



Dear parents and carers

The children have been very busy at school over the last few weeks and there is lots more to come. Year two children have been on their camping trip, which was so much fun and is really becoming something for the children to look forward to as they move into year two. We celebrated Windrush Day last week with a wonderful array of Caribbean food that the children thoroughly enjoyed. Next week we have our annual sports day at Magpie park that you are all invited to attend if you can make it. Don't be shy I know you are dying to take part in the parents' races!

Clare Barber  
Headteacher



### Ukulele Lessons at Odessa

The children have been hard at work learning how to play the ukulele during their weekly sessions. They have been learning a song that they will be performing to the rest of the school soon. I had a chance to watch them practising the song and I was impressed how the children were playing the cords and the melody sounded lovely. They demonstrated concentration and enjoyment, it was lovely to see.





## Sun Safety



Summer has arrived! Which is wonderful but we need to ensure that we practise sun safety. We need all children to wear a sun hat to school and have sun cream applied prior to school. They also need to bring a bottle of water. We do reduce the amount of outside time at lunch time when the heat is at its peak and we do encourage children to play in the shaded areas when outside. Please share the below sun safety videos with your children:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/sun-safety-for-kids>

<https://www.skincarenetwork.co.uk/dermatology/children/sun-safety/>

## Road Safety

The children have been learning about Road Safety - please reinforce the importance of staying safe when crossing roads as well as walking away from the curb. Also make sure that children use zebra and pedestrian crossings. Please share the song below by following the link.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uFHQt7rMqkc>

Let's keep educating our children on this important subject!





## Weekly Nature Learning at West Ham Park

The staff take our SEND pupils to Nature Learning on a regular basis, so that they can explore the natural environment, climb and take risks. It is a very valuable experience not only for physical development, but also social, language and communication development. As you can see on the photos below the children thoroughly enjoy this experience and make the most of this fantastic green space. They also become familiar with the walking route, which develops their understanding of road safety.





## Year 2 Camping 2023

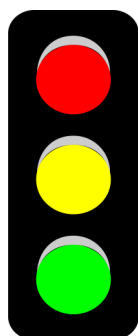
The year 2s had a real adventure and enjoyed every second of the camping visit.





## Attendance Matters

All classes need to improve their attendance. We understand that sometimes children may need time off of school if they have something like chicken pox, but a common cold is no reason to keep them home. We need to work together to improve our attendance as a school.



Ms Tai class 1	97%
Mrs. La Ronde class 2	96%
Ms. Anwar class 3	100%
Mr. Mineiro	100%
Mr. Richards	88%
Mrs. Codjoe class 6	91%



## Important Dates

- Tuesday 4th July - Sports day: Reception 9.15am - 10.30am, Year 1 10.45–12pm & year 2 - 1.20pm - 2.35pm. Families welcome to come and support the children.
- Wednesday 5th & Friday 7th July - Strike days, school closed
- Thursday 6th July - last day for after school clubs
- Tuesday 11th July - year 1s summer visit to Tumbling Bay park in Stratford
- Wednesday 12th July - reception classes summer visit to Cann Hall Park
- Wednesday 12th July - year 2 leavers disco 3.45pm–5pm, this will be a ticketed event and will cost £2 per ticket. This event is for current year 2 pupils only. Tickets will be available to buy from the office on Monday July 3rd
- Thursday 13th July - Leavers assembly - 2.45pm in the hall - parents & carers welcome
- Monday 17th - class parties



## Attendance/Punctuality

Recently we have seen a **significant** dip in attendance, if your child does not have a fever or sickness/diarrhoea they are fine to attend school. At Odessa we have high expectations for attendance and punctuality and want to work with our families to ensure that all children arrive on time. Being late or missing school has a negative impact on their learning, causing gaps in knowledge which can slow academic progression. Lateness and absence is **VERY** unsettling for the children. Please do your best to get your children to school on time as well as attend every day. If your child has a runny nose or a minor cold please send them to school and we will monitor how they are. **The gates open at 8.45am.** If you are running late please let the office know.

If you are running late when collecting your child you must also let us know. If you do not inform us and we can't reach you or your emergency contacts this becomes a serious safeguard concern and we have to **report it to social services**. Not being collected on time is very distressing for children and we need you to work with us to ensure this does not happen. The government expectation for attendance is over 96% - let's work together to achieve this. Thank you.

## Clean Air Day

Thank you to the families who took part in exploring local green spaces and sharing this experience with us.



Reception, year 1 and 2 have visited Forest Gate library to learn all about the Summer reading challenge. We encourage all families to take their children to the library to take part in this challenge. The children will be rewarded for taking part by the library. Your children will be able to share their achievements with us in the Autumn term.

