



Head's Message

Welcome Back!

Spring is now well and truly on its way and we're hoping for more blue skies and sunshine in the coming weeks. This is also reflected in the curriculum, with Reception Class soon to receive our annual delivery of chicken eggs which will hatch and be observed by all children in the school, along with butterfly cocoons which we will also be able to watch develop and grow.

We are watching our children develop and grow, with lots and lots of progress taking place in all classrooms. All of a sudden we are more than half way through this academic year and still have lots to pack in! Parent meetings will be taking place during the last week of term; look out for exact dates of your child's class and ensure to book in for a suitable time. (You will receive a text when the sign-up sheets are available).

Finally, remember that you are all invited to attend the Challenge Launch! We hope to see as many parents there as possible.

Dates for Your Diary

Friday 4th March 2016: 8.30am Challenge Curriculum Launch for all parents (Please note: there will be no assembly on this day).

Friday 11th March 2016: EYFS Learning Journey Workshop (approx. 9.15am, after assembly) for Reception parents.

Parents Meetings

Monday 21st March 2016: Reception and Year 4

Tuesday 22nd March 2016: Year 1 and Year 2

Wednesday 23rd March 2016: Year 3

Celebration Assembly

Friday 11th March 2016: Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Assembly.

Friday 18th March 2016: Year 3 and 4 Assembly (Year 4 Performance).

Composer of the Week

Next week our composer will be:

Henry Purcell



Home Learning

Reception: See EYFS News.

Year 1: What can you find out about Christopher Columbus?

Year 2: Research the famous man-made features in Ghana (e.g. famous buildings)

Year 3: What causes an earthquake?

Year 4: Where is the source of the Thames?

Stars of the Week

For showing perseverance, our stars of the week are:



Ava



Sara



Mekyt



Kayden



Hattie



Nathan



Rafe



Kailah



Vika



Joseph

Attendance

This week the attendance figures are:

1st	Dahl	99.17%
2nd	Lewis	97.18%
3rd	Potter	96.98%
4th	Dickens	96.25%
5th	Carroll	92.50%

Notices

Science Workshop

On Wednesday, Dickens Class went to the Clinical Sciences Centre at the Hammersmith Hospital for a Microscope Workshop.

We were surrounded by Scientists who showed us different specimens in their Laboratory. This included looking at flies, worms, blood and skin cells through high-tech microscopes, which we found very exciting! It was great to wear lab coats and experience what an interesting career being a Scientist is.



After School Club Supervisor

Many of you will have already met Ms Jani who is in charge of After School Care from 4pm – 6pm every evening. We would like to officially welcome Ms Jani as our After School Club Supervisor and Midday Meals Supervisor.



Term Dates 2016-2017

Apologies for the delay but we are awaiting final confirmation and term dates for the academic year 2016-2017 will be sent home as soon as possible.

World Book Day

Pupils will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March 2016. Children are asked to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. There will be lots of fun, book-related activities throughout the day.

Sport Relief

This year Sport Relief is on 18th March 2016. Watch this space for more information!

Science Week

Science Week will take place w/c 14th March 2016. More information to follow in next week's newsletter.

School Uniform

Reminder – Please ensure that your child comes to school in their full school uniform, including collared shirt and tie. Plain black shoes (not boots) should be worn. A full list of school uniform can be found on the school website. Please help us to keep up our very high standards of school uniform. Thank you.

EYFS News

We are off to a flying start this half term with our topic 'Animals'. Carroll class have written a 'Jungle Dance' for an African animal and have been performing them on our stage outside. We have made colourful models and painted watercolours of our animals; we have even started recording animal descriptions on the laptops with PowerPoint! In Maths we have learnt how to write number bonds and we are practising simple equations. Next week we will be learning riddles based on 'The Farmyard Hullabaloo'. We will also be learning about farm hygiene and farm safety ahead of our trip! Ideas for home learning: You could make a farmyard animal picture, stick puppet or mask. You could make up riddles about a farm animal. You could look at animals and compare their features and upload your discussion onto Tapestry. Have a restful weekend!

Mrs Hyslop & the EYFS team