



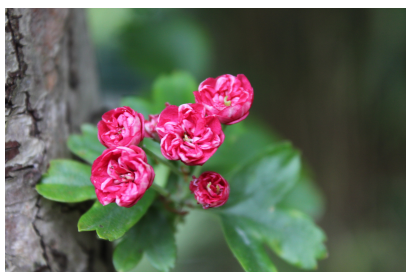
Dear parents: a parent alerted me at the gate yesterday to reports of attempted abductions in the Enfield area recently. As the day progressed I received emails as well. The reports are not clear but a man and woman have been arrested about these incidents and police are appealing for calm. Pictures of a white van and two drivers are also in circulation but again unclear if dangerous or not. Vigilantes have been springing up which can often end up badly. I always mention the name of Bijan Ebrahimi a disabled Iranian entirely innocent refugee murdered by a mob in 2015. Details on Wikipedia. The email and the parent did not wish to cause any panic or alarm but always a good time to reflect on safety of our children coming to and from school. Incidents are incredibly rare but certain things can increase safety such as no earphones, no talking on mobile phones, planning routes carefully and wearing visible clothing can all help. Any parent who does want their child to go home alone must also complete a form, available from our website I will not release a child without one. Please be alert but not frightened we regularly speak to children about safety outside of school and will continue to do so. We have the police booked in for a visit later in the year as well. Last Newsletter before half-term as Thursday have to go to for an operation at UCLH Eastman hospital to have severely impacted wisdom tooth removed along with part of my jaw so won't be talking too much later in the week. What do you mean good news at last?? OK I do like to talk I admit . not much to talk about weather wise. Roll on flaming June !!

Reminder Friday is an INSET day and school is closed.

Monday is also a Bank Holiday and half-term begins. School re-opens Monday June 7th for Summer term. Who knows maybe some sunshine as well but still on track for full re-opening June 21st.

Covid update ...positive news

Not a single reported case of Covid in any Primary, Secondary or Special school in Hackney last week for the first time since March 2020. Community cases also very low. If everyone gets vaccinated then .. please encourage those eligible 'for the sake of others' as the Queen said.



Pics of the Week: Our magical Glastonbury / Joseph of Arimathea tree in flower ...new free bike and scooter racks from Hackney and Ms Florence and Maggie telling children their Ghanaian jollof rice is the best ...hot topic for debate.... it is really spicy, tasty and great I'm staying neutral.



Admissions for Reception Year 2021 -2022

If you still know of anyone who has a child born between September 1st 2016 and 31st of August 2017 i.e. aged 4 or 5 and thought they would not get in here then tell them we have some vacancies right now. All faiths and none welcome to an outstanding primary school in this community. Tell them be quick and call the school 0207 254 7353 we will do the rest including filling out forms. Your school needs you in 2021. Thanks for all the marketing ideas that some of you have sent in. Changing times see survey below.

Ofsted Survey of parents 2021

Ofsted recent 2021 survey reported that 94% of parents who responded do not consider the faith-based affiliation of a school to be an important factor in choosing where to send their children. That is according to Ofsted, which has published the figures in its Parents Annual Survey 2021. Almost all parents would prefer state-funded schools that are inclusive and open to all regardless of background.

The survey of parents with school-age children was conducted by YouGov. It asked them which three of eleven key factors were most important when deciding which school was right for their child. Proximity to home was found to be the most important. For parents of pre-school children, faith affiliation was ranked last, with just 2% saying it had been important. For the parents of school-age children, it ranked tenth, with 6%. In this age group only 'the specialism of the school' ranked lower.

Poetry Week: Ms Ruminska has planned lots of daily activities including memorising, composing and reciting poetry.

and finally ... sat down Sunday all prepped up to enjoy the last game of an amazing season and knew West Ham would beat Southampton ..turned on Liverpool ..Palace ... no ..Chelsea Villa no Arsenal Brighton even Fulham Newcastle and Burnley and Sheffield United and then golf and Monaco Grand Prix ...must be on Amazon Prime no BT no was not broadcast live anywhere our best ever finish ...ach well ... Europa League Channel 5 next season one year to the day since the murder of George Floyd in Minnesota RIP wrote about Putin's People recently nearly finished it and it is jaw dropping in its revelations no wonder she is being sued, one very very brave writer is Catherine Belton.... still not seen Seaspiracy the Netflix film that is panicking people into giving up fish mackerel is very sustainable and makes great dishes and is so cheap I make a great Vietnamese Banh Mi sandwich or Mexican wrap with it and raw veg and herbs delicious happy Africa Day today and not long now until the Euros start and all England fans get their hopes and dreams shattered again ... hope its sunny .. be happy !!