

Welcome Back Newsletter- September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the start of a new year and welcome to any new parents in Year 3! I do hope that you all had a good summer. I wanted to take this opportunity to update you with forthcoming plans and dates.



Meet the Teacher Evening – Wednesday 12th September 2018 - 5.30pm to 7pm

We have a 'Meet the Teacher' evening planned for you. Feel free to come along and say hello. The teachers will run their talks twice so that you can cover more than one year group in the evening. First talks in the classroom will be at 5.40pm-6.10pm and then 6.15pm.-6.45pm. If you need to speak about a specific matter then it is advisable to make an appointment to discuss this. We ask that you enter the school via the School Office entrance and welcome you to have a "taster" of the school meals.



Curriculum Newsletters

The teachers will send home a Curriculum Newsletter informing you about the curriculum themes over the term. All year groups have thought about ways to engage the children in their learning this year.



Dinners

If your child would like to have school dinners, you must book 2 days before the chosen day. All meals **MUST** be paid for at the time of booking. If you have any questions about the School Gateway please contact Mrs Harrison in the School Office. The School Gateway is a great way of communication and also to book any school clubs, trips, etc so it would be advisable to download the "App" on your phone.



Celebrating learning – Open Afternoon

This year we have moved our assemblies to the afternoons so that we can make the most of our learning time in the morning. This means that our assemblies will be after lunch. In order to share the learning of the pupils, we will hold some open afternoons over the year to allow family to come and share the achievements of the children. The first of these will be on 15th November 2018 from 3.20pm to 3.40pm.



Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations will be on Monday 22nd October and Tuesday 23rd October. We have planned the dates with the Infant School to ensure that we do not have the same dates. The school will be closed for training on the Friday of that week (Friday 26th October 2018).



Playground 'Drop off'

Please ensure that your children line up on the playground in the morning with the rest of their class. Some parents have asked me if they can leave before the bell goes and that is fine.



Occasional Day

Our occasional day is Friday 30th November. The school will be closed on this day.



Dates

Please check all of the dates at the end of the Newsletter and add them to your calendars.



Office Monitors

For the start of the Autumn Term 2018, Year 6 will be our Office Monitors. Year 6 children will be bringing home today their date when they will be with Mrs Harrison and Mrs Clarke for the day. Year 5 will receive their dates after half term. We ask the children to dress smartly and that they do not wear trainers, shorts, crop-tops or hoodies as they are representing the school.



Uniform... and socks!

Please check our uniform guidelines. We will be checking that the children are following the uniform rules. Mr Payne has reminded the children about this in assembly. Many of the children are looking very smart but please make sure that they are wearing the correct socks; I have already seen some patterned and coloured socks. Please name everything that your child brings into school. No jewellery or large hair bows are allowed!



School bags

Last year one of our coat hooks fell away from the wall such was the wait of the school bags and their contents! Please could you check that your child does not have too much in school.



Twitter

We often share our news from school on the Twitter feed and give important updates. Don't forget to follow us on Twitter and "like" our feeds.



Careers Events

Would you like to speak to the children in our school about your career? We are looking for a range of speakers to discuss their career choices. We are after a wide range of careers: Surgeons, Actors, Writers, Dentists, Drivers, Designers and many more. We are planning some career talks later in the school year. Please email the School Office if you are happy to help or can suggest a friend to help us.



Music Lessons

Music lessons, band practice and orchestra will start again over the next two weeks and an email will be sent out with the timetables. All new children wishing to start music lessons will receive information by the end of October half-term.



After-school Clubs

There will be various after-school clubs running from next week. All club information will be emailed out from the School Office as it becomes available, for example Hindi Club, Football and Netball Club has already been sent out.

Golden Pupils

This week we celebrated the following children for their achievements:

Year 3: Nia C, Arav S, Ayana T, Vishaka B, Kieran D, Alicia L

Year 4: Thomas W, Sebastian L'H, Poppy S, Katya S, Nicole V, Saif A

Year 5: Zakariya I, Nikki M, Jessica R, Connie P, Felix A, Isabelle C

Year 6: Sadie K, Benjamin H, Maja L, Alexander B, Vishvan N, Ella O'S

Special Mentions:

Rica Nobbs – Stage 7 swimming award

Sadie King – Grade 2 Distinction Singing award

Calendar dates for your diary....

SEPTEMBER	
12 th	Year 5 Swimming starts
12 th	"Meet the Teacher" Evening 5.30 to 7pm
21 st	Charity Day – Jeans for Genes Day
OCTOBER	
2 nd	Year 5 Cross Country Competition – Queen's School – 1.30pm to 2.30pm
9 th	Years 5 and 6 - Quicksticks Hockey Competition – Queen's School – 10am to 12noon
10 th	Individual School Photos
11 th	Years 5 and 6 - Quicksticks Hockey Competition – Watford Boys School – 1pm to 3pm
22 nd & 23 rd	Parent/Carer Consultation evenings (3.30pm to 7pm)
26 th	Inset Day
29 th - 2 nd Nov	HALF TERM
NOVEMBER	
5 th	Back to school
6 th	Year 5 and 6 Mini Basketball Competition – Queen's School – 10am to 3pm
13 th	Year 5 and 6 Quicksticks Hockey Competition Final – Queen's School – 10am to 12noon
13 th	Speed Stacking Competition at Queen's School – Year 3 and 4 – 1pm to 2.30pm
15 th	Celebrating Learning – Open Afternoon from 3.20pm to 3.40pm
20 th	Speed Stacking Final Competition at Queen's School – Year 3 and 4 – 1pm to 2.30pm
20 th	Year 5 and 6 Mini Basketball Final Competition – Queen's School – 10am to 3pm
21 st	Talk for parents and carers – Internet Safety – 7pm to 8.30pm – School Hall
24 th	Christmas Fair
30 th	Occasional Day
DECEMBER	
12 th	Year 3 Christmas Production – Date and times to be confirmed – matinee and evening performance
14 th	OAP Charity Coffee morning (Contact the Elderly) – 9.30am to 11am
21 st	Term Ends

JANUARY 2019	
7 th	Back to school for Spring Term 2019
FEBRUARY 2019	
18 th – 22 nd	HALF TERM
25 th	Back to school
28 th	Celebrating Learning – Open Afternoon from 3.20pm to 3.40pm
MARCH 2019	
7 th & 8 th	Year 3 - Affinity Water Trip
20 th	Talk for parents and carers – Managing anxiety and self-esteem – 7pm to 8.30pm – School Hall
21 st	Down Syndrome Awareness Day
APRIL 2019	
1 st to 5 th	Autism Awareness Week
5 th	Term Ends 1.30pm
8 th to 22 nd	Easter Holiday
23 rd	Back to school for Summer Term 2019
30 th	Year 3 and 4 Tennis – Watford Girls School – 1pm to 3pm
MAY 2019	
1 st – 3 rd	Year 5 Woodrow High House Trip
2 nd	Year 3 and 4 Tennis – Queen’s School – 10am to 12noon
6 th	Bank Holiday
9 th	Class Photos
21 st	Year 3 and 4 Tennis Final – Queen’s School – 10am to 12noon
27 th – 31 st	HALF TERM
JUNE 2019	
4 th	Year 5 and 6 – Kwik Cricket – Watford Boys School – 9.30am to 12.30pm
4 th	Year 3 and 4 Tri Golf – Watford Boys School – 1pm to 3pm
18 th	Year 5 and 6 Archery Competition – Queen’s School – 10am to 12noon
21 st	Sports Day – PM - TBC
JULY 2019	
1 st – 5 th	Year 6 Isle of Wight Trip
2 nd	Year 5 Athletics – Watford Boys School – 1pm to 3pm
9 th	Year 5 Athletics Final – Queens School – 10am to 12noon
19 th	Term Ends 1.30pm
22 nd	Inset Day
23 rd	Inset Day
24 th	Inset Day