



West Ham Church School

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Headteacher's
Newsletter
Summer 2
2024



A note from the Headteacher

Welcome back to school for the last half term of this academic year. We have a busy half term ahead with lots of exciting educational opportunities for the children with visits outside of school and events in school.

London History Day

Today, each class has participated in a creative London History Day workshop. We have also been educating the children about the 80 year anniversary of D-Day which was a turning point in the Second World War and in history. The children have been learning how the successful invasion led to the liberation of France and paved the way for the Allies to advance further into Europe. D-Day showcased the remarkable cooperation among Allied nations. We have been talking about the heroism of the people who fought for the freedom we enjoy today.

Annual Reports/Parent Consultations

Children will be completing statutory and end of year assessments to inform annual reports which will be sent out on Friday 12th July. An opportunity to consult with your child's class teacher on Monday 15th July is available should you wish to do so although this is optional. If you were unable to attend the autumn or spring term consultations, we would like to meet with you.

Parent Coffee Afternoon 2:30pm today

We invited parents to come into school to discuss the use of social media with Anna Larsen, our Wellbeing Advisor. We are seeing first hand the detrimental impact this is having on our children's wellbeing and self-esteem. We hope this was useful for parents.

Sports Day

Families are welcome to join us for our annual sports day and picnic on 28th June - further details on 'Dates for your diary' page.

Best wishes,
Mrs James

School Vision

Our Vision is to enable children, with God's guidance,
to know and appreciate the **wonder** of God's creation,
to live in **harmony**, embracing differences,
to always act with **compassion** inspired by the example of Jesus,
and to have the **strength** to follow their dreams and achieve their goals.

Celebrating Pupil Achievement

All of Year 1 have been working so hard to develop their confidence and fluency when reading. Special mention to **Ima** who has made fabulous progress this year - well done!

Congratulations to **Ayesha**, winner of the Year 4 times table competition. What a star!

Good luck to all of Year 4 sitting their Multiplication Table Check starting this Friday - you are well prepared so just do your best.

Leonardo received much praise and a Headteacher's award for his model of a human heart - fabulous work and Attention to detail!

Attendance

Parents are reminded that the school cannot authorised term time leave for visits abroad and children are expected to attend school right until the end of term on 19th July.

If your child is celebrating Eid al-Adha on 17th June, please request a day's absence for religious observance.

Farewells

We have several staff members who be moving onto pastures new at the end of the term.

Miss Cassidy, Reception teacher: a much valued member of our EYFS team over the last couple of years; we shall miss your cheerfulness, singing and devotion to the children. Congratulations on passing your ECT training with us and good luck for future endeavours working with younger children.

Miss Gilliland, KS1 Phase Leader and Art/DT Subject Lead: has recently become engaged to be married and will be returning to Ireland to be nearer family as she starts married life. Your drive, energy and compassion will be sorely missed by all. Thank you for the wonderful art projects and exhibitions you have overseen so ably.

Miss Kee, Drama teacher and PE subject Lead: thank you so much for improving the standard of our productions. Our children have thrived thanks to your expertise. We have increased our participation in sports competitions under your leadership as well. Good luck returning to college to study for further drama qualifications to aid you in your aspirations for the future.

Our **School Home Support Practitioner, Mrs Theodosiou**, will be leaving at the end of the term due to a change in personal circumstances involving moving out of the area. We are indebted to her for the support she has given our families through the charity she works for. We know how much she will be missed by our school community. You will be an asset to any school. We are grateful for the improvements you have made to children's attendance, thank you.



Babies and Weddings



Congratulations to **Mrs Moller, our cover teacher in Butterflies class**, who is expecting her third child at the end of August and to **Mrs Whitmore, current Year 3 class teacher**, who is expecting her first baby early November. We are looking forward to cuddles later on in the year.



We have three teachers getting married during the summer holiday! Congratulations to **Miss Davis, Miss Bhatia and Miss Khan**. We look forward to hearing all about your special days upon your return to school in September.

May your marriage be filled with joy, laughter, and all the blessings of life.

Congratulations and best wishes for a happy and fulfilling married life.



Next Year's Organisational & Staffing Structure 2024-2025

Senior Leadership Team (SLT)	Mrs James	Headteacher	Strategic leadership of school culture, teaching, curriculum and assessment, behaviour, additional and special educational needs, professional development, organisational management, school improvement, working in partnership and governance and accountability	
	Mrs Lord-Attivor	Deputy Headteacher	Designated Safeguarding Lead Inclusion Manager	
	Miss Jukes Miss Shaw Mr Dickey Ms Qureshi	Assistant HT	Pastoral & Wellbeing Lead Teaching and Learning Lead Curriculum Lead SENCO	R.E.
Year Group	Class Name	Phase Leader	Class Teacher	Subject Lead
Nursery	Little Owls	EYFS	Miss Haidery*	
Reception	Dragonflies	Miss Rice	Ms Davis	Outdoor Learning (incl. Forest School)
	R/ Year 1		Ladybirds	Miss Rice
Year 1	Butterflies	KS1	Ms Khan	Design & Technology
Year 2	Hedgehogs	Miss Shaw	Miss Shaw/ Mrs Manilal (nee Bhatia) (3 days)	English/ Science
	Squirrels		Mrs Khan	Art & Design
Year 3	Otters	LKS2	Ms Malik	Computing Co-lead
Year 3/4	Badgers	Mr McCarten	Mr McCarten*	Maths
Year 4	Foxes		Mr Forster	Computing Co-lead
Year 5	Doves	UKS2	Miss Uddin	PE
Year 5/6	Eagles	Miss Jukes	Miss Jukes (4 days)/Mr Breden	PSHE
Year 6	Kingfishers		Mrs Whitmore/Mr Dickey	History & Geography
		Art/Mandarin teacher	Miss Tsai*	MfL
		Cover teacher	Mrs Moller (maternity leave)	

** new staff joining in September*



We look forward to welcoming
 Mr McCarten, our new Phase Leader and maths lead,
 Miss Haidery, our new Nursery teacher
 Miss Tsai, our new art and mandarin teacher.



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Dates for your diary

3rd - 14th June	Y4 Multiplication check
Wed 5th June	Y5/6 tag rugby
Thurs 6th June	Parent Coffee Afternoon - Social Media
10th - 14th June	Y1 Phonics check
Thurs 13th June	Y6 visit to V&A
17th - 21st June	National Sports Week
Wed 19th June	YR, 1 & 2 Drama4All workshops Y3/4 Thames Barrier geography fieldwork visit
Mon 24th June	Y1 & Y2 Barbican visit
Wed 26th June	Y5 & Y6 Youth Shoots workshop
Fri 28th June	Sports day EYFS 9-10am, KS1 10:30am - 12pm KS2 1-3pm, Family picnic 12-1pm
1st-12th July	Y6 swimming
8th - 12th July	Meet the teacher week
Mon 8th July	Y5 Trees for cities project Hopes and Dreams Award Evening 6pm
Fri 12th July	Annual reports to parents Open afternoon: Music and Art exhibition CLIPPA awards - English educational visit
Mon 15th July	UKS2 Scheherazade dress rehearsal Optional parent consultations
Tues 16th July	UKS2 Scheherazade 2pm (with children) and 6pm (adults only)
Thurs 18th July	Nursery graduation 10:30-11:30am Class parties pm
Fri 19th July	Leavers' Service, All Saints Church 9:30am Leavers' Garden Party End of term 1:30pm