



### Dates for the Diary

#### Spring Term 2018

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April** – Last day of term.

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April Inclusive** – Easter school holidays.

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April** – Children return to school.

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April** – St George's Day coffee morning 9:00-10:30am

**St George's Day Coffee Morning**

Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April in the Upper School Hall, 9:00-10:30am  
*(dress code: wear something red / white)*

**Mr Bellevue**  
Family Support Worker

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you to all who attended our successful Parents' Evening meetings this week. It is when we work in partnership that our children make the greatest progress and recognise that they are cared for and feel secure.

Today sees the end of our Spring Term with school ending at the usual time. Our Summer Term begins on Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Along with welcoming all our children back to school we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our Parent/Carer St George's Day coffee morning at 9 am.

I would also like to thank you for taking part in our Easter raffle which was drawn during our celebration assemblies today. The raffle raised £200 with a further £50 from yesterday's coffee morning. Thank you to all involved for raising funds for our playground project.

I wish you all a happy, healthy and safe holiday.

Selina Frazer  
Headteacher

### Homework

Miss Ryan was really impressed with the DT homework project, based upon Stonehenge, which a member of her class produced.



### 11-15 Zip Oyster Photocard

For those children going to secondary school, please see the link below to apply for a Zip Oyster Photocard which entitles them to free / discounted travel.

<https://tfl.gov.uk/fares/free-and-discounted-travel/11-15-zip-oyster-photocard>

Speak to Mr Bellevue if you require any assistance in applying.

### Space Explorer Dome



On Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, our Year 5 children participated in an out of this world experience when Explorer Dome inflated in our Upper School Hall. The children were able to consolidate as well as learn new facts about our universe.



### Gymnastics

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April saw 8 pupils represent the school at the Key Steps Gymnastics Competition at Jo Richardson School. It was the biggest entry the competition has received. The year 5&6 team (Key Steps 3) team came 10<sup>th</sup> in their competition. The year 3&4 team (Key Steps 2) team came second in their competition and were only 0.1 away from winning. Well done to all pupils.



### Attendance

Congratulations to 2A in Key Stage 1 who achieved 98.09% this week and 4P in Key Stage 2 with 99.15%

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
RC	87.45	2G	94.12	4R	96.58
RL	95.36	2T	96.68	5M	93.81
RM	90.24	3B	96.17	5S	95.88
1E	95.59	3K	95.79	5T	94.07
1H	95.20	3R	94.89	6A	95.57
1HV	92.78	4AC	97.63	6M	98.09
2A	98.09	4P	99.15	6N	97.70



## Reception Spring Concert



Spring was truly in the air this week when Reception took to the stage and performed a medley of springtime songs. Their colourful costumes added to what was a superb showcase of all things Spring. Some families attended all three performances proving what a thoroughly great show it was!

## Autism Awareness

Some children wrote acrostic poems about autism.

To find out more about autism please visit:

<https://www.autism.org.uk/>



## ParentZone

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April we were visited by ParentZone, who ran a workshop for our parents followed by a session with our children in Years 5 & 6. Follow the link for parent guides.

<https://parentzone.org.uk/advice/parent-guides>



## HENRY

HENRY has been running for 10 weeks every Monday morning. During the sessions it has developed:



Parents' confidence; parents' understanding of physical activity and the benefits including emotional well-being; parents' thinking about what

children and families eat - looking at healthier options as well as family lifestyle habits –with a focus upon the impact on health weight and well-being. Well done to all who participated. We look forward to hearing about how you are implementing the many strategies.

## Nursery Trip to Thorndon

This week was very exciting for the nursery children as it was their first ever school visit. We took the whole nursery plus many parents and helpers to Thorndon Country Park in Brentwood where we followed the Gruffalo Trail. The children had a fantastic time being out in the forest and the fresh air all day. They enjoyed using the trail maps to help find all the characters from that well-known story by Julia Donaldson. We then had a picnic lunch and a chance to look in the visitors centre before heading back to school. The fact that so many children were sleeping on the coach showed us they had really enjoyed their day in the woods.

If you are thinking of activities for the upcoming Easter Holidays then I can recommend **Thorndon Country Park in Brentwood** for The Gruffalo Trail and also over in that direction is The Stick Man trail in **South Weald Park**.



## 100% Attendance

Our Spring Term 100% attendance celebration "Neon Surprise" took place on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. In total there were ... children who had achieved 100% this term. Well done to everybody who also had nearly 100%.



## Schools Out ~ Get Active



### Easter holiday

Barking and Dagenham Healthy Lifestyle Team will be providing a variety of FREE activities for children aged 5-17 years old who live or go to school within Barking and Dagenham, to keep them active and healthy during school holidays.

Activities include Dodgeball, Cooking, Athletics, Street Dance and multi sports

**Activities will be available from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> until Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

You will be able to access the full programme list at [www.newme.london/schoolsout](http://www.newme.london/schoolsout)