

RECEPTION CLASS

This week in reception the children have been busy learning all about money. They have learnt to recognise the penny coin, count in pennies and read price tags. They even made their very own penny purse out of burlap and yarn! Although it was tricky to thread the needle, the children showed great persistence and were very proud of their creations. In Literacy they have been using their phonics to write about clothes for different seasons.

A reminder to parents to bring reading bags on a Friday so that your child can receive a new book. Please read with your child everyday. Also, the children are now saying goodbye to parents in the nursery playground and entering the class with their teacher at 8:50am. The children have been fantastic in the mornings entering the classroom, showing just how independent they are now!

Well done, Reception.



DATES FOR YOUR

DIARY

Monday 25th
Jan 2016 at
2.55pm

Year 5 As-
sembly

Monday
1st Feb
2016 at
2.55pm

Year 4 As-
sembly

Half term
holidays

Monday
15th Feb
to Friday
19th Feb
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attend on
these days.

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Dear Parents and carers,

It has been a great start to the Spring term and I trust you all had a good Christmas break, although it is a very distant memory now!

Thank you to all of the parents that completed the parent survey in December. We were extremely pleased with the results which showed that in most areas all parents surveyed were positive about the school. The survey breakdown can be found on the school website. After analysing comments/results I would like to meet with parents to talk about improving homework. If you would like to come and share your thoughts and make any suggestions about improving homework, please come along to a meeting on Tuesday 2nd February at 3pm in the hall.

St Mary's continues to offer Daily Supported Reading four times per week to further support groups of children with reading. Miss Dean trains volunteers to run a group and organises this provision. To be able to continue to run this successfully, we always need volunteers. If you can give up 30 min of your time on one or more mornings from 9-9.30am we would be very grateful for your support. Please see me or Miss Dean if you are interested.

Have a great weekend

Mrs O'Brien

National Sing Up Day

3rd February 2016

Spread a little happiness with singing!

Watch out for further details about how you can get involved.

National
Sing Up Day



Inside Story Headline



YEAR 6

Year 6 will be taking part in the Junior Citizenship Scheme at the Hackney Museum on Thursday 28th January.

This is an annual event that all Year 6 children across Hackney are invited to take part in. It is made up of engaging, small-group workshops designed to teach valuable life skills and to make the children more aware of what they can do to help themselves and others around them. The aim is to ensure as young citizens they make responsible decisions for a healthier, safer lifestyle.

This is aimed at the 10/11 year old age-group as they start to become more responsible and independent over the year, both in and out of school. As the children will be leaving school at 12pm they will require a packed lunch which will be eaten before our departure. The event ends at 3pm meaning we will arrive back at the latter time of 4pm.

Nearly There

We are on our way to reaching the PTA's target of £2000.00 towards the seaside trip in the summer.

Well done to you all



London Zoo

A number of classes are visiting London Zoo in the next few weeks.

Years 1/2/3/4

Can you help on the day, please let your child's teacher know.



Birthdays

As per our food guide, only pre cut cake or cupcakes can be given to children, these should be left with the class teacher at the beginning of the school day and will then be given out at the end of the school day.

No gifts or party bags please.

Please see food guide for more details.

POST BOX

To prevent queues at the main office we have set up a new system. When handing in letters, slips or money please use the post box at the main office. All you need to do is:

- Put the letter, slip, money into an envelope.
- Write your child's name and class on the front
- Write and tell us about the contents e.g. zoo trip £5.00 or breakfast club £30.00
- If the envelope includes money you must write down the amount on the front of the envelope
- Seal it and post it in the box
- When the office staff empty the box Ms Kennedy will write receipts for money and they will be given to your child by their class teacher.



Dinner money/trip payments must be made on Parent Pay. If you require more information about Parent Pay, please see a member of the office staff.