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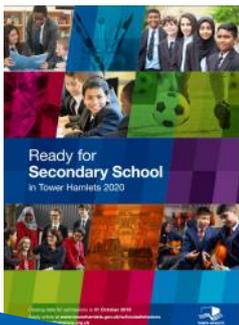
WELCOME TO THE 2019/20 ACADEMIC YEAR

A warm welcome to the 2019/20 academic year to all our children, parents, carers, governors and staff. I trust everyone had a wonderful summer and are now ready and as excited about the academic year ahead as we are at CJ.

Children have settled into their new classes and have come back with enthusiasm, commitment and determination to learn. We encourage you to read with your child or listen to them daily. To support this, we have just launched our **'200 books to read before you leave Cyril Jackson'**. This includes books from Nursery to Year 6. Look out for the booklets in both offices. Please also check the school website for news on what is going on in your child's year group through the individual year group pages and Twitter. We really want all children to achieve their full potential this year, and being at school every day and on time will contribute to this as well as support at home. Let's all work together to make this year the best.

SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFER!

For all children in Year 6, it is time to start looking at secondary schools and attending school open days and evenings. We held a parent information workshop on Wednesday 18 September and last week you will have received the 'Ready for Secondary School' booklet (below) with all Tower Hamlets Schools listed and information about them. The application process is all online and the final deadline to submit your application for admission in September 2020 is **31 October 2019**. If you were unable to attend the meeting or have questions about the process please do come in and speak to a member of staff. It is very important to get your application in on time.



ACADEMY CONSULTATION UPDATE



You will be aware that the governors of Cyril Jackson Primary School undertook a consultation last term on the proposal to become an academy and join the University Schools Trust (UST). The governing body met just before the end of term to consider the response to the consultation and has now published a report setting out the issues raised and their responses to them. As outlined in the report, the governors resolved at their meeting to continue the process towards becoming an academy. The next stage is to conduct a careful due diligence on UST; this will enable the governors to consider in detail the implications of joining UST, as well as seeking answers to the questions raised during the consultation process. Please be aware, the decision to proceed to due diligence does not represent a final decision. Only after due diligence has been completed and considered by the full governing body will a decision be made to proceed or otherwise. The governors value the time that everyone has given, attending meetings and responding to the consultation. All of the responses have been helpful in shaping their decisions and will be considered going forwards.

POLLING STATION

POSSIBLE SCHOOL CLOSURE

We have been advised by the local authority that if a general election is announced, then Cyril Jackson will be closed for the day as we are used as a polling station. Following the current news we are not sure when this could be, but it is now likely to be in November, rather than October. We will give parents as much notice as possible to minimise any inconvenience. As soon as we know we will inform all parents so that you can make childcare arrangements where necessary.

NEWS & INFORMATION

STAFF NEWS

We welcome new members of staff to the CJ family this year, Mr Jacob and Mrs Qureshi. We celebrate those who have taken on new roles, Miss Amina and Mrs Khanam and welcome Mrs Khatun back from maternity.



Ms Qureshi
Year 5
Teacher &
SEN

Mr Jacob
Year 3
Teacher

Ms Amina
Year 3
Teacher
Training

Mrs Khanam
Reception
NQT

Mrs Khatun
Year 1
Teacher



We wish Miss Boardman luck as she has now gone on maternity leave. We await good news.



We will also say goodbye to Ms Naomi at the end of September who will be leaving Cyril Jackson after 5 years. She is moving on to work with Tower Hamlets council. We thank her for her hard work, commitment and dedication in all her roles and wish her well for the future.

THE CJ SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS HAVE BEEN ELECTED

Every year in September, children use their democratic vote to choose representatives from across the school to be School council representative for their year group. The votes are in, and the below children have taken on the School Council rep roles. These children will be the voice for their peers, attending meetings and getting involved in school wide activities. Well done to all of the candidates and those who have been given the privilege of this position.

We look forward to seeing what they get up to.



RIGHTS OF THE CHILD Article 13 (freedom of expression)

Every child must be free to express their thoughts and opinions and to access all kinds of information, as long as it is within the law.

JEANS FOR GENES



Today, Friday 20 September we all wore our jeans to school and bought in a £1 donation to support the national campaign to raise money for children with genetic disorders. We will update you on how much we raised for this great cause.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS - BE HERE!

Did you know that children are in school for 190 days of the year? This means an almost equal 175 days when they are not in school. We know children do have genuine sick days or catch a bug. As always, we set high expectations at CJ, so for this academic year our attendance target across the school is 98%. Please help us reach this target by being in school and on time every day, not booking holidays in term time and booking appointments outside of school hours. Let's all try hard and rise to the Attendance Challenge.



HARVEST FESTIVAL



Today we celebrated Harvest Festival by bringing in items of tinned foods, cereals and dried goods to donate to the First Love Foundation which is the Tower Hamlets Food Bank. Food banks provide local people in crisis with much needed help. We thank all families that have donated over the past week, and taken the opportunity to give back to the community. We have received one tin to a bag full of food from our generous families. All of the items will be collected by the First Love Foundation and handed over to them by some of our newly appointed School Council reps. Thank you to everyone.



TRIPS & INFORMATION

YEAR 6 LEARNING KARATE



As part of the Sport Inspired legacy programme, some of our Year 6 children who are involved in the Tower Hamlets Sports Programme have been invited to join a six week karate programme at CJ. Here they are at their first session this week having lots of fun and learning some karate stances with a professional coach. Karate kids in the making!



THE DAILY MILE FIT FOR LIFE

Cyril Jackson have been doing the Daily Mile now for two years. This is a programme where all children run or walk a mile in school with their class every day to encourage a healthy lifestyle. Over the past week, parents and carers have been invited in to join their children and take part in 15 minutes of running/ walking non-stop! It has been great fun, and there are more sessions to come. Thank you to everyone who has come so far. Lets keep fit for life!



OUR CORE VALUES

At Cyril Jackson we have all worked very hard and thought about what values are important to us. We believe that these seven core values will help us to thrive in school and as citizens. Please speak to your children about them and help us to embed these values throughout the school year in everything we do.



CORE VALUES

KINDNESS
INTEGRITY
RESILIENCE
ASPIRATION
RESPECT
CREATIVITY
CURIOSITY

Inspiring minds through opportunity

YEAR 2 SCIENCE INVESTIGATORS

This term in Science Year 2 will focus on Plants, Seasonal Change and Materials. They have already investigated what plants need to grow and loved exploring and generating their first science enquiry question!



INFORMATION & ACTIVITIES



AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

It has been a great start to our Autumn clubs with them all proving a big hit. Here are just some pictures, from freshly picked veg being cooked in cooking, to squishy slime and lava lamps in science and bird feeders in gardening.



Please note, Mrs Kabat will take over the After School Club management when Ms Naomi leaves. She is based in the South Building.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

25 Sept	Nursery Autumn 1 Overview Parent workshop
27 Sept	Reception Family Picnic
4 Oct	Nursery Family Picnic
7 Oct	Black History Month starts
9 Oct	Healthy Eating Parent Workshop
18 Oct	Last day of half term

October Half Term

Mon 21 October - Friday 25 October 2019

Back to School Monday 28 October 2019

HOW MANY WORDS?

See how many words you can make out of:



CAR FREE DAY THIS SUNDAY 22 SEPT



This Sunday, 22 September is Car Free Day which will be celebrated in Tower Hamlets and beyond. The Mayor invites you to join London's biggest Car Free

Reimagine events. This gives Londoners the chance to enjoy the city car-free and reclaim our streets while walking, cycling and exploring. Reimagine events will be inclusive and fully accessible to everyone. Just some highlights of the 'Reimagine' event in central London include:

- classic cycle rides on Tower Bridge,
- group yoga and meditation sessions on Tower Bridge,
- Bank Junction transformed into a car-free festival space, with a picnic area and musical entertainment on a solar-powered stage,
- a hedge maze in Cheapside,
- car parking spaces changed into 'parklets' filled with games, gardening and places to sit and relax with music,
- children can build and race their own go-karts in Poultry,
- Tower of London historical re-enactment of the Peasants' Revolt of 1381,
- pop-up playgrounds, guided walks and bike rides on traffic-free roads, street food stalls, art installations, BMX rides and more.

Santander Cycles is also offering free hires across London on Car Free Day to encourage people to cycle to and from events.

See <https://bit.ly/2xa5bo3> for more info.

Head to Roman Road to join in the fun!

