



Dear parents: tempting fate but it's been remarkably smooth and enjoyable so far the first week back since re-opening Monday. It is now Friday 1.00pm as I am completing this. Monday was a joy to see everyone back and yesterday with OLSJ Book Day in the freezing Spring sunshine was equally joyful. Yesterdays photo special is all on our website. We did take some videos as well but owing to parents opting out of allowing us to use photos and videos of their children we cannot share these any more. Some messages from our neighbours please see below. Wonderful news about vaccines and infection rates also see below and a special day next week too. Not Cheltenham Gold Cup Day but an equally great day next Wednesday March 17th. St Patrick's Day special when it will be Green, White and Gold Day on Paddy's Day (my name's Sean so ...all good). Also below my thoughts on that amazing interview Monday that got the whole country gripped and talking + revelations on what really happened and who said what, when so read on .. must go as a williwaw (means a violent coastal squall of wind) on its way. Read on!

News next week:

Wednesday Dave Blackmore woodwind instructor starts back for Years 5 and Year 6

St Patricks Day Feis and Celebrations - green, white and gold day details to follow. I'll have my green pinstriped suit dry cleaned by then.

School clubs and care next week:

Breakfast Club: Monday - Friday from 7.45am onwards.

After School Care: Monday - Thursday 3.30 - 5.45pm

Art Club : Year 2 Monday Year 4 Wednesday and Year 3 Thursday

Yoga Club: Year 1 Fridays 3.30 -4.45pm

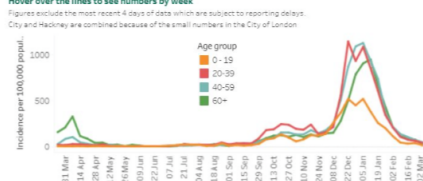
Multi-Sports (Provisionally): Monday Year 1 3.30 - 4.45pm Tuesday Year 5 and Thursday Year 6 same times. We cannot mix year groups in term time.

The neighbours some good some not so good :

Received one very polite email from a resident in Culford Road and I completely agree with her. No problem with parking but please do not leave your engine running or idling. If anyone knows why people still do this please let me know. Also it causes horrible air pollution and burns more fuel. Odd behaviour IMHO.

Next one is not so good. Monday was joyful in Culford Road as people waited for their children from 3.20pm onwards. People met up again spoke to each other and even danced with happiness in circles and groups. Problem is in the modern world someone is sure to have a camera phone and post something unpleasant in seconds, quite why I do not know as it was all outdoors. However it was not very nice what the caption and photo stated about you the parents. People tell me things all the time to help the school so please be careful even when outdoors. Almost zero chance of transmission (read last weeks Sunday Times) but still maintain social distancing for a while yet please.

Covid-19 cases by age and sex
Hover over the lines to see numbers by week
Figures exclude the most recent 4 days of data which are subject to reporting delays.
City and Hackney are combined because of the small numbers in the City of London



Pics of the week:

To celebrate International Women's Week my true hero of the week is Sister Ann Rose Nu Tawng pictured. Praying with Burmese police to spare protestors and shoot her instead ... I've been to Myanmar and our late Chair of Gobs, Derek Vitali was born there. A genuine hero. Ms Dyer's link to women composers (also on our website) clicking takes you to their music and World Book Day winners. ++ Covid cases in Hackney last week. Only 1 new case in this whole area last week and 1 in Dalston. + Huge delivery of vaccines arriving next week. Watch for news !



and finally great news about infection rates and the vaccine roll out but do not neglect social distancing rules and precautions it is very good news and thanks to the parents telling us about instant walk in vaccine centres... anyway there I was Monday evening eagerly awaiting the great interview that gripped the nation. Watched first half of West Ham Leeds 2-0 and then around 10.00am it all really started. Rob Green ex-England goalkeeper on the secrets of being a goalie, the truth about that blunder in the 2010 World Cup, the toxic criticism he faced and much more talking with Jamie Carragher on Sky Sports 1. I did turn over briefly to ITV and then turned straight back. Loved Oprah's interview with Lance Armstrong in 2013 but missed Monday's one so don't really know much more. Soon be Easter - Week 1 over all safe and well and happy too.