

Dear Parents and Carers



School Business Manager

Following the departure of Mrs Anderson, I am pleased to say that we have recruited a new and very experienced School Business Manager, Mr Keith Armstrong. He is due to start at the end of March and is keen to get stuck in to a number of projects! He is also a Consultant Business Manager for Herts so brings an excellent knowledge base with him.



Weather Bomb!

Very cold weather is forecast for next week. As I write this newsletter, I see that it could be one of the coldest weeks in the last decade. Please send your children into school with warm coats and accessories. The premises team are prepared and will be gritting paths in advance.



Reports

Our staff have been busy printing reports this week and have overwhelmed the printers and so, as a result of this, the reports will be sent home on Monday. Several people have asked about parent consultations. As explained earlier in the year our consultations will be in the Summer Term this year.



Year 6 and Secondary Allocations

Many Year 6 parents and pupils are anxiously waiting for the Secondary School allocation next week. I have been reminded by some parents that not everyone gets the news they wanted, on the day. We have a responsibility, as adults, to say positive things about all schools. It is awful for a child to be told by another child that they are going to a 'rubbish' school! It has happened several times. Many schools with poorer reputations are working the hardest to improve. I have had some great feedback about several schools this year. Can I also remind you that many places shift after the first round of allocations. Good luck to everyone next week. I will be one of the parents checking for my own child next week too!



Primary Maths Challenge- Year 5

I am delighted to hear that our small team of Year 5 pupils have won their area heat of the Primary Maths Challenge. Congratulations to all and thanks to Mr Payne and Miss Bancroft who went with them.



Author Visit

We have another Author visit next Thursday 1st March on World Book Day. Please see separate correspondence if you would like to purchase any books from Author, Pete Johnson.



4+1 Joint Planning Meetings (SEND)

The 4+1 Joint Planning Meetings with Mrs Newman and the Class Teacher are now available to book via the parents evening system. The following appointments are available - Mon, Wed, Thu 3:30pm and 4pm and Friday 3:30pm only. The meetings are 20 minutes long and give parents, teachers and children the opportunity to review the term and look at actions for the Summer Term. NB: Mrs Paradas is not available on a Wednesday and Mrs Voller is not available on a Thursday.



Eco-Schools Bronze Award

We are thrilled to hear that we have received our Eco-Schools Bronze Award. Congratulations to Miss Bancroft and her Eco-Committee team!



Watford Big Wordfest

Ever wanted to meet Alice in Wonderland, the White Rabbit, Mad Hatter, Queen of Hearts, Tweedledum and Tweedledee, the Cheshire Cat and Caterpillar all in one day? Well, now's your chance. They'll be at Watford Museum, 194 High Street, for the launch of Watford Borough Council's Big Wordfest celebration from 12noon to 3pm on Saturday 3 March. Expect face-painting, craft activities and tasty treats from the museum's Little Gallery Tea Room. Alice and her chums will also be paying a visit to Watford Central Library, where they will entertain visitors before their trip to the museum. Find out more: www.watfordbigevents.co.uk



Golden Pupils

This week we celebrated the following children for their achievements:

Year 3: Todd G, Thomas W, Sundus N, Poppy S, Eesa S, Rosie P

Year 4: Imogen B, Aaron K, Shreyank P, Sophie R, Safira L, Claudia P,

Year 5: Azlan L, Ella O'S, Tanusri K, Rania B, Vivan B, Thomas W

Year 6: Oliver L, Taha R, Jason R, Amelie M, Kian A, Ethan H-B

This week the **Golden Broom** has been awarded to **6 Beech**. Well done!



Special Mentions also go to:

- Harrison S – Red belt in martial arts
- Vincent B – 13 medals and a trophy for swimming

Kind regards

Jenny Sherry and the Office Team

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FEBRUARY	
26 th	CSA Meeting – 7.30pm Oak Room, Infants School
26 th Feb to 1 st March	World Book Week
27 th Feb	School Orchestra to visit BBC Concert Orchestral performance of Ten Pieces from 1.45pm to 2.45pm at Watford Colosseum – see separate correspondence
MARCH	
1 st	World Book Day & Author visit
2 nd	5 Poplar Class Assembly - 9am School Hall
2 nd	4 Holly Class Assembly – 2.45pm School Hall
7 th	Year 6 netball competition – more details to follow
7 th	Year 3 Alder – visit to Affinity Water
9 th	6 Maple Class Assembly – 9am School Hall 3 Apple Class Assembly – 2.45pm School Hall
14 th	Non-uniform day
14 th	Paediatric First Aid Evening - Infant and Junior School parents/carers
16 th	6 Beech Class Assembly – 9am School Hall 3 Ash Class Assembly – 2.45pm School Hall
19 th	Year 3 Ash and Apple – visit to Affinity Water
21 st	Year 4 Easter Production – Afternoon performance – times to be confirmed
22 nd	Year 4 Easter Production – Evening performance – times to be confirmed
23 rd	Sport Relief
23 rd	6 Oak Class Assembly – 9am School Hall 3 Alder Class Assembly – 2.45pm School Hall
26 th – 29 th	Autism Awareness Week
29 th	SPRING TERM ENDS 1.30pm
29 th	Non-uniform Day
APRIL	
16 th	SUMMER TERM BEGINS – pupils return to school
MAY	
2 nd – 4 th May	Year 5 Residential – Woodrow High House – more details to follow
7 th	Bank Holiday Monday
21 st – 25 th	Outdoor Learning Week
28 th – 1 st June	HALF TERM
JUNE	
4 th – 8 th	Street Smart Week
29 th	Inset Day
JULY	
2 nd – 6 th	Year 6 Isle of Wight Trip
12 th	Transition Day
17 th	Year 6 Production – PM and EVENING performances
19 th	Year 6 Leavers Assembly and tea/coffee with Year 6 parents
19 th	Year 6 Party – – more details to follow
20 th	Non-uniform Day
20 th	SUMMER TERM ENDS 1.30pm
23 rd – 27 th	Occasional Days
SEPTEMBER	

3 rd	Inset Day
4 th	Back to school for Autumn Term 2018
OCTOBER	
22 nd	Parent/Carer Consultation evening – TBC
24 th	Parent/Carer Consultation evening - TBC
26 th	Inset Day
29 th - 2 nd Nov	HALF TERM
NOVEMBER	
5 th	Back to school
30 th	Occasional Day
DECEMBER	
21 st	Term Ends
JANUARY 2019	
7 th	Back to school for Spring Term 2018
FEBRUARY 2019	
18 th – 22 nd	HALF TERM
25 th	Back to school
MARCH 2019	
APRIL 2019	
5 th	Term Ends 1.30pm
8 th to 22 nd	Easter Holiday
23 rd	Back to school for Summer Term 2018
MAY 2019	
6 th	Bank Holiday
27 th – 31 st	HALF TERM
JUNE 2019	
JULY 2019	
19 th	Term Ends 1.30pm
22 nd	Inset Day
23 rd	Inset Day
24 th	Inset Day