



Newsletter

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News, information and events
from Alexandra Primary School

SCHOOL STREETS

We have ongoing issues at Alexandra with cars parking without consideration for other road users, or without considering the safety of pedestrians, particularly the children coming to school.

This problem is further exacerbated by drivers pulling in to drop off children whilst continuing to let their car idle. Car idling has a massive negative impact on the air quality for all of us but particularly on the long term health of our children whose lungs can be irreparably damaged.

If you live within a mile (15 minutes walking time) of school we feel that you should be walking with your child to school. This will help to improve the air quality for all of us and will help to improve the health of the children with the regular exercise of walking.

To help us in our quest to create a safer environment for walking and cycling, and to help improve air quality, we recently met with the Wood Green Regeneration team and Haringey's Highways Department to discuss the possibility of Alexandra Primary being involved in the School Streets initiative. School Streets has successfully been set up in other London Boroughs such as Hackney.

The idea of School Streets is to create a traffic free zone around the school perimeter at drop off and pick up times, making a safer, cleaner, more pleasant environment for everyone.

We are looking forward in coming months to work with a team of consultants who will guide us through the project. As part of the process we will be including views of children and parents as we strive to make walking and cycling to school a safer and preferred option for many more of our children and families.

CHILDREN IN NEED

Alexandra Primary children and families contributed an amazing **£400** for Children in Need. Thankyou to each and every one of you who contributed so generously at this time.

BLACK POUND DAY

We continue to support Black Pound Day as we believe it is a powerful, positive agent for change for the black community within the UK. The intention of the movement is to encourage consumers to alter consumption patterns so that a greater proportion of spending is invested in black owned businesses. It is clearly evident that financial empowerment can help to bring about greater positive changes in society.

The next Black Pound Day is on **Saturday 5th December**.

Our value of the month is Tolerance

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PHOTOGRAPH ORDERS

If you wish to purchase the recent school photograph of your child (of course you do) please return the order envelope to the school office by **Monday 23rd November at 3:30**.

Alternatively you can place your order on-line via www.getphotos.co.uk using your website photo code which is on your order form.

BOOKINGS FOR PARENTS EVENING

If you have not yet booked your appointment for Parents Evening on **Thursday 10th December**, please book at <https://www.scopay.com/login.html>

If you are having difficulties with booking please contact the office where you will receive support with the process.

The meeting will be via **Google Meets**; you will receive a link for you to access the meeting a few days prior to the appointment. If you are not able to attend Parents Evening using this format, please inform the office so we can make arrangements for the meeting to be done via a telephone call.

Please note the **children will finish school early** on this date.

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

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

You may have read that the Government have agreed to continue to offer eligible families shopping vouchers to help you over the Christmas holidays. The voucher is worth £15.00 **PER** child.

If your circumstances have changed recently, please go on-line and check your eligibility at <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/>.

If you are in Nursery, Reception or Year 1, you already receive your school meals for free, however, this is **NOT** part of this scheme, you must **apply for free school meals** via this link <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/>; if you meet the criteria you will be able to receive vouchers during the Christmas holidays.

NURSERY LEARNING

Nursey have been playing a math's dice game in order to count and recognise the dot arrangement on a dice as well as playing turn taking games. They have also used construction materials to design and create space vehicles ships.

STAR READERS

Pictured here are some of our Star Readers. As the great icon of our era, Marcus Rashford said recently, "Let all children feel the joy and escapism of reading."

Manjit Dulay & John Coggin
Leadership Team



KEY DATES

Autumn Term 2020

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

Tuesday 15th December
Attendance Celebration
Assembly

Wednesday 16th December
Christmas Carol for Key
Stage 2

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

Thursday 1st April -
Friday 16th April
Easter break
School closed



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