



## Newsletter 16th October 2020 Issue 54

News, information and events  
from Alexandra Primary School

### PARENTS EVENING

We are planning a Parents Evening for autumn 2. The meeting will be held virtually through the platform of **Google Meets**. Details of the link for the meeting will be sent out to families in November. The Parents Evening is scheduled for **Thursday 10th December**, beginning at **2:00** until **7:00**.

At this ten minute meeting teachers will discuss progress, attainment and attitudes to learning during the first term. They will also share targets for the spring term for your child.

Booking the appointments for these meetings will be through the Tucasi online system, which is the platform we have used previously for booking appointments and making payments for trips and school dinners.

We will give more information on Friday 6th November about how to book the appointments to meet with your child's teacher.

Please note on **Thursday 10th December** the children will finish school earlier than the usual end of day times.

- **Reception will finish at 1:30**
- **Years 1,2 & 6 will finish at 1:40**
- **Years 3,4 & 5 will finish at 1:45**

### TIER 2

You will no doubt have heard in the media this week about the government announcement for new COVID restrictions in London. The new restrictions mean from the **17<sup>th</sup> October at midnight**, London will be ranked at high (tier 2), meaning **households are not allowed to mix indoors anywhere in London**. Households can meet up to six other people outdoors; however social distancing rules still apply. **Schools will remain open**.

### BLACK POUND DAY

The next Black Pound Day is **Saturday 7th November**. Black Pound Day is an initiative to support the growth of the Black UK economy; it is a peaceful response to systematic racism.

The aim is to give long term financial growth in the black economy whilst empowering and motivating the black community of the UK. For more information on this initiative please visit

<https://blackpoundday.uk/what-is-black-pound-day/>

Our recommendation to shop this month is **Neema Food**, for authentic African chilli pastes. They can be found at 64 Nile Street, N1 7SR; they can also be found online at [neemafood.com](http://neemafood.com)



## Our value of the month is Pride

### IN THIS ISSUE

- Parents Evening
- Tier 2
- Black Pound Day
- Stars of the Week
- Secondary School Applications
- Attendance
- Star Readers
- Photographs
- Half Term
- New End of Day Times After Half Term



Alexandra Primary  
Western Road  
London  
N22 6UH  
020 8888 9771

## STARS OF THE WEEK

On the website you will be able to see photographs of the Stars of the Week. In this newsletter are a few children pictured who were Stars of the Week in their class.

## SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Applications for secondary schools for children currently in year 6 need to be completed and submitted by **Saturday 31st October**.

We have a further workshop in school on **Tuesday 20th October, 2:15 - 2:45**; if you require any support completing the applications please contact Ade in the school office.

## ATTENDANCE

Overall attendance is **96.1%**, with **Mexico 4** having the best attendance of **98.4%**. **Argentina 3**, **Colombia 2**, **Costa Rica 1**, **Cuba 1** and **Reception Paraguay** all have attendance above **97%**. **Nicaragua 4** have only 6 children who have been absent since the beginning of term.

11 classes last week had an attendance above 97%; the best attendances were **Chile 2**, **Mexico 4** and **Venezuela 5** all above **99%**. These three classes and **Argentina 3** had **only 1 child** who was absent last week.

## STAR READERS

Pictured is Zerei, a Star Reader. He is reading regularly and sharing his joyous experience in his Reading Journal.

## PHOTOGRAPHS

On **Thursday 5th November**, the school photographer will be on site taking photographs of individual children and their siblings. Purchase details will be shared once the photographs have been returned to school.

## HALF TERM

Autumn 1 term finishes on **Friday 23rd October**; school will be closed for one week **Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October**. Children return to school on **Monday 2nd November**.

During half term, British Summer Time ends, which means it will be darker much earlier in the evening. Please remind your children about being safe when out in the dark, particularly when crossing roads.

## NEW END OF DAY TIMES AFTER HALF TERM

In an attempt to minimise congestion around the school and to reduce time families have to wait when picking up, we are adjusting our **end of day times** for some year groups. Start time arrangements will remain the same.

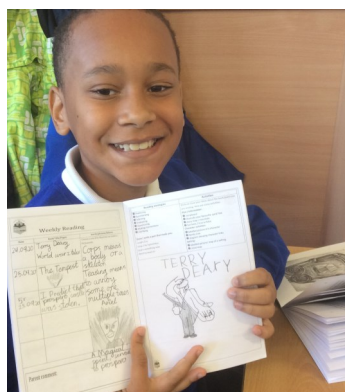
New end of day times after half term will be:

**3:00** Reception

**3:10** yr1, 2 and 6 (in the playground at 3:05)

**3:15** yr3,4 & 5 (in the playground at 3:10)

Manjit Dulay & John Coggin  
Leadership Team



## KEY DATES

### Autumn Term 2020

**28.9—23.10**

Black History Month

**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

**Saturday 31st October**  
Deadline for secondary school applications

**Thursday 5th November**  
Photograph Day  
Individual & siblings

**Saturday 7th November**  
Black Pound Day

**WC 23rd November**  
Yr2 Phonics check

**Thursday 10th December**  
2:00 Parents Evening  
Children finish early

**Friday 11th December**  
Christmas Jumper Day  
and Christmas dinner

**Friday 18th December**  
End of Term  
Children finish early

**Monday 21st December - Friday 1st January**  
School Closed

### Spring Term 2021

**Monday 4th January**  
INSET school closed

**Tuesday 5th January**  
Children return

**Friday 12th February**  
End of Spring 1

**Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February**  
Half Term School closed

**Monday 22nd February**  
Children return

**Wednesday 31st March**  
End of Term

