

# NEWSLETTER

## APRIL 2018

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### Welcome Back

Hope you all had a lovely Easter break. We look forward to working with you again this term.

### Multi-Academy Trust School Council Event

On 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018 our School Council proudly hosted the first Multi Academy Trust council meeting at Vicarage. The meeting was also joined by the Head Teacher Mrs Khan and the Chair of Governors Rev. Quintin Peppiatt. After a presentation of the history of our school, our councillors shared the work they have undertaken so far and their future plans. After which all the councillors from the represented schools worked together to create a shared vision for the new Academy. The meeting was a great success and we are all looking forward to the next meeting with our colleagues which will be at Nelson Primary School.

### 'Respect For All' Conference

On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018 ten schools in Newham came together for a conference organised by RE Today held at Plashet Secondary School.

'Respect for all' examined what respect means for people of different faiths as well as those with no faith. The day saw 90 pupils come together to work and find out how we can show respect to others. The conference was packed full of inspirational learning and activities which the pupils fully engaged with. Representing Vicarage Primary School were 6 pupils and Mrs Ali, who is the RE leader for the school. Mrs Ali said "it was a very engaging and enjoyable day and the children learnt about respect and tolerance".

After a morning full of discussion and debate, the pupils went on to learn about what different religions and world views teach about how we should treat other human beings. In the afternoon the pupils then went on to design and create the message they wanted to say about respect.

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"It was wonderful to see children and young people from different religions and world views, as well as across so many cultures fill the hall here today. I am so pleased we have been able to run this day, as these pupils have definitely been inspired to show respect to all people no matter who they are." Claire Clinton RE advisor to Newham schools.



Example of work created with pupils messages about respect

### Autism Awareness Week 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> April 2018

At Vicarage Primary School we are proud to have a diverse community representing different faiths and cultures as well as individual needs and abilities. There are a number of pupils in our school with special educational needs, the majority of whom are on the Autistic spectrum. Autism is a condition that affects how an individual communicates with and relates to other people, as well as how they experience the world around them. To support our work in raising awareness of ASD, we have organised a number of events. They include assemblies for pupils, various class activities and a workshop for parents on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 9:00am. We hope you will be able to attend.

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As part of our work to celebrate and value all cultures and traditions, on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April** we will be celebrating St. George's Day. Children and staff can wear red, white and blue clothing to mark this special day.

### School Site Security Update

To ensure our school premises are safe and secure for both staff and pupils, the front entrance gate is now closed during school hours. To gain access, you must press the bell/buzzer and a member of staff will check before authorising entry onto the site.

Pupils who attend breakfast club can do so from **7:30am** when the gates will be opened.

At the end of the school day you are able to access the grounds from **3:00pm**. Please collect your child promptly as children become worried and distressed when they are not collected on time. The end of the school day is **3:15pm**. School gates are locked at **3:30pm**.

After school clubs finish at **4:20pm**. If your child is attending an after school club they must be collected in the KS1 playground at **4:20pm**.

Our Summer Term after school clubs will start week beginning **30<sup>th</sup> April 2018**.

### Attendance and Punctuality Reminder

Can we remind parents and carers that:

All children are expected to attend school regularly and on time. We ask you to ensure your child is in school at **8:45am**, as this is the time children are able to gain entry to class. This gives them time to hang up their coat and say hello to their friends and be ready to start learning from the start of the school day, which is **8:55am**. If your child arrives just 5 minutes late each day, they will be missing nearly 16 hours education over the course of a school year. Children arriving late miss important information at the start of the lesson. They are often embarrassed by continual lateness and this can affect their self-esteem. Our school gates are locked promptly at **9:00am**. Children arriving after this time must report to the school office to get their registration mark. You will be asked to provide a reason for your child's lateness.

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Please consider carefully if your child needs to take a day off school. Missing areas of the curriculum will leave gaps in their education which has a negative impact on progress and attainment.

- Make arrangements for travel during school holiday times.
- Where possible, medical appointments should be outside of school hours. You must provide medical evidence to cover such appointments.
- Please contact us if your child is absent.

Children who are persistently late to school or persistently collected late can become a safeguarding concern which may result in a referral to the Local Authority Social Care team.

### Dates for your Diary



**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April - St. George's Day**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April - Tamil speaking parents coffee morning from 9:15am-10:00am**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April - Parents coffee morning from 9:15am-10:00am - Focus: School Council**

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May - Portuguese speaking parents coffee morning from 9:15am-10:00am**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May - May Bank Holiday - school closed**

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May - Urdu speaking parents coffee morning from 9:15am-10:00am**

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May - Year 6 SATs week**

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May - SEND parents afternoon from 2:00pm-3:00pm - Focus: Sleeping & Eating Issues**

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May - Lithuanian speaking parents coffee morning from 9:15am-10:00am**

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May - Parents coffee morning from 9:15am-10:00am**

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May - Last day of Term 5**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June - Half Term break - school closed**



**Mrs S Khan**  
Head Teacher