

## Dear Families,

I hope you all had a fabulous Easter break and managed to enjoy some of the amazing sunshine we had.

We have yet another really busy term ahead of us so please keep an eye on the website, this newsletter and the notice board at the bottom of the ramp outside the main entrance.

Have a lovely weekend,

**Mrs Horwood**

## Penguin Puffin Publishers

In February, we had a team from Penguin Puffin publishers out to take some photos in our library.

The first of these are now up on their new website, <https://www.puffinschools.co.uk>. More will be used throughout the year. Thank you again to the children who participated - it's lovely to see them on the website.

## Dates for your diary



- **Monday 29th April** – Year 2 to Kew Gardens
- **Tuesday 30th April** – Rock Steady Concerts (invitation only)
- **Tuesday 30th April** – Hadid Parent Lunch
- **Friday 3rd May** – Coffee morning with the Head 9-10am
- **Wednesday 8th May** – Reception Trip to Walthamstow Wetlands
- **Thursday 9th May** – Year 3 Go Fishing
- **Friday 10th May** – SEND Coffee Morning 9-10am
- **Monday 13th May** – KS2 SATs start

## Park View Choir

Last term we were really lucky to have the Choir from Park View visit our school. They performed for our Year 5's and also taught them two new songs. Thank you to all the members of the choir for sharing their talents with us.



## Alexandra Palace Children's Book Award

On April 2nd, sixteen children from Years 5 & 6 went with Ms Efthymiou and Ms Donaghy to celebrate the first Alexandra Palace Children's Book Award, which was previously the Haringey Children's Book Award (HCBA). With about 400 children from over 25 schools attending in the restored theatre, this was a lovely day for the children who had all been reading the six shortlisted books, which had been chosen by a team of librarians, including Ms Efthymiou.

We had a special early reading by Lauren St John of her newest book from and got to meet of the authors – and even the host Michael Rosen!

Our favourite book was *Child I* by Steve Tasane, which won the libraries prize. Jane Elson won the main Schools Prize with *Will You Catch Me?*

Children arrive at Ally Pally:



At the Magnificent Old Theatre:



With Libraries Award Winner Steve Tasane:



An unexpected bonus with Michael Rosen:



With Lauren St John after her talk:



Schools Winner Jane Elson:



## New gate in Chestnuts Park

We are very pleased to let you know that the Friends of Chestnuts Park have secured funding to install a pedestrian gate into the park by the pelican crossing outside the school entrance on Black Boy Lane.

The crossing will enable easier access between the school and park and will mean parents can avoid the crossing by the roundabout on St Ann's Road which has poor visibility. We hope this will also encourage families to walk or cycle to school via the park rather than via Black Boy Lane.

The council are planning to install the gate before the summer. The first stage of installation will include the installation of the gate and the extension of the protective barrier at the crossing.

There are no plans to pave a route between the new gate and the park's perimeter path immediately. Instead, the plan is to see where people naturally walk over the coming weeks to identify the 'desire paths'. The aim is to maintain the path with bark, and once it is clear where people would like the paths to be, a more permanent tarmac path will be added.

The new gate is part of wider works to improve the park. This includes gardening on the last Saturday of every month, the planting of wild meadow strips this autumn and the exploration of both improving the playing field and creating a new wetlands in the park via daylighting the Stonebridge Brook which runs under the park. The Friends of Chestnuts Park will work with Chestnuts School to explore ways for children from the school to be involved in all these activities. If you'd like to get involved email [friendsofchestnutspark@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:friendsofchestnutspark@hotmail.co.uk).

## Quick Term Time Review

### Summer Term 2019

<b>First Half</b>	Tuesday 23rd April 19	Friday 24th May 19
<b>Half Term</b>	Monday 27th May 19	Friday 31st May 19
<b>Second Half</b>	Monday 3rd June 19	Tuesday 23rd July 19

### Autumn Term 2019

<b>First Half</b>	Wednesday 4th September 19	Friday 18th October 19
<b>Half Term</b>	Monday 21st October 19	Friday 25th October 19
<b>Second Half</b>	Monday 28th October 19	Friday 20th December 19

### Spring Term 2020

<b>First Half</b>	Tuesday 7th January 20	Friday 14th February 20
<b>Half Term</b>	Monday 17th February 20	Friday 21st February 20
<b>Second Half</b>	Monday 24th February 20	Friday 3rd April 20

### Summer Term 2020

<b>First Half</b>	Monday 20th April 20	Friday 22nd May 20
<b>Half Term</b>	Monday 25th May 20	Friday 29th May 20
<b>Second Half</b>	Monday 1st June 20	Friday 17th July 20