

'Striving for Excellence'
Headteacher: Mrs D. Dack

NEWSLETTER 6

February 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a busy January with lots of praise for the children from visitors regarding our excellent results, pupil behaviour and displays around the school. There are some important reminders on this newsletter. I hope you find it useful.

Mrs Dack

SCHOOL PLACES

We currently have 1 space in our Foundation Year and 2 in Year 4. Please inform any new neighbours or friends who may be looking for school spaces.

TESCO BAG PACKING

A big thank you to the children, parents and PTA members who helped to raise £435.87 on Sunday 15th January. Well done to; Oliver & Edward Wharnsby, Kieran Wingrove, Genevieve & Madeleine Poston, Noah & Esmee Houlding, Percy Goldstone, Kayda & Corey Burdett, Hayden & Liam Little, Jessica & Tyler Spiers, Kaylee Spencer, Madeline Springall, Freddie Waite, Harry Sollars, Sonny Hickson, Katie & Samuel Middleton, Sienna Church, Robyn Kennelly & Imogen Craigie.

OUTSIDE PE

Key stage 2 pupils (Years 3,4,5 and 6) participate in outdoor PE on the astro turf and playground whatever the weather. Please ensure they bring trainers and a pair of black, dark grey or navy track suit bottoms to wear. Thank you.

DAILY MILE CHALLENGE

The pupils are continuing to do the daily mile challenge and thoroughly enjoy taking part. There has been a marked improvement in their fitness since September.

E –SAFETY UPDATE

Both KS1 and KS2 have taken part in E-safety assemblies this month.

Please monitor your child's use of the internet at home, and check any online accounts regularly to ensure that they are safe. If you find any content that is suspicious, or worrying, please report this via the CEOP website;

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/Ceop-Report/>

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that FACEBOOK is for people of 13 years and over.

SPORTS CAPTAINS FOR SPRING 2017

New Sports Captains have been selected this term. These pupils have been helpful, responsible and kind to others in their PE lessons. Throughout the term they will help Miss Nicoll prepare, organise and participate in PE lessons. **6S**—Freddie Rouse & Maisie Gooch, **6T**—Erin Little & George Smith, **5SH**—Kieran Wingrove & Holly Humphris, **5TL**—Riley Brunning & Isla Kennedy-Pinn, **4N**—Fareed Anibaba & Catherine Perry, **4S**—Harry Marshall & Melis Pavitt, **3H**—Florence Parker & Toby Hills, **3W**—Joseph Harding & Genevieve Poston.

SWIMMING CONTRIBUTIONS

Swimming contributions for the Spring term are now due and can be paid on Sims Agora. We would like to thank everybody who paid their Autumn term contributions.

1S - 23 families paid

1T—24 families paid

2S—22 families paid

2T—20 families paid

3H—25 families paid

3W—24 families paid

4N—25 families paid

4S—21 families paid

5SH—22 families paid

5TL—25 families paid

6S—23 families paid

6T—27 families paid

Well done to 6T who were the top payers for the Autumn Term. The class received a gift from Mrs Dack before Christmas.

LOST PROPERTY

Lost property not claimed by Friday 12th February will be recycled in Berty Bin. Please check for any lost items in the lost property box in the lobby.

SAINSBURYS ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

We will be collecting vouchers again this year. If you shop in Sainsbury's or know anybody who does please collect the vouchers. With your help last year the school was able to order lots of PE equipment. There is a box in reception or you can send them in with your child.

TALENT & HOBBIES WEEK

We will be hosting talents & hobbies week commencing 6th February. If you have a hobby or talent you would like to share with the children during the week. Please let your child's teacher know via the contact / home link book.

CHRISTMAS READING CHALLENGE

Thank you to all the children who took part and to the family members who took photographs of the children. We had children reading in planes, on boats, up trees, on slides and even underwater. The following children have been awarded a certificate and new reading book in assembly:

Sam F1—reading on a Shetland pony

Finley—KS1—on play equipment in the park

Ellis—KS2—underwater

Max—KS2 at John O' Groats signpost

Luke 4N & Adam 1T—on a whale in Wales

All boys! Come on girls your chance next time! The winning photos are displayed in the library. All the children who entered received a Dojo.

WORLD BOOK DAY

To celebrate World book day we will be dressing as characters from our favourite stories on Friday 3rd March. There will be a prize for the best costume in Foundation Stage, KS1 & KS2. We look forward to seeing the children using their imagination and dressing as their favourite character.

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.

KEY DATES UNTIL EASTER 2017

Thursday 2nd February—Year 3 Hyde Hall Trip. Uniform & Wellies.

Thursday 2nd February— 4N Assembly.

Friday 3rd February—PTA Quiz Night— 7pm for a 7.30pm start. £4 each, max 10 per table.

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

Monday 6th February—Year 4 Chinese Dragons Performance

Tuesday 7th February—Year 2 Explorers Day. Uniform to be worn

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—Shrove Tuesday Pancake Day Races. Children who would like to join in the fun races need to bring in a cooked pancake and a frying pan in a named plastic bag. The children will not be eating these pancakes!

Thursday 2nd March—3W Class Assembly.

Friday 3rd March—Dress up as favourite character for World Book Day .

Friday 3rd March—Dads & Grandads invited to read in class— Details to follow.

Monday 6th March — Wednesday 8th March—Book Fair visiting school—Details to follow.

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 Mother's 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 Mother's Day Stall—Details to follow.

Monday 27th March—Foundation Stage Mother's Day Tea—details to follow.

Tuesday 28th March—Year 1 Mother's Day Tea—details to follow.

Wednesday 29th March— Year 5 & 6 Mother's Day Dinner—details to follow.

Wednesday 29th March—Year 1 Boydells Dairy Farm Trip—Details to follow.

Wednesday 29th March—Year 2 Mother's Day Tea—Details to follow.

Friday 31st March—Last Day of Term.

Tuesday 18th April—Pupils return to school.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

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

Thursday 2nd February—4N

Thursday 9th February—3H

Thursday 2nd March—3W

Thursday 9th March— 2S

Thursday 16th March— 2T

Please note dates are subject to change.