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'Striving for Excellence'
Headteacher: Mrs D. Dack

NEWSLETTER 3

November 2016

Dear Parents and Carers

Here we are already at the end of the first half term. Thank you to all of you for making me feel so welcome at Wentworth. I hope you have a very enjoyable break and look forward to seeing you back at school on Tuesday 1st November.

Mrs. Dack

SCHOOL TOURS FOR 2017 **PROSPECTIVE PARENTS**

We are currently taking bookings for tours during November for parents of children who are due to start school in September 2017 with birth dates from September 2012 to August 2013. Please contact the school office if you would like to book a visit and inform any neighbours or friends who may have preschool children who are looking for a school place next year.

SCHOOL PLACES

We currently have 2 spaces in our Foundation Year and 2 in Year 4, please inform any new neighbours or friends who may be looking for school spaces.

GRANDPARENTS' MORNING

A super morning was had by all! The Foundation children took great pride in showing their grandparents around the school and sharing some time with them in the Foundation classrooms. Thank you to all of the grandparents who shared such lovely comments about our school. They were truly impressed by how well their grandchildren performed in the assembly and how much the children were enjoying their first weeks at school.

NEW SCHOOL DINNER MENU

The new school dinner menu will commence on Tuesday 1st November this is available to view on the website and will also be emailed home. Mrs Poulton will be arranging a taster session for KS1 children. Details to follow.

MONDAY CELEBRATION **ASSEMBLY**

Each Monday we hold a whole school assembly. This enables all of the pupils to meet. The pupils receive stickers for; Good work in individual subjects, excellent behaviour and attitude, best class attendance and participation in sports events. Pupils bring their work to show why they have received their award. This is a very important time of the school week when we celebrate achievements and successes. If your child has won any trophies or certificates outside of school please bring these in and your child can show them at this time.

SWIMMING CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you to those who have paid their swimming contributions for the Autumn term. Please ensure payment is made by 11th November to enable Mrs Osborne to arrange the Fun Swim invitations.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please ensure your child wears the correct school uniform. Children should be wearing white polo shirts (plain or with the school logo) with a sweatshirt or cardigan (with the school logo). Children must wear black school shoes not trainers. Boots may only be worn to and from school when the weather is cold. Dark or medium grey shorts, trousers, skirts, pinafores or culottes may be worn - not leggings. Children not wearing the correct school uniform will receive a reminder slip from their class teacher. Parents are then expected to provide the correct school uniform.

SCHOOL TIMES

Gates open at 8.40am and close at 8.50am, please ensure your child arrives on time, failure to do so causes disruption to the class.

KS1 children leave their classrooms at 3.15pm, KS2 children work until 3.15pm therefore will be a few minutes later leaving.

Please ensure your child is collected on time. Thank you.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Please make enquiries at the Office if you think you may be eligible to apply for Free School Meals (in receipt of Benefits or earnings under £16,190). Even if your child does not have school dinners, the school receives much needed additional funding which will go towards your child's education.

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

School is closed for half term holiday on Monday 24th October 2016. We are open on Tuesday 1st November 2016.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

All class assemblies are held at 2.40pm in the Viking Hall

6S—10th November

5TL—17th November

KEY DATES UNTIL THE END OF THE AUTUMN TERM 2016

Tuesday 1st November - Pupils return to school

Wednesday 9th November — Year 6 meeting with teachers, parents and pupils to discuss assessments – Viking Hall 6pm

Friday 11th November— Year 4 Colchester Castle Trip

Thursday 17th November—Year 2 Abberton Reservoir Trip

Friday 25th November- Decoration Day. Parent volunteers welcome. £2 contribution requested per child to support the purchase of extra resources

Wednesday 30th November & Thursday 1st December— Parents Consultations - 3.30—5.20pm and 6.00—7.00pm

Friday 2nd December—Christmas Bazaar at 2.00pm. Details to follow from the PTA

Monday 5th & Tuesday 6th December -2.00pm Key Stage 1 Christmas Performances

Wednesday 7th December—Year 5 Ancient Greek Day (TBC)

Wednesday 7th December 9.30pm - Key Stage 1 Christmas Performances
Details to follow from the office

Thursday 8th December – PTA School Discos

Week of the 12th December - Christmas Dinners

Thursday 15th December Year 3 Christingle Performance - 3.30pm

19th December—School Pantomime
No charge to parents

Tuesday 20th December—Santa Day and last day of term. Non uniform, Pupils to wear anything Christmassy

Wednesday 21st December – Wednesday 4th January 2017 Christmas holidays

Thursday 5th January 2017—Pupils return to school