



# SPRING TERM

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## Happy New Year to you all

### Term Dates

#### **January**

19 Yr2 visit to central mosque  
21 9am Elder sharing assembly with parents  
23 GenR8 Cool Choices for Yr6  
27 Wildlife talk for Laurel class  
29 Public speaking competition at Queen Emma primary

#### **February**

4 9am Laurel sharing assembly with parents  
9 Laurel visit to Shepreth Wildlife park  
10 9am Oak class sharing assembly with parents  
11 Spirituality Day in school  
13 FRIENDS Pyjama Day  
13 – 8.30 ACT ACTIVE for parents, Homework Festival, Coffee with HT and FSW  
HALF TERM

23-25 Yr4 residential at Horstead

#### **SATURDAY 28 MAKE A DIFFERENCE MORNING 9-1**

#### **March**

3 – Interhouse Sports competition morning  
4 Parents evening 3.30-6 in school  
5 World Book Day  
5 Parents evening 4.30-7 virtual  
11 9am Holly sharing assembly with parents  
16 9am Rocksteady concert  
18 9am Olive sharing assembly  
24 April intake for Nursery visit  
25 9am Chestnut sharing assembly with parents  
26 FRIENDS Easter Egg Hunt for EYS and KS1  
27 Yr3/4 Bikeability  
27 9am Easter assembly in hall  
27 8.30 ACT ACTIVE, Homework Festival, coffee morning

### Class News

**Nursery** have been reading 'The Billy Goats Gruff' and have made a collage and roleplayed the story. They have been great at being goats and also at welcoming new friends into Nursery.

**Reception** have been reading about the penguin 'Jonty Gentoo' making links with our recent cold weather here. This has inspired some very creative Drawing Club work.



**Yr1** visited the Museum of Cambridge this week and went on the bus into town. In the museum they looked at old toys and old appliances and equipment used in houses and made comparisons with what we use now.

**Yr2** are writing their own stories based on the Snail and the Whale book. In fact they are writing a sequel, with new characters and will send their stories to the author Julia Donaldson.

**Laurel** are reading 'The Rhythm of the Rain' by Grahame Baker Smith which links with their new topic is 'Where does all the water go?' and their learning about rivers and animals that live in habitats near water.

**Holly** have been investigating how Rome began and the myths around this. Their new topic is 'What does it mean to be a Roman?'

**Elder** are getting to grips with the Shang dynasty for their new topic and if they were advanced for their time. They have also been checking how to be sure light really does travel in straight lines.

**Gold Book – vision and values in action** Well done to all for demonstrating the school values in their learning and towards others.

**Oak** -Aibel, Jordan, Ellea, Elliot

**Olive** – Berkay, Eliana, the whole class

**Chestnut** - Ayra, Jade, Promis, Anna G

**Laurel** – Jordan, Audrey, Muhammed, Sanad

**Holly** – Chiara, Nia, Flynn, Fraser, Natasha, Liv, Luke, Teal, Sarina, Roselyn, Cienna

**Elder** – Megha, Ismayil, Matilda, Vince, Ailsa, Sofia, Meha, Dran, JJ, Ailsa



### Sporting Hero

Tia-Rose for persevering and doing her best to join in with football and basketball in PE. Eilli for showing great determination in hockey lessons; controlling the ball, tackling opponents, scoring goals. Keep it up!

### Attendance

R-90%, Yr1-95%, Yr2-93%,  
Laurel- 95%, Holly 95%, Elder 90%



### Public Speaking

#### **Competition**

There has been excitement amongst our KS2 pupils at the beginning of term, as for the first time we are entering a public speaking competition which involves many local primaries. Lots of pupils in Laurel, Holly and Elder put themselves forward in our internal competition. Speeches covered a range of subjects including why they would make a good headteacher and why we should become vegetarians. Well done to Ozan, Riana, Flynn, Ailsa who will be representing the school in the next round.

#### **BIG THANKS**

We have received a lovely letter from Arthur Rank Hospice thanking us for our fundraising during our Rudolph Run. We raised the most ever £453.13.

Jordan Norfield in Reception raised over £100 for this which is fantastic. What an example of our school values being ACTed out. Thank you and well done Jordan.

#### **Growth mindset quote**

The secret of change is to focus all of your energy not on fighting the old, but on building the new (Socrates)

Have a good weekend!  
Sally Haiselden