

Dear Parents and Carers



Gas Leak

Thank you for your support whilst we dealt with the gas leak this week. I understand that closing the school has a massive impact on you but it also causes a huge amount of work for the school and we avoid it at all costs. Staff had to stay longer to deal with it; they did not get a day off. Whilst I understand the frustrations I do not support people shouting at the staff. Please don't! Any aggression towards staff will be taken seriously.



Contact Details

Events such as this highlight any gaps in details. Please make sure that we have correct contact details for you. Please could you also consider your back up arrangements and give us the contact details for other family or friends who could collect your child at short notice.



Supporting Children

There are lots of reasons that children may need support at school. Recently we have become aware of bereavements, operations, the loss of the family home and the loss of a pet. Divorce and illness are also reasons why children feel in need of support. Please let the teacher know or you can send a letter directly to me and I will deal with it sensitively.



RSPB

If your child is a keen birdwatcher/ornithologist then they are welcome to bring in a pair of binoculars and join me for the RSPB Birdwatch on Monday lunchtime.



Building works Years 5 and 6

We are battling it out to get our cloakrooms repaired. Please can I reassure you that there is antibacterial soap in every classroom. These dispensers are on the wall by the classroom sinks.



Year 3 and 4 Gymnastics Competition

Well done to our Year 3 and 4 children who took part in the Gymnastics Competition this week. They achieved 3rd place. Congratulations!



Year 6 Athletics

Our Year 6 Athletics Team attended Queen's School yesterday. Out of 10 schools, the boys team came 4th and the girls team came 2nd and the girls are through to the finals. Many Congratulations and thank you for representing the school even though we were closed yesterday! Thank you also to the parents who helped chaperone the children to and from the venue.



Watford Observer article

There was a lovely article in the Watford Observer this week following our Christmas Tea Party for the elderly which was organised by the Unicorn Squad in Year 6. Please visit the following link

http://www.watfordobserver.co.uk/news/15785156.Children_invited_elderly_people_into_their_school_for_a_special_Christmas_party/



Lost Property

The lost property box has now moved to the porch area near to the School Office. Please check this regularly for items you are missing.



Music

Our Year 3 children started to learn the recorder this week and our Year 5 children have started Ukulele lessons too! It is lovely to hear so much music going on throughout the school. If your child has not got their own recorder and you would still like to purchase one for £6, please speak to Mrs Harrison in the School Office so this can be arranged via the School Gateway.



Young Voices – 02 Arena

We are still waiting for the audience tickets to arrive for the 02 Young Voices concert on Tuesday 6th February 2018 (the 02 have printed them but have not dispatched them as yet). More details will follow however the children will leave school at 10.30am and arrive home at approximately 11.30pm. They will need a packed lunch and a packed tea and drinks (non-fizzy). Their 02 tshirts will be given out on Monday 5th February 2018 and they should wear these to school on the day. We hope to keep you updated via Twitter during the day.



Additional Leavers Hoodies

If your child is in Year 6 and would like to have another Leavers Hoodie, please comment on the School Gateway. We are happy to organise this with Mapac however we need your consent first so we can gauge interest from our parents and carers.

Kind regards

Jenny Sherry and the Office Team

Calendar dates on next page.....

Calendar dates for your diary.....

JANUARY 2018	
26 th	4 Hawthorn Class Assembly – 9am School Hall
FEBRUARY	
2 nd	5 Pine Class Assembly – 9am School Hall
6 th	Year 6 – Young Voices – 02 Arena – see separate correspondence
6 th	Junior Singing Day – Watford School of Music – see separate correspondence
9 th	4 Hazel Class Assembly – 9am School Hall
12 th – 16 th	HALF TERM
21 st	Gardening Club starts – see separate correspondence
23 rd	5 Pear Class Assembly – 9am School Hall
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 School of Music – more details to follow
MARCH	
1 st	World Book Day
2 nd	4 Holly Class Assembly – 9am School Hall
9 th	6 Maple Class Assembly – 9am 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
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
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 - TBC
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