

## Headteacher message

Thank you to parents/carers who attended the phonics presentation earlier this week. We hope that you found the information useful and feel better able to support your child at home.

### Year 6

We are approaching our final week before SATs. Although we will continue our revision schedule, we will focus on keeping the children as calm as possible. Having worked so hard during the year, the children are keen to do their best. We must collectively reassure them that their best is always good enough and that whatever the outcome, the results do not define who they are. Tests of any sort will cause a level of anxiety and this unfortunately is unavoidable. Help us to keep them calm and ensure that when at home they can switch off and not think about SATs.

### Safeguarding

Many of you may have seen on the news this week a worrying rise in the rates of 'Sextortion' cases online. This is a type of blackmail when there is a threat to share nude images / videos and inappropriate information about someone online unless they are paid money or agree to do something. It has been reported that children as young as 5 years old have been victims of this criminal activity. The National Crime Agency has issued a nationwide alert and have provided information on what to look for and how to report. (Please see the last page of this newsletter)



### Dates for diary

Monday 6th May

School closed—Bank Holiday

Monday 13th May—Thursday 16th May

KS2 SATS week

Mental Health Week

Thursday 16th May

Wear It Green Day

Thursday 23rd May

Jasmine class assembly

Monday 27th May—Friday 31st May

School Closed Half term

Monday 3rd June

School closed - Inset Day

Tuesday 4th June

School reopens for children

Friday 21st June

Bond Carnival and International Food Fest

Week commencing Monday 8th July

Sports week

Week Commencing 15th July

Class End of Year Assemblies

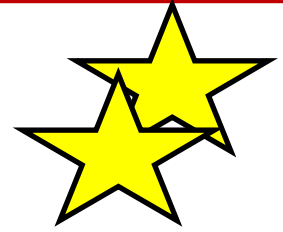
## Attendance Stars

Classes with the highest attendance week commencing :18th March

KS1— Poppy 95.1%

KS2— Waterlily 98.1%

Whole School Attendance— 93.5%



What you can do to support your child's attendance:

- Do not plan to take holidays during term time
- Avoid arranging medical appointments during the school day
- Ensure you establish routines for bedtime and morning
- Organise items your child will need the night before e.g. school uniform, school bag etc
- A slight cold or runny nose does not prevent your child from attending school
- Talk about the importance of good attendance with your child—good attendance and punctuality are integral life skills
- If your child appears anxious about coming to school, please speak to your child's class teacher, Miss Waysay or a member of the Senior Leadership Team. We will do our utmost to support you.
- Reward coming to school—have a chart at home with incentives

## Railway Safety

This week KS1 and KS2 children had an assembly focused on railway safety which is very pertinent to our school community as a railway crossing is nearby. There appears to be an increase in incidents of railway crossing trespassing which clearly puts lives at risk. The following videos have been shared and discussed with the children however you might like to watch these at home.

The key stage 1 video was shown to KS1 to year 4. If your child is in years 3/4, please watch the KS2 video first as it deals with death from the start.

NEW Primary school version: Suitable for KS1

<https://learnliveuk.com/ks1-primary-school-safety-talk/>

NEW Primary school version: Suitable for KS2

<https://learnliveuk.com/network-rail-primary-school-safety-talk>



### Being a Parent Programme

At Poplar Primary School (Poplar Road South, Merton Park, London SW19 3JZ)

The Empowering Parents Empowering Communities (EPEC) 8 week Being a Parent course aims to improve your skills and confidence in being a parent. It creates a trusting group ethos, where parents are encouraged and supported to explore: positive behaviour management and discipline strategies, managing parent and family stress, understanding and managing children's feelings, communication, play and interaction skills, attachment and parent-child relationships, parenting roles, expectations and culture. The programme is open to all parents of primary aged children in Merton.



To book please email [EPEC@merton.gov.uk](mailto:EPEC@merton.gov.uk)

EPEC Being a Parent		
All sessions are on Tuesday Mornings from 09:00am to 11:30am, (9.00 tea and coffee available for a 9.30 start)		
Tuesday 14 May 2024	Week 1	• Session 1-Being a parent
Tuesday 21 May 2024	Week 2	• Session 2- Feelings
Half Term Break 27 - 31 May 2024		
Tuesday 04 June 2024	Week 3	• Session 3- Play
Tuesday 11 June 2024	Week 4	• Session 4- Valuing my Child
Tuesday 18 June 2024	Week 5	• Session 5- Understanding Children's behaviour
Tuesday 25 June 2024	Week 6	• Session 6- Discipline Strategies
Tuesday 02 July 2024	Week 7	• Session 7- Listening Skills
Tuesday 09 July 2024	Week 8	• Session 8- Review and support
Light Refreshment Provided & Course Material		
In the event of absence or an emergency on a Tuesday please phone: Usha Dudakia on +442082885692		

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# Online Safety

## **Further advice and guidance provided by National Crime Agency**

### NCA CEOP Education – [#AskTheAwkward](#)

[Children and young people are better protected with regular, open conversations. Use the #AskTheAwkward films and help sheets to support you – Talk little. Talk often. Ask the awkward.](#)

### Internet Watch Foundation – [TALK checklist](#)

[Follow the IWF's TALK checklist to help keep your child safe online.](#)

### Internet Watch Foundation – [Advice for parents and carers](#)

[Advice and steps to take if your child has been a victim of financially motivated sexual extortion.](#)

### SWGfL

[So You Got Naked Online – A resource that offers children, young people and parents advice and strategies to support the issues resulting from sexting incidents](#)

### Childnet – Sextortion

[Advice for parents and carers about sextortion, covering how it happens, what you need to know, and how to support your child if they have been targeted](#)

### NSPCC Helpline – **Phone: 0808 800 5000**

[Contact NSPCC for specialist help, advice and support.](#)

### Internet Matters

[What is sextortion? – A guide](#)

### Snapchat

[In-app educational video for Snapchat users](#)