

Newsletter

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BE IN LINE BY 8.55am!

Remember, all pupils should be in their lines ready to go into class BEFORE 8.55am. At 8.55am staff start taking pupils up to class. We are a big school and it takes a while to get all of our 720+ pupils into their classrooms.

Please can you help us by ensuring your children are on time and ready to go!

Year 1 and 2 teachers close their doors at 9.00am. Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will close their entrance doors after the last class has gone in. Please don't get cross if you are late and your children can't get in this way! We do this so we can be sure that all children are safely in school and no one slips in unnoticed. If you are late, you need to use the main entrance only. Thanks in advance for your support.

SATS TESTS

Year 2 and Year 6 will be sitting their SATs tests in the week beginning 13th May.
Good luck everyone!

TOWER HAMLETS LIVEABLE STREETS

Tower Hamlets is running a consultation on what you would change about the local area in Bow.

"The Liveable Streets programme will improve the look and feel of public spaces in your neighbourhood. By creating a better environment, we can make it more convenient to get around by foot, bike and public transport. LiveableStreets Bow is one of the schemes in the first phase of the programme. The programme is in its early stages and Tower Hamlets Council has begun carrying out early engagement with key stakeholders, businesses and residents in the area.

We are keen to hear from schools about any improvements they would like to see near the school, and further afield along staff and pupils' routes to school. No plans or designs have been drawn up for the scheme yet, so this is a fantastic opportunity for your pupils, parents/guardians and staff to help shape the scheme so that it best fits the needs of the community."

If any parents/carers would like to be involved in this, please speak to the administration office or attend one of the drop in events below:

Thursday 2 May, 5pm – 7pm – Idea Store Bow, 1 Gladstone Place, Roman Road, Bow, E3 5ES

Saturday 11 May, 10am – 12noon – Idea Store Bow, 1 Gladstone Place, Roman Road, Bow, E3 5ES

Alternatively, you can fill in a survey at www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/liveablestreets



CAKE WITH KATIE

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR CAKE WITH KATIE WINNERS!



This weeks 'coffee morning' was held at Costa! The parents enjoyed a nice hot drink and with great company.



RAMADAN

At school we are aware it will soon be the holy month of Ramadan and that this is an extremely important time for many of our staff members and families.

The East London Mosque have given the following advice about fasting in primary schools. The Mosque has said that **'it is very important that normal routines and activities continue throughout Ramadan.'** This would apply to teaching and learning at school. The curriculum at Old Ford is busy. In order for children to be able to fully participate in all aspects of school life we recommend that children in primary school do not fast on school days.

Of course, many of our children will want to participate in fasting with their families. In our experience families have successfully encouraged younger children to fast at weekends or during half-term, so that they are fasting under the careful watch of their parents. We know that some of our children have reached puberty and will be expecting to fast. If your child has reached puberty and you wish them to fast on school days during Ramadan please speak to your class teacher.

Year 6 pupils will be taking part in their SATs during the middle of the Ramadan period. I respectfully request that for the period of four days when the Year 6 children are taking these challenging tests, home and school work together so that the children are not fasting for those days. Children fasting at this time of year, with long daylight hours, may feel tired more easily, may find it difficult to concentrate or could become dehydrated.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you observing Ramadan a peaceful and fulfilling holy month. Best wishes and Ramadan Mubarak.

Tower Hamlets Holiday Childcare Scheme provides childcare for



children aged 3-13 years from 9.00am to 5.00pm or 8.00am to 6.00pm, at a subsidised rate. Bookings are prioritised and open firstly to working parents, and are then made available to non-working.

Upcoming scheme: **May 2019 Holiday Scheme**
Tuesday, 28th – Friday, 31st May 2019 (4 Days)
Venue: St Matthias Primary School, Bacon Street,
Bethnal Green
London E2 6DY

More information about the scheme, including booking dates can be found on our website www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/hcs

CONCERT PERFORMANCE

Some of our pupils are performing at the Victoria and Albert museum tomorrow!

As part of this years V&A Performance Festival, the choirs from Old Ford, Culloden and Solebay have been invited to perform at the museum in three separate "pop-up" performances, that will take place throughout the day in locations around the venue. The event is to celebrate the life of French composer Hector Berlioz and is in collaboration with conductor David Lawrence and Mezzo-Soprano Rachel Kelly.

Performances start at 11.30am

