

Autumn Newsletter 2019

18th October 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

Havelock Road

We have welcomed 12 new starters at our Havelock Road site and all have settled very well in their new school. It is always such a pleasure to see our new children enjoying their time with us and beginning their learning pathway.



This term we have been celebrating Black History Month with visits to the Horniman Museum, as well as African jewellery and African hut workshops.

Our Primary children recently participated in 'The Big Soup Share', which is part of the RHS campaign for school gardening. The children picked vegetables from the school garden to make fresh soup, which was shared amongst the children, staff and also the transport drivers and escorts waiting outside in the cold.



Last week, we held a coffee morning for MacMillan Cancer Support. Many delicious treats were made and brought in for all to share and to raise money for this very worthy charity. The children enjoyed a wonderful tea party in the school hall.

Woodlands 16-22 Campus Sybil Elgar School



All FE1 students have now completed their transition to the FEU site. Since September they have been supported to choose the lessons they want to participate in according to their likes and interests. The students are now encouraged to follow their daily timetable with increasing independence and participation.

Congratulations to all of our students who received their certificates at our award ceremony. This is such a great occasion to join together and celebrate the achievements of our

Preparations are already under way for our Christmas Performance and further details will be sent to you soon. The performance is always one of the highlights of the year for students, staff and parents alike.

GDPR

You may be aware that the rules around data protection have changed. The 'General Data Protection Regulation' (GDPR) will change how we can use your child's personal data and keep it safe, and will also strengthen your rights over your own data.

The point of this is to make sure sensitive or private information about yourselves and your children stays safe. Whilst it is similar to the current Data Protection Act in many ways, there are a few differences, so we need to make a few changes at the school in order to ensure we remain compliant. One of these changes is that we have updated our privacy notice, which can find on our website.

Complaints Policy

Also on our website you will find our updated Complaints Policy. Your first point of contact for complaints is Anne Williams, Family Liaison manager.

Should you wish to see any of our policies, we will be more than happy to send a copy by post or email at your request.

For other policies, including updated safeguarding policies, and important dates for your diary – Please also check our website:

www.autism.org.uk/sybilgar

Please do not refer to any other websites for the Sybil Elgar School term dates. If you require a hard copy or a copy sent by email, please contact reception on 020 8813 9168.

NOVEMBER 2019

Monday 4 th	Inset Day	9.00	Havelock Road
Tuesday 5 th	Return to school	9.00	All sites
Monday 11 th	Anti-Bullying Week	All Week	All sites
Thursday 28 th	Parents Evening	4.00	All sites

DECEMBER 2019

Friday 13 th	Christmas jumper day	All day	All sites
Monday 16 th	Christmas Fayre	1.30	Havelock Road
Tuesday 17 th	Christmas Performance	1.30	Woodlands
Friday 20 th	Break up for Christmas	3.40	All sites

JANUARY 2020

Tuesday 7 th	Return to school	9.00	All sites
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I wish you a happy and calm half term holiday and we look forward to greeting the children and young people back at school on **Tuesday 5th November 2019.**



Chloe Phillips
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