



**“All children can achieve success.”**

## Dear Parents,

Welcome back, I hope that everyone had a good summer holiday and is feeling refreshed for an exciting year ahead.

This term we have welcomed some new staff and I hope you have enjoyed meeting them at our recent welcome coffee mornings. We also welcome new children as we now have two Reception classes. As well as doing lots of amazing learning, this term we will also be preparing to move to our new school and saying farewell to our wonderful old Victorian building. To keep up-to-date with school matters please take a regular look at our new website which will be launched this week: [woolmore.towerhamlets.sch.uk](http://woolmore.towerhamlets.sch.uk)

Yours sincerely,  
Tracy Argent  
Headteacher



## Dates for your diary

**Friday 3 October**  
School closed for Eid holiday

**Monday 6 October**  
Eid parties and Assembly with special guest

**Friday 24 October**  
Break up for half term

**Monday 3 November**  
Back to school

Our Christmas holidays are different this year because we will be packing up and moving to the new school. The staff have the same break but the children have seven extra days of holiday. We apologise for any inconvenience.

**Tuesday 16 December**  
Last day for pupils (old school)

**Monday 12 January 2015**  
First day back for pupils (new school)

**Changes**  
Due to the school expanding and the current lack of space, there will be a limited capacity for clubs this term. However we can look forward to an exciting programme when we are in the new school.

## Attendance

Everyone knows how hard we worked to improve our attendance last year, so I am delighted to give you the following updated data information:

Attendance for 2013/14 for Y1 to Y6 was 97.5% which puts us 4th in Tower Hamlets. Our Reception attendance was 96.3% which puts us 3rd in the list of primary schools.

This is great news. Well done everyone and keep up the good work by coming to school every single day.



**Last week's attendance trophies are awarded to:**

1st place with 100% Y3N and Y5

2nd place with 99% Y2

3rd place with 98% Y6

**Well done everybody!**

## School Uniform

Thank you for making sure that your children are coming to school in full school uniform. Everyone agrees that it makes the school feel very smart.

A reminder that we will be changing the colours of the polo shirts when we move to our new school in January. There will be a choice of white or orange and they will be available to buy in December. Look out also for new book bags in navy.

PE kits need to be kept in school as all classes have two PE lessons a week (Y5 and Y6 need their swimming kits every Thursday)

**Remember to keep smart and wear your Woolmore uniform with pride.**

## Lateness

Please make sure you are on time for school. The school bell is rung at 9.00am and all children must be in school by this time. Children can start going into their classes from 8.50am. Breakfast club is open from 8.15.

### At the end of the day...

We have a small number of parents who are persistently late picking up their children at the end of the school day. School finishes at 3.30pm. We are now keeping an afternoon late book so we can monitor the issue. Children often get distressed if they are collected late and teachers have marking and meetings to get on with. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Welcome coffee mornings

Thank you for attending our welcome coffee mornings, they have been very well attended and a great success. Look out for future information in the Classes section on our new website.

## New School news

As you can see, the builders have been hard at work on the new school over the holidays. The crane has now gone and there are lots of contractors on site fitting lots of things. The new furniture, paint and flooring is being ordered and there are lots of meetings to talk about the new school.

## Old School – New School

As this is our last term in the current school building all classes will be learning about the history of Woolmore and the East End. If you have memories from the past please talk to your child about them so they can be shared in school. All classes are visiting the **Museum of Docklands** to find out more about the local area and become local history experts. We will keep you posted with updates and news.

**Towards the end of term we will be holding a special Woolmore exhibition and festival to mark the end of an era and to say a fond farewell to our Victorian building.**

## Kilimanjaro Week

A massive thank you to everyone for your fundraising efforts last week. Tara, our School Business Manager, is climbing Mount Kilimanjaro and is raising money for the charity **'When you wish upon a star'** which makes trips happen for very sick children. We held a staff curry day, non-uniform day, bake and cake sale and raffle we are helping Tara reach her target of £2000.

If you would like to sponsor Tara then log onto **www.justgiving.com** and search for Tara Kaur.



Tara in her climbing gear



Fabulous face painting

## Next...

**In our next newsletter we will be sharing our new colour chart of school values.**