



## Newsletter

5<sup>th</sup> March 2021

**Dear parents/carers,**

Here is your video newsletter

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Alternatively, you can go on our website and click on the newsletters section to find it.

If you have been unable to view it, continue reading below.

As we prepare to re-open our doors to all children from Monday, I just wanted to say how grateful we are for your continued support in ensuring all children accessed learning. The level of engagement of children and the quality of the work has been fantastic. Without your time, enthusiasm, patience and communication we would not have been able to achieve this. Well done to all families and children for the resilience you have shown throughout these challenging times.

We are extremely excited to see all of the children; we understand some of you may be anxious about the return to school. Rest assured that we will continue to follow very strict measures to make our school the safest possible space. Our risk assessment on our website provides all the details of those measures. Should you have any questions do not hesitate to contact us.

I would like to remind you all of the following arrangements for the return to school:

### **Procedures for going to and from school:**

- We have re-introduced a staggered drop off and pick up times to keep groups apart as they arrive and leave, please see the timetable below:

Year Group	Start time	Finish time	Location
Y5 and Y6	8:45	3:15	Main gate
Y3 and Y4	8:55	3:20	Main gate
Y1 and Y2	9:05	3:30	Main gate
Nursery	9:00	3:20	Back gate
Reception	9:00	3:25	Back gate

- Could I ask that parents/carers wait on the other side of the road until your child's year group allocated time, and then queue along the wall in a physically distant manner on the appropriate side.
- **Please remember to keep the front of the gates clear at all times.**

### **What pupils can take to and from school:**

- We would like to limit the amount of equipment pupils bring to school to essentials like water bottles, book bags, books and Chrome books.

### **Timetable change:**

School will close to all children every Friday after lunch, see below for the staggered pick up times.



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Year group	Finish time	Location
Reception	12:40	Back gate
Y1 and Y2	12:50	Main Gate
Y3 and Y4	1:00	Main Gate
Y5 and Y6	1:10	Main Gate

The children will be expected to carry on with remote learning during Friday afternoon. Teachers will provide appropriate tasks to enable children to access independent learning. For those children who need to, they will be able to use Chrome books provided by school.

### Returning the Chrome Books and other school resources

- Could all those families who have borrowed a School Chrome book (as well as whiteboards and other resources) during lockdown please return it with the charger (and case if it was provided) on **Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> of March**.
- Parents who would like their children to continue to borrow the devices during Fridays remote learning and the weekend, will be given the opportunity to do so. Please email: [admin@virginia.towerhamlets.sch.uk](mailto:admin@virginia.towerhamlets.sch.uk) with your request.

Finally, I wanted to mention the amazing entries we had for World Book Day. The books the children have created have been fantastic! We have shared many on our twitter feed so do check them out!

Don't forget that next Friday, the 12<sup>th</sup> of March we will all be celebrating World Book Day by dressing up in our favourite book character. We will have a whole school assembly on zoom to celebrate the amazing outfits! And we will be sending home World Book Day vouchers with the children on Monday.

### Dates for the rest of this Year

29 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	Inset Day	School Closed
30 <sup>th</sup> March to 9 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	End of Term	School Closed
3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2021	Bank Holiday	School Closed
<b>6<sup>th</sup> May 2021</b>	<b>GLA Elections</b>	<b>School Closed to children, learning will be done remotely</b>
31 <sup>st</sup> May to 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Half term	School Closed
19 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Occasional days	School Closed
23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2021	Inset Day	School Closed

Stay safe, healthy and kind

Best wishes,

Barbara Lo Giudice, head teacher