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News, information and events
from Alexandra Primary School

Our value of the month is Respect

WELCOME BACK

We are delighted to be back at school after the summer break and after the enforced absence of so many of our children since March.

As a school staff we have worked extremely hard over the recent weeks and months to make the school as safe a place as possible for staff and children during the Covid-19 Pandemic.

We understand that for some families this is still an anxious time. If you have questions or concerns about your child in school, please contact the school office by phone (020 8888 9771) or email admin@alexprimary.haringey.sch.uk

The vast majority of our children returned in the first week with an overall attendance of 96.8%.

START AND END OF THE DAY

Due the current pandemic and government continuing guidance on social distancing we have had to stagger the start and end of the day to avoid large groups congregating around the school perimeter or on the school site.

We must remind all families when dropping off and collecting children to only have one adult to help to reduce numbers around the school site. Please also follow the one way walking signs around the widened footpath which is in place to allow for social distancing.

Do not congregate in groups. When dropping off or collecting your child please wait against the perimeter wall (as shown in the photograph) to help keep the walkway clear for all users to maintain social distancing and to help keep all of our community safe.

Can we also ask families to park away from the school if you absolutely have to drive to drop off your child. With the pavement widened, the road has narrowed and inconsiderate parking close to school on double yellow lines creates congestion which creates a risk for children crossing the road and a health risk due to pollution for all of us. Try to walk for a greater distance to school.



BLACK POUND DAY

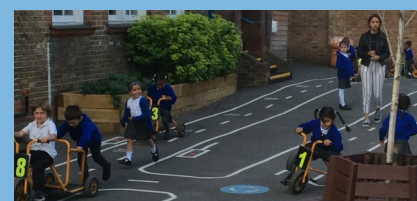
Black Pound Day was launched in June this year as an approach to support the growth of the UK Black Economy. The idea is to encourage people, at least once a month, to purchase goods from black owned businesses.

The next Black Pound Day is **Saturday 3rd October** then the first Saturday of each month. For more information go to <https://blackpoundday.uk/>

We can recommend **Cinnamon Leaf** at **555, Tottenham High Road**, as a place for you to spend your money in support of the Black Economy.

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START TIMES

Children in **years 6, 3 & 4** begin the school day at **8:45**. Years **5, 2 & 1** begin at **8:55**. Once the majority of children have lined up and sanitised hands in these year groups they will walk up to class to avoid parents having to wait around the school gates and site to wave their children off.

From next week, both **Reception** and **Nursery** will begin at **9:00**. Reception will continue to enter by the Middle Gate and **Nursery children** will enter through the **Nursery Gate**.

UNIFORM

All children who come to Alexandra Primary must be in the correct uniform. If you are unsure of what the uniform expectations are please contact the school office for a uniform leaflet.

Please label all items of clothing with your child's name (and class) to help minimise the risk of your child losing any items of clothing during the school day.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

We will be celebrating Black History Month from **Monday 28th September** through to **Friday 23rd October**.

Within the wider curriculum including art, history, geography and literacy children will learn about **Black British pioneers**. Children will learn about personal journeys to becoming a pioneer including challenges, how success was achieved and the roots of different individuals. In the different year groups children will focus on areas including: journalism, sport, politics and music.

We will share outcomes of work with families on the **school website** and **Google Classrooms**.

HOMEWORK AND GOOGLE CLASSROOMS

We have moved this year to setting home work and home study tasks through Google Classrooms. This came about as a result of the enforced absence from school during lockdown. We do believe this is the best and most efficient way to set and respond to homework.

If you have difficulty accessing Google Classrooms please inform the office so we can best direct our support for you.

Children have had sessions in class to rehearse how to access homework and how to upload the work. They have also been given personal log in details. Families were sent a crib sheet to support you to support your children to access Google Classrooms. If you do not have this information please contact the school office.

PARENT CONTACT WITH TEACHERS

As I am sure you will appreciate, parental daily contact with teachers at the start and end of day is not possible as we strive to ensure a safe working environment for our staff. If families have a message or query, in the first instance speak to the staff who are on the gate at the start and end of day. They can then pass on a message to the appropriate staff member or direct you how best to have your query resolved.

We are asking staff to begin to make calls to families to make initial contact and to introduce themselves to you as class teacher of your child. We are currently not able to safely run Meet the Teacher sessions or Parents Evening. We are keeping all arrangements around safety and risk management under constant review so circumstances may change over time.

BLACK LIVES MATTER

Over the coming weeks and months we will be engaging children with learning about the Black Lives Matter movement. We believe that this is important as it is a major issue in our world today. We believe in the message that we must all work to secure human rights for all and work to combat racism in our society. For more information see the Parents Guide on our website.

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Leadership Team

KEY DATES

Autumn Term 2020

Monday 21st September

6:00 Governing Body Meeting

WC 28th September

Height & Weight Questionnaire
Reception and Year 6

28.9—23.10

Black History Month

Thursday 1st October

National Poetry Day

Saturday 3rd October

Black Pound Day

Thursday 15th October

Flu Vaccinations
Rec - Yr 6

Friday 23rd October

3:10 End of autumn 1

Monday 26th October -

Friday 30th October
Half Term -School closed

Monday 2nd November

Children return to school

WC 23rd November

Yr2 Phonics check

Friday 18th December

End of Term

Monday 21st December

- **Friday 1st January**
School Closed

Spring Term 2021

Monday 4th January

INSET school closed

Tuesday 5th January

Children return

Friday 5th February

End of Spring 1

Monday 15th February

- **Friday 19th February**
Half Term School closed

Monday 22nd February

Children return

