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# Keir Hardie Newsletter

## Headteacher's Message

Dear Parent/Carer, it's been a great start to the second half of the spring term with great enrichment opportunities for the pupils. Please visit the school website to view the celebration of pupils' learning and achievement. Find below some important reminders and updates for the upcoming month. Happy Leap Day!

## Dental Hygiene

The school are looking at ways in which we can promote dental hygiene, and support our pupils develop good dental habits. To better understand the context of our pupils and families, we would be most grateful if all parents could complete the short Google Form: [Dental Hygiene Form](#)

## Ramadan

As you may be aware, the Holy Month of Ramadan is expected to begin on Sunday 10th March. Please find information shared to schools, by Newham Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE).

### [SACRE Advice to Schools on Ramadan](#)

Can parents please inform the school if their child(ren) will be fasting. We also encourage parents to speak to their child(ren), as we often have very young pupils informing us that they are fasting.

Wishing all our Muslim families Ramadan Mubarak.

## Proposed October Half Term 2024

Along with other schools in Newham, Keir Hardie are exploring the possibility of introducing a two week half term break in October 2024.

We would like to gain your feedback, and find out your thoughts regarding the proposal to have a two week Half Term Break in **October 2024**. Please can all parents/carers complete the short Google form below:

### [Proposed October Half Term 2024 Form](#)

## World Book Day (Celebrating Books)

To continue promoting the love of reading and books, we will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 7th March** where pupils and staff come to school dressed as book characters. Each year group will be allocated a theme:

**Nursery** - Once upon a time (traditional fairy tales and nursery rhymes)

**Reception** - Julia Donaldson

**KS1 (Year 1/2)** - Stories around the world (celebrating authors, stories and characters from different cultures)

**LKS2 (Year 3/4)** - The wonderful world of Roald Dahl

**UKS2 (Year 5/6)** - Classic Stories (for example, Jane Austen, Lewis Carroll, Charles Dickens & Shakespeare)

**We encourage you to get creative and use recycled materials/ old clothing - this isn't about buying something new!**

Year group competitions have been posted on Class Dojo.

## Spring Assessments

From Monday 11th March, teachers will be conducting teacher assessments to celebrate pupil progress, review targets from the Autumn Term and share new targets. This information will be shared with parents/carers on Parents Evening.

Year 6 Mock SATs will start on Monday, 4th March.

## Parents Evening

Parents Evening will be taking place on **Wednesday 20th March** as follows:

- **Appointments for Nursery AM & PM: 9am – 6pm**
- **Appointments for Reception to Year 6: 3:15pm – 7:45pm**

The meetings will be an opportunity to review Autumn pupil targets, discuss and set new pupil progress targets for the Summer Term. The meetings will be taking place at the school and will be in person.

Parents Evening appointments will need to be booked via the Parents Evening module on ParentMail. The booking system will go live on **Friday 8th March at 7:30pm**. You will receive a ParentMail notification on that evening, notifying you that the booking system is live.

If you require translation, please ensure you bring someone with you to the appointment who can translate. If you are unable to bring someone, please contact the school and we will try to arrange translation. An appointment may however need to be arranged for another day.

Please note that there will be no extra-curricular clubs running on **Wednesday 20th March**. All pupils will need to be collected at **3:15pm**.

The After School Care provision will be running as usual.

If you need any assistance booking an appointment after the system has gone live, please contact the school office on 02074761284.

## Important Dates for the Diary

- **Thursday 7th March**  
World Book Day (Celebrating Book Characters)
- **Friday 15th March**  
Comic Relief / Red Nose Day
- **Wednesday 20th March**  
Parents Evening
- **Thursday 21st March**  
World Poetry Day
- **Friday 22nd March**  
Friendship Friday
- **Thursday 28th March**  
Last Day of the Spring Term (**Pupils finish @ 1pm**)
- **Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April**  
Easter Break (**School Closed**)
- **Tuesday 2nd - Friday 5th April**  
Year 6 Easter Booster Classes
- **Sunday 31st March**  
Clocks go back 1hr
- **Monday 15th April**  
Pupils return to school

## Update: MUGA Rebuild

We are delighted to, finally, confirm that the works to rebuild the MUGA wall and fencing have been confirmed to start on **Monday 4th March**. The works are set to take place over the remaining weeks of the Spring Term and Easter Holidays. During this time, the MUGA will be closed. Classes affected by changes to drop off/collection points will be updated on Class Dojo with the relevant information. If you have any queries regarding the works, please email: [info@keirhardie.newham.sch.uk](mailto:info@keirhardie.newham.sch.uk).