



**Dear parents:** .... May Bank Holiday coming up so it always seems to be either roasting hot or freezing cold no in between. This year sadly it's the latter but hey ho much optimism in the air as the vaccine success is all good news just now. Particularly this week with news on transmission rates. Please encourage everyone you know to have it if offered. PHE are pleading with headteachers to encourage their communities to spread the word and take up the offer of a vaccine. Really disappointing to see a giant graffiti sign saying 'Hoax' this week on the Holloway Road. That and the march last Saturday to me were mind boggling. Try telling that to the grieving and desperately ill in India and the wider world this week. My thanks to the PA this week for their donation of money towards books and resources. As you can see first shipments have arrived (from our local bookseller not Amazon). Pictures below always remind me of May as Hawthorn trees are also known as the May tree. This year our ones in De Beauvoir Road flowered early and look incredible. We have more in school not in bud yet including our famous Glastonbury aka Joseph of Arimathea tree. An olde English legend look it up. Soon be May 17th and slowly but safely we move forward and thank God for our health.

**Attendance:** Everyone is now back in school. Attendance at 96.58% is good and up on last week. Please also now be on time start and end of day.

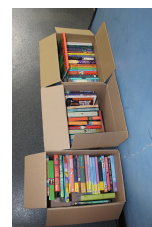
**RIP:** Martin Golding founder of the Angus Consultancy who for years provided our clerking, finance and advice services. A remarkable life including fascinating service in the army and intelligence. Later worked in educational consultancy. A dear wise and sage friend sadly missed and fondly remembered. An old school English gentleman, impeccably polite always calm, erudite and full of lively fun and anecdotes. RIP.

**Guitar lessons restart next week:** Louis Price is back as more extra curricular lessons resume.



### Admissions for Reception Year 2021 -2022

I still have a major job for you all. Now showing people around and have been doing tours after school this week. Church schools have been very hard hit this year and Hackney this week did a letter to all heads about the drop in admission numbers. SO ..... If you know 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 local community. Tell them be quick and call the school 0207 254 7353 we will do the rest. Task for the Bank Holiday weekend for everyone.



**Pics of the week:** Our new Rainforest mural above in the main hall almost completed .... the May trees in De Beauvoir Road (Summer Trail details next week) ..... our new library books starting to arrive and Van Gogh's Irises in bloom not in Arles but in our early years garden in Dalston ...plus this week Daniel our Premise Manger planted 12 new trees this week thanks to the Woodland Trust for these

**and finally** .... people dying in the streets of India, gasping for air and oxygen cylinders and our media all leading with the cost of rolls of wallpaper. £840 a roll is expensive mind !!! I use lining paper and paint over it with Dulux emulsion much cheaper .... watched every series of Line of Duty but saved this one up for a binge this Bank Holiday weekend so no spoiler alerts please ..... good to see crowds slowly coming back to live events including this weekends snooker but long way to go ... I followed every day of the George Floyd murder trial on CNN and then on NBC on the net. My new hero is 69 year old Dr Martin Tobin the Irish pulmonologist of 46 years experience. He gave his evidence for free and the prosecutors pundits and now a juror said his testimony was so powerful and so well delivered as to remove any doubt as to the verdict and cause of death. Powerful and heartbreaking testimony..... Man City vs Madrid was awesome this week and great to see Franco's old team get beaten ...anyway enjoy the long Bank Holiday weekend and my advice would be get out in the glorious parks of London and wrap up warm. Be happy !!!