



## Newsletter

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News, information and events  
from Alexandra Primary School

### THE FELIX PROJECT

Millions of people in the UK regularly experience hunger. 1.5 million adults in London struggle to afford to eat every day; 400,000 children are at risk of missing the next meal. Meanwhile, the food industry generates almost 2 million tonnes of good, edible surplus food each year. **The Felix Project** is a London-based food waste charity set up in 2016 to tackle both issues.

**The Felix Project** collects good quality food from suppliers. This is high quality, nutritious food with lots of fresh fruit and vegetables, baked goods, salads, meat and fish. They check it is fresh and then deliver it to charities so they can give vulnerable people a healthy meal or snack. Put simply, they are saving food and changing lives.

Come along every **Tuesday** in the main playground **under the shelter** at **3.00pm** to have access to this nutritious food supply. If you have any questions please speak to **Ms Weekes**, our learning mentor, who coordinates this project for us in school.

### PARENTS EVENING

The spring term Parents Evening will take place on **Wednesday 12th February 2020**. You will receive a letter in early January about the online booking process.

Please note on this day that **school will close for children at 1:30**. Parents evening appointments will be available from **1:40 - 6:50**.

### ATTENDANCE

If your child is sick please call school to leave a message or speak to our attendance officers, Sharni Webster and Natalie Weekes. Please note that we will not authorise term time holiday. Repeated unauthorised absence of your child may result in a fixed penalty notice fine.

We recently have had a number of children who have been sick with colds and vomiting. The impact of this has been that school attendance for the past two weeks has been 93%, well below our target of 96%. It is really important that you help support us to minimise the spread of infections by ensuring that your children know to wash their hands thoroughly and regularly. Could you also ensure that they have tissues when they have a cough and a cold.

There are **110** children with 100% attendance since the beginning of the year. These children will receive a **bronze attendance certificate** (100% attendance in one term) at the end of this term.

Our school target for the year is **96%**; we currently have attendance figures of **95.5%**. We must give a special mention to **El Salvador 6** who have attendance of **98.3%** in the past two weeks.

Well done to **El Salvador 6, Mexico 4 & Reception Paraguay** who each have **12** children with **100% attendance**.

Best attendance past 2 weeks	
Class	%
El Salvador 6	98.3
Costa Rica 1	96.8
Paraguay R	96.4
Colombia 2	94.9

Best attendance since September	
Class	%
El Salvador 6	97.2
Paraguay R	97.0
Mexico 4	96.5
Panama R	96.4
Argentina 3	96.1
Puerto Rico 5	95.8
Colombia 2	95.7
Bolivia 3	95.5

Classes with most children with 100% attendance	
Class	Children
Mexico 4	12
El Salvador 6	12
Paraguay R	12
Bolivia 3	9
Panama R	8
Espana 6	8
Nicaragua 4	8
Venezuela 5	8

Our value of the  
month is  
**Peace**

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## CLASS ASSEMBLIES

We have been treated to joyous class assemblies in recent weeks by Colombia 2 and Chile 2. They have been a rich pageant of music, dancing and the spoken word. They showcased the wonderful learning happening in year 2 this term. Well done to everyone involved.

See the table to the right for the class assemblies for the spring term; please add them to your calendar and come along to support the children sharing their learning.

## PERFORMING ARTS

This week we have had wonderful end of term performances by the KS1 Ballet Club and the Thursday Music Club.

The music club have been focusing on stringed instruments so performed to (and with) the families who attended. The children played the guitar, ukulele and violin.

Well done to all of the children who performed and thank you to the families who came along to support these events.

## HEALTHY SCHOOL

We are aware that some children have been bringing unhealthy snacks to school. We are a healthy and sugar smart school. Please save your treats for the weekend to enjoy with your family.

At school we have fruit and vegetables for snacks. We ask all families to respect this. We are a Rights Respecting School and Article 24 states: 'Every child has the right to the best possible health. Governments must work to provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food and a clean environment so that children can stay healthy.'

## READING JOURNAL

Congratulations to **Abdi** from El Salvador class for using his Reading Journal consistently -Mrs Spencer is proud of you.

Abdi has also written Mrs Spencer a fantastic book review.

## CONSIDERATE AND SAFE PARKING

If you drive to drop off and collect your child please park with consideration for other road users. It is particularly important that you do not park in such a way that makes the crossing of the roads for our children and families unsafe.

## BUGGIES

Please note that children's buggies cannot be stored on the school site during the school day or be brought into the school building.

## BREAKFAST CLUB PAYMENTS

From January, Breakfast Club payments will be made **online** using our **Tucasi** payment system.

Please pay in advance: from 07:45 – 08:15 arrival £3 and from 8:15 arrival £1.

## AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS CLUBS

Please ensure you **return** the sports club slips for **spring term** to the office by **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December**.

## END OF TERM

As we approach the end of this term we have a number of events which families are invited to attend. Please check the posters around school, speak to your child's teacher, check the website and see the key dates on the sidebar of this newsletter for dates and times of events.

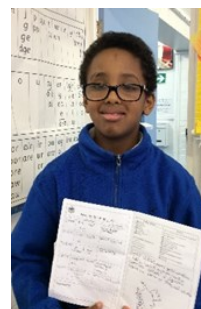
Remember that **term will end** on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December** at **1:30**.

Children will **return** to school on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January** 2020 at **8:45**.

Manjit Dulay & John Coggin  
Leadership Team



17.1	Costa Rica 1
24.1	Cuba 1
31.1	Espana 6
7.2	El Salvador 6
14.2	Venezuela 5
Half Term	
13.3	Puerto Rico 5
20.3	Mexico 4
27.3	Nicaragua 4



## KEY DATES

### Autumn Term 2019

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

9:15/2:00 EYFS Nativity

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

2:30 Year 6 Skills Builder Hub Celebration

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

Pantomime Day  
KS 2 **Snow White** at Chickenshed  
EYFS and KS1 **Wizard of Oz** in school

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December**  
Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December**  
2:15 KS1 Nativity

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

2:15 KS2 Carol Concert

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

3:10 Winter Celebration with families

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

Attendance Celebration Assembly

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

End of term

**School closes at 1:30**  
Children return to school

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January**  
Holiday Homework Celebration Assembly

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January**

Scientist visit to Alexandra Primary

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January**  
Choir to O2; Young Voices

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January**  
Year 4 to Tate Britain to see Year 3 Steve McQueen photography project



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