

'Striving for Excellence'
Headteacher: Mrs D. Dack

NEWSLETTER 8

APRIL 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to thank you for attending all the events we have held in school this term. I would also like to wish you all a very Happy Easter and look forward to seeing the children back at school on Tuesday 18th April.

Kindest Regards

Mrs DACK

SCHOOL PLACES

We currently have 1 space in Year 2. Please inform any new neighbours or friends who may be looking for a school space.

POOR ATTENDANCE

We have received a report from the welfare department in regard to poor attendance. If your child has 90% attendance this equates to 19 whole days absent from school and 95 lost learning hours. If your child has 80% attendance this equates to 38 whole days absent from school and 190 lost learning hours. It is vital that your child should have excellent attendance to improve their learning and attitude towards education.

STRANGER DANGER ON THE INTERNET

Are you worried about who your child is talking to on the internet? Do you know if the APP's and websites they access are appropriate or safe for your child? Please access www.esafetytraining.org which is a website set up by two ex police officers called The Two Johns. It will update you on which sites are safe and unsafe for your child to access.

CONGRATULATIONS & GOOD LUCK

We would like to wish Miss Taylor all the best as she will be getting married in the Easter holidays and will return to school as Mrs Edwards. Congratulations to Mrs Luchmun & Mrs Tompkins who are both expecting babies later in the year. We would also like to wish Mrs Stamate all the best as she leaves us to have her baby.

SKI TRIP 2017

A big thank you to Miss Tylor & Miss Spalding for accompanying 11 Year 5 and 6 children on the trip to Switzerland with Essex Outdoors and 5 other Essex schools. The children had a fantastic time—no home sickness or injuries! This was the second year for some of the children to attend the ski trip and hopefully it will be available to future Year 5 & 6 pupils.

WATER BOTTLES

Please provide your child with a water bottle daily filled with water only. Water bottles are £1 and lids 50p and may be purchased from the school office. Children may top up their water bottles from the water coolers in school during the day. It is important that your child has a water bottle in school at all times especially as the weather is starting to get warm.

FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Mrs Brown has awarded certificates to the following pupils for improvement on skills, attitude and knowledge during Food Technology lessons. **5SH** Maxwell Farmer, Freddie Gillard, Jack Mansell, Callum McCarthy, Isabelle Perkins & Layla Shorter. **5TL** Gene Barker, Toby Goodall, Hollie Heard, Skye Rodgers, Emily Quiddington & Matthew Copsey. **3H** Dillon Barker, Ceres Halls, Toby Hills, Harry Sollars, Jack Tracey & Cameron Wright. **3W** Billy Boom, Sienna Church, Olivia Cundy, Riley Foakes, Alfie Hilton & Cheryl Lockhart. **2S** Edward Barker Clark, Harry McGuinness, Kiera Taylor, Mollie Gooding, Freddie Sedgley & Leonardo Nastasa. **2T** Imogen Craigie, Pippa Ruffy, Isabelle Johnson, Cain Lennon, Jacob Rabi-Laleh & Edward Cammack. **1S** Ben Joslin, Charlotte Goodall, Grace Everitt, Madeleine Lunn, Lucia Peters, Max Sorial. **1T** Laurie Austin, Oliver Bannister, Kayda Burdett, Riley Hiskett, Florence Patient, Gracie Hilton.

NEW SCHOOL DINNER MENU

Thank you to everybody who attended the taster sessions for the new dinner menu on parent consultations evenings. We do hope you enjoyed it and look forward to the new menu after the holidays. The menu is available to download on the school website. School meals are £2.20 a day.

MOTHERS' DAY DINNER & AFTERNOON

TEA

Thank you to all the mums, nans/grandmas and aunties who attended Mothers day dinner and afternoon tea with the children. It was lovely to see everybody celebrating together.

PTA DONATIONS

We would like to thank the PTA for their continued support and the recent donation of £2000 towards coach costs for school trips and food tech supplies.

HEALTHY EATING AWARD

Mrs Dack and 2 children from the school council attended the Healthy Eating Awards ceremony held at Chelmsford Racecourse on Friday 17th March. They were presented with an award for Advanced Healthy School as Wentworth has continued to meet the criteria of the Essex Healthy Schools Programme. This award is valid until 2018. Well done everyone and especially to Miss Tylor who has led on the Healthy Schools initiative.

RED NOSE DAY

Thank you and well done to everybody who bought red noses, donated money and cakes to the cake sale on Red Nose Day. The cake sale raised £193.38 and in total the school raised £1015.00 for the charity.

SOCIAL MEDIA

We are currently looking into a school Facebook Page and Twitter account which will be linked to the school website. This is to enable the school to provide parents and carers with up to the minute information and reminders.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

There will be new after school clubs starting after the Easter holidays. Please return the slip to school to ensure your child has a place.

NSPCC SPEAK OUT STAY SAFE

Thank you to everybody who donated to the Speak out stay safe campaign the children have raised a total of £2068.18.

ART DISPLAY AT MAELDUNE CENTRE

We have been asked to display a range of children's work at the Maeldune Centre in Maldon. Please pop in over the Easter holidays to view the children's artwork, the centre is open Tuesday to Friday 11am—4pm.

CROSS COUNTRY COLCHESTER FINALS

After success at the local tournament our Year 6 Cross Country Team progressed to the Colchester Finals. To date the results has not been finalised but we would like to Congratulate Erin Little on coming 1st overall in the girls race and to Grace Brooks, Ruby Harris, Jessica Haigh, Elliott Gordon, Thomas Shaw, George Smith, Albie Sims and Charlie Parker for taking part. We will inform you as soon as the results have been published.

ESSEX DODGEBALL FINALS

Well done to our Year 5 and 6 Dodgeball Team who took part in the Essex Finals. They came 4th overall in the county. Congratulations Mo Shorney, Erin Little, George Smith, Thomas Wedge, Josh Servis, Albie Sims, Phoebe Attwood, Isla Archer, Oscar Bassett and Riley Brunning.

GIRLS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Two teams of girls took part in a tournament at the Plume and played extremely well coming 2nd and 3rd overall. Congratulations to Isla Archer, Erin Little, Phoebe Attwood, Lucy Rainger, Hollie Heard, Melis Pavett, Paige Parmenter, Kathryn Black, Jessica Haigh, Jessica Shadforth, Grace Brooks, Sophie Cottam, Daisy Saxby, Grace Dillon, Fleur Childs.

JUNIOR PARK RUN

If your child is enjoying the daily mile challenge at school, please encourage them to take part in the Junior Park Run at the Prom every Sunday morning at 9am which everybody aged 4—14 is welcome to attend. You can access their website at www.parkrun.org.uk/maldonprom-juniors for more details.

EASTER HOLIDAY SQUASH CLUB

There will be squash coaching sessions in the Easter Holidays at Park Drive Leisure. They will be held on Tuesday 4th & Tuesday 11th April from 10am—12pm cost is £5 per session. Please contact Neil White on 07975 723432 if you would like your child to attend.

KEY DATES FOR THE SUMMER TERM 2017

Tuesday 18th April—Pupils return to school

Wednesday 26th & Thursday 27th April—Year 5 Trip Danbury Outdoors—Details to follow.

Thursday 27th April—1S Class Assembly—Millennium Hall.

Friday 28th April—PTA Cake Sale after school.

Monday 1st May—Bank Holiday.

Wednesday 3rd May—KS2 Music Festival Plume—Details to follow.

Thursday 4th May—1T Class Assembly—Millennium Hall.

Monday 8th May— Friday 12th May—Year 6 SATS Week—NO ABSENCES AUTHORISED. Breakfast will be provided for the children at school— Details to follow.

Thursday 11th May—F1 Class Assembly—Millennium Hall.

Friday 12th May—Year 4 Anglia Water Trip Class 4S—Details to follow.

Monday 15th May—Friday 19th May —KS1 SATS Week—NO ABSENCES AUTHORISED.

Thursday 18th May—F2 Class Assembly—Millennium Hall.

Thursday 18th & Friday 19th May—Year 6 Bikeability Group 1—Details to follow.

Friday 19th May—Year 4 Anglia Water Trip Class 4N—Details to follow.

Monday 22nd May—Thursday 25th May—Swimming Gala Week— Details to follow.

Friday 26th May—PTA Cake Sale after school.

Monday 29th May—Friday 2nd June—HALF TERM.

Monday 5th June—Pupils return to school.

Wednesday 7th June—Year 5 Activity Day at The Plume—Details to follow.

Wednesday 7th June—YR 6 Writtle College Trip—Details to follow.

Thursday 8th June—Class Photographs—please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform.

Monday 12th June—Friday 16th—Year 6 Residential Kingswood Activity Centre.

Monday 12th June—Year 1 Phonics Check week.

Tuesday 13th June—Year 3 Natural History Museum Trip—Details to follow.

Tuesday 13th June—PTA Fathers Day Stall—Details to follow.

Tuesday 13th June—FS Fathers Day Games—Details to follow

Wednesday 14th June—Year 3 & 4 Fathers Day Dinner—Details to follow.

Wednesday 14th June—Year 1 Fathers Day Games—Details to follow.

Thursday 15th June—PTA Fathers Day Stall—Details to follow.

Thursday 15th June—Year 2 Fathers Day Games—Details to follow.

Monday 19th & Tuesday 20th June—Year 6 Bikeability Group 2— Details to follow.

Tuesday 20th June—Foundation Stage New Starters Meeting—Details to follow.

Wednesday 21st June—Year 5 & 6 Fathers Day Dinner—Details to follow.

Wednesday 21st June—Summer Music Concert—Details to follow.

Thursday 22nd & Friday 23rd June—Year 6 Bikeability Group 3—Details to follow.

Tuesday 27th June—Foundation Stage New Starters Visit—Details to follow.

Friday 30th June—Summer Fete—Details to follow.

Monday 3rd July—Pupils Report Cards out to parents.

Tuesday 4th July—Foundation Stage New Starters Visit—Details to follow.

Tuesday 4th July—District Sports—Details to follow.

Wednesday 5th July—Children's University Awards Evening—Details to follow.

Thursday 6th July—District Sports—Details to follow.

Thursday 6th July—Meet the teacher assembly—Children will visit their new classroom for September with their new class teacher.

Thursday 6th July 5pm—7pm—School Open Evening— An opportunity to visit all the classrooms in the school to see the learning that has taken place across the year. It is also an opportunity to visit your child's new classroom and meet their new teacher for the coming year.

Monday 10th July—Year 6 Production afternoon—Details to follow.

Tuesday 11th July—Foundation Stage new Starters to visit Early Years—Details to follow.

Tuesday 11th July—Year 6 Production evening—Details to follow.

Wednesday 12th July—Year 6 Transition Day Plume—Details to follow.

Wednesday 12th July—Year 6 Parents evening Plume—Details to follow.

Thursday 13th July—PTA Summer Discos—Details to follow.

Monday 17th July—KS1 Sports Morning—Details to follow.

Tuesday 18th July—Year 3 & 4 Sports Morning— Details to follow.

Wednesday 19th July—Year 5 & 6 Sports Morning—Details to follow.

Thursday 20th July—Year 6 Leavers assembly— 9.15am Parents to attend—Details to follow.

Thursday 20th July—Last day of Summer Term.

Tuesday 5th September—Pupils return to school.

Please note dates are subject to change.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

All KS1 class assemblies are held at 2.40pm in the Millennium Hall. Please come along.

Thursday 27th April—1S

Thursday 4th May—1T

Thursday 11th May—F1

Thursday 18th May—F2