

'Striving for Excellence'
Headteacher: Mrs D. Dack

NEWSLETTER 6

JANUARY 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a great start to the Year, and there are lots of exciting things planned this term. Please take the time to read the newsletter and mark your calendar with important dates.

Kindest Regards

Mrs Dack

PARKING ISSUES

Please do not park across the driveways of houses near the school. We have had a few complaints about parents/carers being inconsiderate. Also do not stop outside the school to let a child out of your car. This is a danger to the child and inconsiderate to other drivers. Thank you.

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.

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—Kieran Wingrove, **6T**—Arthur Shadforth, **5HC**—Joseph Gibson, **5T**—Jayden Hensby, **4N**—Sienna Church, **4S**—Toby Hills, **3E**—Mia Stamate, **3S**—Donika Osmani, **2A**—Ruby Garrod, **2P**—Gracie Hilton, **1H**—Scarlet Ingvarsson, **1S**—Ethan Hiskett, **F1**—Aziza Khusanbayev, **F2**—Isla Kemp.

SWIMMING CONTRIBUTIONS

You will have received notification for payment of your child's Swimming Contributions for the Spring Term. Payment can be made through Sims Agora.

KS2 E-SAFETY WORKSHOPS

Our KS2 pupils will be taking part in E-Safety Workshops on Tuesday 6th & Wednesday 7th February. This will result in the children performing a play for parents to come along and watch. Classes 6S, 5HC, 4N & 3E will take part on Tuesday. Classes 6T, 5T, 4S & 3S will take part on Wednesday. We request a contribution of £2 per child for this event, which may be paid on Sims Agora.

BOOK WEEK 26th FEBRUARY—2nd MARCH

There are lots of exciting things planned for Book Week. There will be a change to our dinner menu all week, an author visit for KS2 and Storyteller for KS1. We will be dressing up as our favourite book characters on World Book Day Thursday 1st March. The travelling Book Fair will be in school week commencing 5th March. Details of all the above will be sent home shortly.

STAFF CHANGES

We would like to welcome Mrs Hull to the Foundation Stage TA team. She has replaced Miss Connor who left us at Christmas. Also Mrs Tinsley will be starting her maternity leave at half term and Mrs Henson Webb will be joining us to cover Class 5T.

CAKE SALE

Some Year 5 pupils will be holding a cake sale on Friday 2nd February at morning break. This will be in aid of Action for Young Carers all donations of homemade or shop bought cakes will be most appreciated. Cakes will cost no more than 50p.

PTA NEWS & EVENTS

The PTA will be holding the ever popular Film Night on Thursday 8th February. Mothers Day Gift stalls will be held on Tuesday 6th March & Thursday 8th March. There will also be a Fashion Show held on Friday 16th March details of which will be sent home shortly. We have also received £2,000 this term to fund the coaches for school trips and to buy food and equipment for the cooking room.

SPORTS NEWS

BASKETBALL FINALS

Some of our Year 5 & 6 pupils took part in the Basketball Essex finals in Harlow on Friday 19th January. There were 13 teams from all over the county taking part. Wentworth won our first 2 matches and drew our 3rd. Everyone played extremely well and did Wentworth proud. That we progressed to the final 8 was totally amazing, especially as this was the first year Wentworth had got through to the 'super eight'.

The super eight were split into 2 groups for the quarter finals. Unfortunately Wentworth lost our 3 matches, but they really did try their best until the last whistle.

Overall results; Wentworth are the 7th best basketball team in Essex. Out of over 200 schools I think you will agree they did amazingly. Well done George, Oscar, Kathryn, Melis, Siena, Ben, Ronnie, Eli, Kieran & Adam.

SPORTS CAPTAINS

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**—Eli Ashkettle & Maidie Austin, **6T**— Jack Fowler & Hollie Heard, **5HC**—Harry Menon & Yasmin Hornsby-Fry, **5T**— Oliver Wharnsby & Abigail Gosshawk, **4N**—Sonny Hickson & Lyla-May Brunning, **4S**— Amelia Osborne & Hayden Little, **3E**—Ted Jennings & Jessica Beech, **3S**—Edward Foster & Kiera Galley.

MORNING SPORTS CLUBS

There are still some spaces for Dodgeball for Years 4 , 5 & 6 which is held on a Friday morning. Boxercise on Monday Years 5 & 6 & Wednesday Years 3 & 4 there are spaces available. If your child would like to attend please pick up a letter from the office.

ZUMBA CLUB

The Zumba Club which runs after school on a Tuesday has some spaces available. Please contact Kelly Beardmore on 07985 592309 if your child would like to attend.

STREETDANCE CLUB

There are still spaces at the Street Dance Club which runs after school on Thursdays. If your child would like to attend please pick up a letter from the office.

KEY DATES UNTIL EASTER 2018

Friday 2nd February—Action for Young Carers Cake Sale— Cake donations required. Children may bring no more than £1 to buy cakes.

Week of 5th February—Year 6 Mock Sat's Week.

Tuesday 6th & Wednesday 7th February—KS2 E-Safety Workshops —£2 contribution per child.

Thursday 8th February—PTA Film Night.

Monday 12th— Friday 16th February—Half Term.

Monday 19th February—Inset Day.

Tuesday 20th February—Pupils return to school.

Wednesday 21st February—Year 3 & 4 Cross Country Finals Colchester.

Thursday 22nd February—Year 2 Explorers Day—Details to follow.

Week of 26th February—Book Week 2018.

Wednesday 28th February—Year 5 Cross Country Finals Colchester.

Thursday 1st March—World Book Day— Dress as your favourite book character.

Friday 2nd March—Tiny tales story teller KS1 Pupils.

Week of 5th March—Travelling Book Fair visiting school—Details to follow.

Tuesday 6th March—PTA Mothers Day Stall—Details to follow.

Tuesday 6th March—FS Mothers Day Tea—Details to follow.

Wednesday 7th March—Year 5 & 6 Mothers Day Dinner—Details to follow.

Wednesday 7th March—Year 1 Mothers Day Tea—Details to follow.

Thursday 8th March—PTA Mothers Day Stall—Details to follow.

Friday 9th March—Year 2 Mothers Day Tea—Details to follow.

Wednesday 14th March—Year 1 Trip Boydells Farm—Details to follow.

Wednesday 14th March—Year 3 & 4 Mothers Day Dinner—Details to follow.

Friday 16th March—PTA Fashion Show—Details to follow.

Tuesday 20th March—KS1 Space Dome Day—Details to follow.

Wednesday 21st March 2.30pm—Year 1 Phonics Meeting Millennium Hall—Details to follow.

Thursday 22nd March 2.30pm—Year 2 end of KS1 Assessments Meeting Millennium Hall—Details to follow.

Tuesday 27th March—Parent Consultations 3.30pm—5.20pm & 6pm—7pm.

Wednesday 28th March—Parent Consultations 3.30pm—5.20pm & 6pm—7pm.

Thursday 29th March—Last day of Term.

Friday 30th March—Friday 13th April—Easter Holidays.

Monday 16th April—Pupils return to school.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

All KS2 assemblies are held at 2.40pm in the Viking Hall. All KS1 assemblies are held at 2.40pm in the Millennium Hall. Please come along and watch your child.

4N—1st February 2018,

3E—8th February 2018,

3S—1st March 2018,

2A—8th March 2018,

2S—15th March 2018.

Please note dates are subject to change.