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'Striving for Excellence'

Headteacher: Mrs D. Dack

NEWSLETTER 5

January 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our new term and best wishes for 2017. There are some important reminders on the newsletter. I hope you find it useful.

Mrs. Dack

POPPY APPEAL

Thank you to everybody who contributed to our Poppy Appeal we raised a total amount of £642, this was the most money raised by any school in the area.

NATIVITY CHARITY COLLECTION

During our KS1 Christmas Production we held a collection in aid of St Georges Hospital, Tooting and raised a total of £395.21. We have a child in Year 4 who has been treated at this hospital and the money raised will go towards Christmas gifts for children and new equipment at the hospital. Thank you.

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.

ECO SCHOOL STATUS

Last term the ECO Team met with the examiners. We have been awarded the ECO flag for our recycling, awareness of saving energy and composting. Well done Miss Spalding and the ECO Team.

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—Maisie Gooch, 6T—George Smith, 5SH—Adam Little, 5TL—Skye Rodgers, 4N—Luke Syder, 4S— Ben Whitworth, 3H—Isabelle Scott , 3W—Cheryl Lockhart, 2S—Amber Potts, 2T—Liam Pavitt, 1S—Madeleine Lunn, 1T—Ava Peach, F1 Ralph Stewart, F2—Jamie Jarman

CLAREMONT GARDEN CENTRE

We would like to thank Claremont Garden Centre for their discount on the flowers. Which were purchased by the school and have now been planted at the front of the school and in boxes outside classrooms in Years 3 and 4.

WELCOME

We would like to welcome Miss Williams who will be joining Mrs Bryan in our Foundation Stage class F2.

SWIMMING CONTRIBUTIONS

You will receive notification for payment of Swimming Contributions for the Spring Term in the next week. Payment can be made through Sims Agora.

SCHOOL DINNERS PRICE INCREASE

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

TAG RUGBY TOURNAMENT

Our Year 5 & 6 pupils took part in a Tag Rugby Tournament at The Plume on 24th November with 3 other schools. Everyone played great. Well done to Phoebe Attwood **6T**, Oscar Bassett **5SH**, George Smith **6T**, Freddie Rouse **6S**, Erin Little **6T**, Jack Fowler **5TL**, Freddid Cooke **6T**, Isla Archer **6T**, Mo Shorney **6T**, Grace Dillon **6T**, Matthew Copsyey **5TL**, and Billy Fowler **6S**.

DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to our Year 5 & 6 pupils who took part in a dodgeball tournament on 30th November against three other schools. They played very well and won all of their games and have now progressed to the Essex Finals which will be played in the new year. Well done to Erin Little **6T**, Joshua Servis **6S**, Mo Shorney **6T**, Isla Archer **6T**, Thomas Wedge **6T**, Albie Sims **6S**, Riley Brunning **5TL**, Oscar Bassett **5SH**, Phoebe Attwood **6T** and George Smith **6T**.

NEW GIRLS' CLUB!

We have been successful in bidding for some funding especially focused on encouraging girls to get involved in sport. Miss Nicoll has sent out details of the club to the children. We will be running a 'Ribbon Dance Club' for KS2 girls which will be hosted by Miss Nicoll & the 'Townsend Twins' two specialist teachers.

AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

Afterschool clubs for the Spring term will commence on Monday 9th January. Miss Nicoll sent home a letter during the last week of term for the children to register their place, at the club. If your child/children would like a place please contact the office as spaces fill up quickly.

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.

DODGEBALL COMPETITION

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

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.

TIME KEEPING

Please ensure your child is at school when the gates open at 8.40am. It is vital that they are in class and ready to start lessons at 8.50am.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS & ATTENDANCE

Medical & Dental appointments should be made after school where possible. This is to ensure your child's attendance does not suffer by taking time out of school to go to appointments.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

All class assemblies are held at 2.40pm in the Viking Hall, please come along.

19th January—5SH

26th January—4S

2nd February—4N

9th February—3H

2nd March—3W

9th March—2S

16th March—2T

KEY DATES UNTIL EASTER 2017

Thursday 5th January 2017—Pupils return to school.

Thursday 12th January— Year 5 & 6 Ski Trip Meeting 2.45pm – for parents of children attending the ski trip.

Thursday 19th January—5SH Class Assembly.

Thursday 26th January—4S Class Assembly.

Thursday 2nd February— 4N Assembly.

Friday 3rd February—PTA Quiz Night-Details to follow.

Week commencing 6th February—Mock SATS Week Year 6.

Tuesday 7th February—Year 2 Explorers Day - Details to follow.

Wednesday 8th February—Children's University Awards Evening—Details to follow.

Thursday 9th February—3H Class Assembly.

Monday 13th—Friday 17th February—HALF TERM.

Monday 20th February—Inset Day.

Tuesday 21st February—Pupils return to school.

Tuesday 28th February—Pancake Races—Details to follow.

Thursday 2nd March—3W Class Assembly.

Thursday 9th March—2S Class Assembly.

Friday 10th March— Saturday 18th March—Year 5 & 6 Ski Trip –Torgon Switzerland.

Monday 13th March—Year 2 SATS meeting for parents 2.30pm—Details to follow.

Tuesday 14th March—Year 1 Phonics meeting for parents 2.30pm - details to follow.

Thursday 16th March—2T Class Assembly.

Thursday 16th March—PTA Film Night—details to follow.

Tuesday 21st March—PTA Mothers Day Stall—Details to follow.

Wednesday 22nd March— Year 3 & 4 Mothers Day Dinner—Details to follow.

Wednesday 22nd March—Parent Consultations 3.30pm—5.20pm & 6pm—7pm.

Thursday 23rd March—Parent Consultations—3.30pm—5.20pm & 6pm—7pm.

Thursday 23rd March— PTA Mothers Day Stall—Details to follow.

Monday 27th March—Foundation Stage Mothers Day Tea—details to follow.

Tuesday 28th March—Year 1 Mothers Day Tea—details to follow.

Wednesday 29th March— Year 5 & 6 Mothers Day Dinner—details to follow.

Wednesday 29th March—Year 2 Mothers Day Tea—Details to follow.

Friday 31st March—Last Day of Term.

Tuesday 18th April—Pupils return to school.

Please note dates are subject to change.