

Newsletter 9th July 2021 Issue 69 News, information and events from Alexandra Primary School

Our value of the month is Thoughtfulness

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COVID CASES

You will be aware that over the past week Alexandra Primary has been seriously affected by the rise in COVID cases that has been seen across Haringey. The impact on the school has been that **six classes** have been learning from home as children and staff have been required to isolate as they have deemed to be close contacts with individuals who have returned a positive COVID test.

We appreciate the huge disruption that this has caused families. I am sure you will be aware that the government has announced a change in policy in future for positive cases identified within a bubble.

However, the current guidance is that anyone identified as a **close contact of a positive case should take a PCR test** as soon as possible. A close contact is someone who lives in the same household as a positive case or close face to face contact for any length of time.

The government also recently announced the need to wear masks and to maintain social distance is not mandatory. At Alexandra Primary, we believe with the **current rise in cases** across Haringey (**up 69%** in the past week) that to continue to be cautious by **keeping a distance and wearing masks** when coming on to site, will help to keep the wider school community safe at this time.

In school we are continuously reviewing our risk assessment and daily protocols as we try to minimise the impact of the current rise in COVID cases.

YEAR 6 END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS

Given that year 6 have been isolating and learning from home, it is unlikely that we will be having an end of year production.

Over recent weeks, the year 6 team have also looked into various trip opportunities. This has proved difficult with many places still limiting visitors and TFL not offering tickets to parties of school children for travel across the capital.

While we understand that this is disappointing for the children (and their families) we have to factor in our risk assessment and safety measures for all of the children and our staff. I am sure that families will understand this at this current time, particularly given the rise in COVID cases in recent weeks.

We are still planning for a year 6 BBQ, disco and leavers assembly, but this will be being constantly reviewed in line with our risk assessment and advice from Public Health Haringey.

SUMMER HOLIDAY SCHEME

Haringey are running a number of summer play schemes for families who are entitled to free school meals; the scheme will include a healthy lunch. **Kids Space**, the holiday club provider at Alexandra Primary, is part of this scheme and will be giving **priority** to children who attend Alexandra Primary School.

You can sign up for the scheme, but it is on a first come, first served basis.

Please sign up as soon as possible to avoid disappointment:

https://haringey.coordinate.cloud/

More information on the scheme can be found here: http://www.haringey.gov.uk/haf

ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATES AND CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

During the last week of term we hope to be celebrating in each class the many successes that the children have experienced over the year. Each child in each class will receive a celebration certificate identifying their particular achievement over the past year.

We appreciate that for many children and families the past twelve months have brought many challenges, but we also know that children have achieved much and shown great resilience and determination.

We will also be celebrating attendance; Children who have achieved 100% attendance this term will receive a **Bronze Certificate**; Children with 100%

attendance this term plus 1 other term will receive a Silver Certificate; children with 100% attendance all year will receive a Gold Certificate.

Children who have been told to isolate for COVID are not marked as absent.

EYFS VIDEO

Please follow the link below to see a wonderful video of our EYFS in action.

Thankyou so much to Ms Kaur, our Computing Lead, for her work putting this video together.

https://www.alexandraprimaryschool.co.uk/provision/teaching-and-learning/eyfs/

EYFS FASHION SHOW

As part of the Skills Builder Project, our nursery & reception children recently designed their own garments and presented them at their fashion show; well done to all of the children for such creative designs and confident presentation.

HEALTH, FUN & FITNESS WEEK

Last week we had HFFW including Sports Day. In this edition of the newsletter are some photographs from EYFS Sports Day; we hope to have other information and images from the week to share for the website and newsletter soon.

END OF TERM

Friday 23rd July is the last day of term.

Please note that school will end at **1:30** for children on this day.

Manjit Dulay & John Coggin

Leadership Team







KEY DATES

Summer Term 2021

Friday 16th July End of year reports shared with families

WC 19th July End of year celebration assemblies including attendance certificates

Thursday 22nd July Year 6 leavers party

Friday 23rd July Year 6 leavers assembly

Friday 23rd July End of Term children finish at 1:30

Monday 26th July -Tuesday 31st August Summer Holiday School closed

Autumn Term 2021

Wednesday 1st September

INSET School closed

Thursday 2nd
September
Children return to school

Friday 22nd October End of Autumn 1

Monday 25th - Friday 29th October Half Term School closed

Monday 1st & Tuesday 2nd November

INSET School closed

Wednesday 3rd November Children return to school

Thursday 4th November Individual & sibling photographs

> Tuesday 14th December Panto in a Day EYFS, yrs 1 & 2

Wednesday 15th
December
Chicken Shed yrs 3 –6

