

'Striving for Excellence'
Headteacher: Mrs D. Dack

NEWSLETTER 4

December 2016

Dear Parents and Carers

This has been a very busy month. We have been raising money for different charities as well as preparing for Christmas. Please find enclosed some important dates for your diary. We have many successes in the school to celebrate.

Mrs. Dack

STAND UP 2 CANCER

Thank you to everybody who contributed to our non uniform day in support of Stand up 2 Cancer we raised a total amount of £394.80, this includes a donation of £20 from Mrs Bolton TA in Foundation Stage who made and sold earrings.

SCHOOL PLACES

We currently have 1 space in our Foundation Year and 1 in Year 4. Please inform any new neighbours or friends who may be looking for school spaces.

GREEN RECYCLING

We would like to thank Green Recycling for their kind donations of food waste bins. They have been placed in each of our classes, staffroom, office and food tech room. This is to enable the pupils to learn about recycling and composting.

DOJO NEWS

Mrs Brown, the Food Tech TA awarded Dojo's to the following pupils for accessing the 'It's learning' food page and sharing with their families and friends. Some pupils even cooked from the recipes. Well done
6S—Maisie Gooch, Erin West, Kai Lecomber, Amelia Ott, Sophie Cottam, Lucy McGuinness, Jessica Shadforth
6T—Lily-Mae Lynch, Thomas Shaw, Charlie Foster, Ellis Williams, Thomas Wedge, Lily Papworth, Phoebe Attwood, Lucy Rainger, Erin Joslin
4N— Adam Morgan, Emily Cohen, Hari Creek, Fareed Anibaba, Darcey Bennett
4S—Oliver Clark, George Rouse, Sienna Reece-Ford, Ben Whitworth, Kathryn Black

MUSICAL ACHIEVEMENT & TUITION

Congratulations to Holly Humphris in Year 5 on passing her Grade 1 clarinet exam gaining 118 marks. If anybody is interested in having lessons in piano, flute, clarinet or guitar, please see Mrs Bennett for more information.

CITIZENS OF THE TERM

The following pupils have been awarded Citizen of the Term by their classmates and teacher. This is for being a good role model to others and excelling over the term.
6S Callum Wood, **6T** Lexie Kelleher, **5SW** Jack Mansell, **5TL** Isla Kennedy-Pinn, **4N** Jessica Chambers, **4S** Macey Mecoy, **3H** George Williams, **3W** Elizabeth Foster, **2S** Sophie Ranger, **2T** Demi Jones, **1S** Liam Little, **1T** Emily Whitworth, **F1** Jessica Kirby, **F2** Joshua Galpin.

GOODBYE

We said goodbye to Mrs Sturges who was a class TA at the school for 10 years. We will miss her and wish her well for the future.

ADOPTION LEAVE

Mrs Morris will be going on adoption leave at the end of November. We wish her all the best with her new arrival.

NETBALL COMPETITION

Congratulations to our three Netball Teams who took part in a High 5s Competition at the Plume School on 20th October. They played extremely well Team purple came 1st and Team blue came 2nd, Team red played really well it was their first time out and playing in a competition.

GIRLS FOOTBALL COMPETITION

Our Year 6 Girls football team played at the Blackwater Finals at Colchester on 7th November, having qualified earlier in the month. There were 14 teams competing from schools across Essex. We are pleased to announce that after playing 6 games and winning their pool they came overall 3rd place in the competition. Well done to Miss Nicoll and all the girls involved: Erin Little, Grace Brooks, Isla Archer, Sophie Cottam, Jessica Shadforth, Phoebe Attwood, Ruby Harris, Fleur Childs & Daisy Saxby.

SPORTS CAPTAINS

Each term Miss Nicoll will choose 1 boy and 1 girl from each class in KS2 to represent their class as Sports Captains. The pupils are chosen because they are well behaved, try their best in PE lessons and attend a lunchtime club or after school club. The following pupils have been selected this term: **6S**—Grace Brooks & Elliott Gordon, **6T**—Phoebe Attwood & Thomas Shaw, **5SW**— Oscar Bassett & Izzy Wallace, **5TL**— William Callow & Emily Quiddington, **4N**— Ronnie Gatward & Ruby Schelvis, **4S**— Kathryn Black & James Wedge, **3H**— Faizah Anibaba & George Williams, **3W**— Daisy Pratt & Billy Boom.

DODGEBALL COMPETITION

Our Year 5 & 6 Dodgeball team are through to the Blackwater Finals in Colchester after winning a local tournament. Congratulations Phoebe Attwood, Erin Little, Isla Archer, Joshua Servis, Mo Shorney, Riley Brunning, Albie Simms, Oscar Bassett, Thomas Wedge and George Smith.

PROJECT X

Four lucky pupils from Years 5 & 6 have been selected to take part in a series of workshops at The Plume Academy this term. They will be working in teams to complete a History or Enterprise Project. They will be sharing their projects during a final showcase event in December, for parents and members of the Maldon Community. Congratulations Jessica Shadforth, Thomas Wedge, William Callow & Seren Harris.

HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT VISIT

On Wednesday, 2nd November, Oliver Wharnsby, James Wedge, Lili McCarthy, Ruby McKay, Thomas Wedge and Tom Wibberley from Wentworth's School Council visited the Houses of Parliament with Miss Tylor. They had a fantastic time and learnt so much about the historic building and how our country is run. They are looking forward to sharing all they learnt with the school in an assembly.

SCHOOL DINNERS PRICE INCREASE

School dinners will increase by 10p to £2.20 per day or £11 per week from January 2017. This is due to inflationary costs.

POPPY APPEAL

At this stage we don't know our final total collected for the Poppy Appeal, we thank you for your continued support.

CHILDREN IN NEED

We are pleased to announce we raised £392.31 for this event. Thank you for your support.

BAD WEATHER CLOSURES

Hopefully we will not need to close the school for bad weather this year. In the event of very bad weather a text and email will be sent to all families to notify them we are closing on the day. We will send the text as soon as we know how many staff are able to get in to school. We need an optimum number of staff to be open. Please also refer to the school website: www.wentworth.essex.sch.uk where any closures will also be posted.

DRIVEWAY PARKING

Please do not park across the driveways of houses near the school. We have had a few complaints about parents/carers being inconsiderate. Thank you.

LETTER FROM MP NICK GIBB

We received a letter from the Minister of State, Nick Gibb MP, congratulating us on our very high percentage of children achieving the Year 1 Phonics Screening in the summer. Achieving 95% put us in the top 5% of primary schools in the country.

HEART RADIO CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN

We have been chosen to be one of the schools to take part in Martin & Sue's Christmas Countdown. Please listen to the show on 12th December at 7.30am and 8.30am to hear some of our children counting down to Christmas.

KEY DATES UNTIL JANUARY 2017

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.

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

Wednesday 7th December 9.30pm—Key Stage 1 Christmas Performances

Thursday 8th December—Pupils Flu Immunisation

Thursday 8th December – PTA School Discos Details to follow from PTA

Wednesday 14th December - Christmas Dinners

Thursday 15th December—Year 5 Ancient Greek Day

Thursday 15th December Year 3 Christingle Performance - 2.30pm

Friday 16th December—School choir to sing carols at Longfields Care Home

Monday 19th December—School Pantomime

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

Have a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year for 2017 from everyone at Wentworth

