



REMINDER: School will be closed for pupils on Monday 1st March due to an INSET day.

Dear mums, dads & carers

First of all let me say a huge **thank you** to every one of you who has sent in a message of thanks to our staff recently. I have been blown away by the sheer outpouring of gratitude & support from you all for what is an extremely hardworking team. You really do recognise the care and the 'extra-mile-ness' of teachers, teaching assistants, admin & premises teams ... and leaders too. If I'm honest, some of your words brought tears to my eyes.

We have spent the last few days secretly creating a display of all of your kind words outside the family learning room that we expect to be able to unveil later this afternoon! I know that all of your sentiments will be deeply appreciated by everyone. Thank you.

8 March - return to school

As you will have heard on the national media, all schools are going to reopen to all pupils on Monday 8th March. We were expecting this announcement and have been preparing for the children's return for some time.

It will be so great for them to be back in school, learning in the classroom with their teachers & amongst their friends.

Just as you would expect, however, we will not be letting our guard down. Lockdown has not ended. Reopening schools is just the first stage of a longer process. So, until further notice, we will:

- keep to class bubbles and to a timetable that means pupils will not mix with children in other classes
- keep pupils coming in through the 5 different entrances, with temperature checks & hand sanitiser
- ensure that all children & staff are sticking to the protective measures we have in school to keep everyone safe

I will be writing to you again at the start of next week with more detailed information about the return to school. We'll also be sending you some videos so that you know what to expect. For the time being, however, I wanted you to know that we are ready & that we can't wait to welcome everyone back.

Your children have been absolutely amazing at logging on to lessons & completing work set. That is partly due to the work that staff have done, partly due to your children's great attitude - but honestly, we could not have done it without your commitment & support. You have been brilliant.

Because of this, your children are ready to move on to the next bit - the return to school. They may have missed out on being with friends or running around & playing in the playground - but we have seen them grow in so many other ways; they have become so much more independent & they can do so much more with computers than they ever could before - even our very youngest pupils!

We also deeply value the relationships that we have managed to build & strengthen with so many of you over the last few months. All these things really matter. We will hold on to them & build on them as we move forward into the next stage of your children's schooling.

Have a great weekend.

Jeremy



Your messages of thanks & support for our staff

**WORLD
BOOK
DAY**
4 MARCH 2021

Next Thursday 4th March, it's WORLD BOOK DAY! Get your costumes ready...

We will have a special assembly where you can share your amazing costumes. You can even try to guess who your friends are dressed up as. And, as always, there will be a WINNER in each class who receives a prize! We will also have a Masked Reader competition with prizes. Will you be able to guess who our masked readers are?

You will also complete a 'Book Hunt' throughout the day... where will you find them?

We can't wait to see all your incredible costumes!

The Idea Store is running a week of free online activities for children and families to get involved and share their love of books and reading!

If you'd like to get involved in any of their World Book Day activities email IdeaStoreActivities@towerhamlets.gov.uk and you'll be sent a Zoom invite!

We want to stay connected! You can go to our Twitter for more updates here:

[@stebon_primary](https://twitter.com/stebon_primary) or https://twitter.com/stebon_primary.

This Monday, Jeremy was on Sky News! You can see the clip on our profile.

A Tower Hamlets helpline to support those who are eligible for the vaccine

There is a helpline available to support those who are eligible for the vaccine. Benefits of the helpline include speaking community languages; supporting those who are digitally excluded; tackling vaccine hesitancy and booking appointments directly with GPs.

Whilst not every young person is eligible for a vaccine right now, there will be conversations going on in households across the borough with parents/grandparents, and others, who are currently eligible, or will be soon. So you can get support by calling **020 7364 3030**.



Mahdiya in Y2 Brian Cox class has been growing her brain every day with maths challenges. Here she is carrying out an investigation about equal groups using pieces of pasta. She is a top class mathematician!



As part of the RE family learning project, children in Y4 Rosa Parks class made prayer jars. On a small piece of paper, they will write either one thing they are grateful or sorry for. Then, they will place it inside their prayer jar. Great job!



As part of their dreams and goals topic, **Ramim** in Y4 Rosa Parks class shared his dream for the future. We believe he will make a great doctor! Good luck!



During half term, **Admir** in Y1 Jessica Ennis class used his brilliant imagination and became a pilot with his very own plane!



Some of the events from the Tower Hamlets Families Matter Bitesize E-bulletin - February 2021

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKTOWERHAMLETS/bulletins/2c3cc39>

Reading workshops help celebrate World Book Day

To help kick off World Book Day celebrations on Thursday 4 March, join Tower Hamlets' online reading workshops for parents of either Key Stage 1 or Key Stage 2 children.

Sessions will explore the importance of books and reading together for pleasure. Parents will also gain an insight into how reading is taught at school and discover ways to support children's reading development at home.

Reading at Key Stage 2: Wednesday 3 March, 5pm - 6pm

Reading at Key Stage 1: Friday 5 March, 10am - 11am

Healthy Families online workshop

To coincide with Salt Awareness Week, the Parental Engagement Team at Tower Hamlets are delivering a special Healthy Families online workshop.

This interactive session will inspire families with creative ways to reduce salt intake without compromising on flavour. Join us to pick up some ideas for quick, easy meals and discover ways to get the family a bit more active!

Wednesday 10 March, 10am - 11am

You can find out about other sessions through the link above and for more details and for Zoom invitations, email parentalengagement@towerhamlets.gov.uk stating the session title along with your child's age and the school's name.



APPLE & CINNAMON COMPOTE RECIPE



Lovely warm with ice-cream or cream for a quick pudding, or spoon on top of yoghurt or porridge for a fantastic breakfast. Also works brilliantly as the classic sauce with sausages, roast pork and pork chops. Use a dairy-free substitute instead of the butter for a lactose-free, vegan-friendly version.

Serves: 4 with yoghurt as a pudding/breakfast

Utensils Required: saucepan, spoon, knife

Difficulty Rating: x

Prep Time: 5 minutes

Cook Time: 15 minutes

Cooking Method: cooked on hob

INGREDIENTS

- 3 apples
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 2 tablespoon butter
- 2 tablespoon sugar



METHOD

1. Peel and remove the cores from the apples. Cut each one into about 1cm chunks.
2. Put a saucepan over a medium heat and add the butter and sugar. Stir around until the butter has melted and the sugar dissolved.
3. Add the apples and cinnamon. Cover with a lid and leave to simmer for 15 minutes, until the apples are soft.

Thank you to Rishona's (YR Axel Scheffler) dad for donating some food to distribute to our families!

His company is called Grillz on Wheelz based in Shorditch High Street and they specialise in Corporate events, and are registered with the Borough.

Recipe Corner:

If you try this recipe from The Felix Project do send us photos of your amazing cooking! We'll share more delicious and healthy recipes for you to try!



Term Dates 2020-2021

School open: Monday 2 November – Thursday 17 December 2020

INSET (school closed): Friday 4 December 2020

INSET (school closed): Friday 18 December 2020

Christmas Holiday: Monday 21 December – Friday 1 January 2021

School open: Monday 4 January – Friday 12 February 2021

Half term: Monday 15 February – Friday 19 February 2021

School open: Monday 22 February – Friday 26 March 2021

INSET (school closed): Monday 1 March 2021

Spring Holiday: Monday 29 March – Friday 9 April 2021

School open: Monday 12 April – Friday 28 May 2021

May Bank Holiday: Monday 3 May 2021

Polling Day (school closed): Thursday 6 May 2021

Half term: Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June 2021

School open: Monday 7 June – Friday 16 July 2021

The school will be closed on Eid celebration days:

Eid-ul-Fitr: TBC 12 May or 13 May 2021

Eid-ul-Adha: Monday 19 July and Tuesday 20 July 2021

Entrance & Exit Times

Please ensure your children are through the allocated gate in time

Nursery: nursery gate between 9:00—9:15 am & 3:00—3:15 pm

Reception: fire engine entrance between 9:00—9:15 am & 3:00—3:15 pm

Year 1: pupil entrance between 9:00—9:15 am & 3:00—3:15 pm

Year 2: main entrance between 9:00—9:15 am & 3:00—3:15 pm

Year 3: fire engine entrance between 9:00—9:15 am & 3:15—3:30 pm

Year 4: car park entrance between 9:00—9:15 am & 3:15—3:30 pm

Year 5: pupil entrance between 9:00—9:15 am & 3:15—3:30 pm

Year 6: main entrance between 9:00—9:30 am & 3:15—3:30 pm

(For the gates that have more than one year group, both will come in at the same time, one on each side of the entrance.)

Coffee Mornings - Every Thursdays

Please join our virtual (Zoom) Coffee morning on **Thursdays at 10am.**

It's a great opportunity to see each other and catch up with what is happening around our local community.



Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://letta-org-uk.zoom.us/j/83969489106?pwd=MDIzUGNsWIVxajFsOGhpS24veDNIUT09>

Meeting ID: 839 6948 9106 **Passcode:** 075628

If you need any support with joining the virtual Coffee morning please contact Kulsuma via the school office.