.45pm – 6.00 pm – Parent/Teacher Conference Evening</b>
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>6W to Imperial War Museum</b> <b>School closes for half term break (usual time)</b>
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Return to School</b>
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>School Photographs – Individuals and siblings</b>

Our term dates follow on the last page of this newsletter. Please be aware that the early May Bank Holiday has changed, and has not been particularly well publicised. The Bank Holiday is no longer [Monday 4th May](#) and has been changed to [Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May](#).

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### **General Data Protection Act (GDPR)**

The new GDPR is now in force. The Data Protection Officer (DPO) is responsible for overseeing this policy and developing data-related policies and guidelines. Please contact the DPO with any questions about the operation of this policy or the GDPR or if you have any concerns that this policy is not being or has not been followed.

The DPO's contact details are as follows:

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## Dates for 2019-2020

### Autumn Term 2019

First half (32 days)

**INSET – Monday 2nd, Tuesday 3rd September, and Wednesday 4th**

Start –Thursday 5th September

End - Friday 18th October

Half Term: Monday 21 October to Friday 25 October 2019

Second half (40 days)

Start - Monday 28th October

End – Friday 20th December

Christmas holiday: Monday 23rd December 2019 to Friday 3rd January 2020

### Spring Term 2020

First half (29 days)

**INSET - Monday 6th January 2020**

Start – Tuesday 7th January 2020

End – Friday 14th February 2020

Half Term: Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February 2020

Second Half (30 days)

Start – Monday 24th February 2020

End – Friday 3d April 2020

Easter Holiday Monday 6th April 2020 to Friday 17th April 2020

### Summer Term 2020

First Half (24 days)

Start - Monday 20 April 2020

End Friday 22nd May

Bank Holidays Friday 8th May and Monday 25th May (during half term)

Half Term: Tuesday 26 May 2020 to Friday 29 May 2020

**NB: THE EARLY MAY BANK HOLIDAY HAS CHANGED FROM MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> TO FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

Second Half (35days)

Start – Monday 1st June

Finish Friday 17th July

This calendar gives a total of 195 days. Four Inset Days and one further day made up by staff from Twilight sessions gives 190 school days