



Autumn Term Newsletter

September 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a busy start to the term with many home visits. Thank you to all of the parents who have helped us in making their child's start to school very special. We had an Ofsted Inspection at the beginning of term. When the report is released we will send a copy home.

We are looking forward to seeing you at some of the events below.

Black History Month

We will have a theme for every week:

During the week beginning 30th September: we will be looking at traditional head wraps and making them in preparation for our visitors from the **Iroko Theatre Company** on the **3rd of October**. African drumming will continue throughout the week.

Throughout the week beginning the 7th October: our theme is **stories**. We are linking the stories to everyday experiences. **Handa's Surprise** is a story which involves fruit. The children will make shopping lists, buy and sell fruit and vegetables and make fruit salads and smoothies

During the week beginning 14th October: we will be going on a trip to **Ridley Road Market in Dalston** to buy traditional food, which we will prepare and cook in school. Please look out for the notices on the board outside your child's classroom to see which days these events are taking place.

- If you would like to accompany us to Dalston, please see Vanita in Sunflower Class.

Bring Your Parents to School Day: Thursday 3rd October 9:30 or 2:30

- Please come along to the performances of the Iroko Theatre Company.

School Library

- **Poppy:** Monday
- **Sunflower:** Tuesday
- **Lavender:** Tuesday
- **Bluebell:** Thursday

Please make sure your child brings their book bags on these days so that they can choose a new book to take home.

Wednesday Maths Bags

Vanita continues to be out in the Quad to distribute maths bags. If you would like one for your child they contain maths games and toys you can borrow and bring back the following we



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Thursday Stay and Play

As you know we have a stay and play session in school every Thursday afternoon from 1:30 to 3:00pm if you would like to stay with your toddler you are very welcome.

Attendance and Punctuality

For your child to develop and continue to learn new things it is important for them to attend as regularly as possible. When your child is really unwell please telephone the office to let us know on the first day. If you forget you will get a call from the school to ask why your child is not in.

Children who arrive on time have an opportunity to access everything that we provide for them. If you arrive after 9:30, to avoid too much disruption to the other children, please come to the office and wait for a member of staff to take your child round to their classroom. Late marks are counted in the register and lunches have to be booked in advance, so punctuality is important. If you have any difficulty getting your child to school on time, please telephone the office to let them know you are going to be late and if you are having ongoing difficulties please speak to your class team or the office staff.

Food Bank

As part of our Harvest celebrations we will be collecting food for the local food bank. There will be boxes in the quad for you to leave your donations. The children will be taking the donations to the food bank after half term.

Parent Participation

If you have any ideas for courses please talk to your class team. We will have many opportunities for you to participate in the life of the school and will keep you regularly informed about what is going on. We look forward to seeing you at our events.

Fruit

The school helps children to understand the importance of eating healthily. If children want a snack during the day, we would like them to eat fruit or a healthy snack. If every child brings in one piece of fruit, rice cakes or bread sticks a week then we will have enough to share with everyone. Many thanks.

Dates for Your Diary

21st - 25th October: Half Term

School re-opens Monday 28th October. See you all at 9:15am.

Have a good week.

Lynn and the Staff at Columbia Market