



**Staff
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GLC

Herringham Primary Academy



**Team of
the Week
Y4 Team**

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Welcome back to school everyone. We hope that you had a restful and enjoyable half term week. As usual, we will be pretty busy this term – Easter is around the corner, bringing our Spring Term to a close – how quickly the year passes! Please keep an eye on the newsletter – important dates and information are shared with parents in this way – you can access the newsletter by e-mail, on our website or we keep a hard copy in the main reception area.

EDUCATIONAL VISITS

Year 5 children will be visiting the Tower of London on 6 March, as part of the work they are currently doing in class. This promises to be a great visit and the children are looking forward to going. Don't forget to complete your payment and permission slips online! Thanks as always for your support.

SCHOOL ACCESS

Can we just remind parents that if you are visiting the school during the school day for a Parent Session or meeting with your class teacher – you should ALWAYS enter through the main entrance, signing in at the school office. Please do not use the link building as a short cut to gain access from KS1 to KS2 or vice versa; you should go around the outside of the building. We know that you will appreciate that we ask this for the safety of your children. We must know who is on site at all times. Thanks again for your co-operation.

SCHOOL GATEWAY APP

School Gateway is the parent portal (app and website) that provides a single point of contact that allows parents to receive messages, payment requests, and reports from school and react to those notifications free of charge. If you have a smartphone, both you and the school can save money when you download the 'School Gateway' app from your app store (Android and iPhone).

***** We're aiming to get 50% of parents using the app – please help us achieve this *****

Once you've downloaded the app, our texts will be delivered to you as instant app messages, saving us the cost of texting. Any messages that you send to school using the app will be FREE of charge to you. It's quick and easy to do. All you need to activate the app for the first time are your email address and mobile number that school holds on record for you. It is important that you keep us informed of current mobile numbers and email addresses for this to work. We are aware that some parents do not have roaming access on their mobile outside of their personal Wi-Fi range. Please be assured that any emergency communication will be sent to your mobile as a text in these cases so that you will not miss our communication.

GLC PRIMARY ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE

Don't forget the Attendance Challenge for the Spring Term.

The GLC will award 5 iPads to the primary class with the highest attendance across all of the GLC schools during the Spring Term. If there is a tie, then the class with the lowest number of children arriving late for school will be the winner. This is a great incentive to try for 100% attendance as well as arriving ON TIME at school every day.

PARENTS EVENING

Parents evening is on Thursday 1 March. Our new online booking system has been really well received by parents. We hope that you have found it a much more efficient way to book your appointments with your children's teachers. If you haven't booked your appointment yet, or are not sure how to use the new system, please don't hesitate to call in to the school office and a member of the Admin Team will help you to book. You will have until the 28 February to make your appointment.

WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day is on Friday 2 March. Each child will receive a book token which they can use to purchase a book at our very own book sale during the school day. We have sent a letter home with the book focus for each year group. Children may come to school dressed as a character from their year group's book or with a hat or a mask, or in any fancy dress they would like. Please do not feel that you have to purchase a costume for the day, we encourage children to explore their creativity with home made hats or masks. Speak to class teachers if you need resources!

ATTENDANCE

Well done to 3 Maple – our stars during the week before half term. They achieved 98.7% attendance, closely followed by 5 Elm and 6 Chestnut who both achieved 98%. 4 Eucalyptus and R Conkers achieved 97.1% and 96.3% respectively. Well done!

Classes not quite meeting our overall school target of 96% were:

3 Ash – 94.7%	1 Birch 92%
2 Monkey Puzzle – 94.5%	R Acorns 0 91.4%
1 Palm – 94%	2 Hazel – 91.3%
6 Oak – 93%	4 Sycamore – 87.6%
5 Willow – 92.3%	

Our overall school attendance last week was 94.2% against our school target of 96%.

PUNCTUALITY

During the week prior to half term, your children lost a total of 7 hours and 13 minutes learning time. Punctuality will play an important part in deciding the winning class for the 5 iPads. Two classes, RC and 3A, lost over an hour each during that week, and five classes, 1B, 3M, 4E, 5W and 6C lost half an hour or more. Please remember, it is really important to ensure that your children arrive on time for school.



DIARY DATES.....

Thursday 1 March

Parent's Evening

Friday 2 March

World Book Day

Tuesday 6 March

Y5 trip Tower of London

Artist in residence working with Y4

Wednesday 7 March

Artist in residence working with Y4

Thursday 8 March

GLC Athletics at Ellis Theatre

Gateway Academy

Wednesday 14 March

Y1 parent and child session

Thursday 15 March

Y1 visit St Mary's Church Chadwell

9.15am

Reception parent and child session

2pm

Thurrock Schools Poetry Competition
Heats

Friday 16 March

Y4 parent and child session 2pm

Tuesday 20 March

Y5 parent and child session

Thursday 22 March

Thurrock Schools Poetry Competition
Finals

Friday 23 March

Non uniform day for Sport Relief

Y6 parent and child session 2pm

Thursday 29 March

Last day Spring 2

Friday 30 March—Friday 13 April

Easter Break

Monday 16 April

Back to School—Summer 1

Tuesday 17 April

Reception parent partnership meeting
8.45am

Wednesday 18 April

Y1 parent partnership meeting 8.45am

Y5 parent partnership meeting 2.45pm

Thursday 19 April

Y2 parent partnership meeting 8.45am

Y4 parent partnership meeting 2.45pm

Friday 20 April

Y3 parent partnership meeting 8.45am

Y6 parent partnership meeting 2.45pm

Tuesday 1 May

Whole class photos