

'Striving for Excellence'  
Headteacher: Mrs D. Dack

## NEWSLETTER 3

### NOVEMBER 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to thank you all for your ongoing support this half term. Your actions have helped to keep all pupils safe in school. Mask wearing, social distancing and using the one way system along Viking Road will continue when we return. We are not expecting primary schools to lockdown, but we cannot guarantee the government will not change their minds! If they do we will inform parents via email and the parent app to make arrangements clear. We look forward to seeing you all on Monday 2nd November. Have a good break.

**Mrs Dack**

#### **PARENT CONSULTATIONS**

Parent Consultations will take place on Tuesday 24th, Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th November from 3.30pm to 5pm. All meetings will be held online. You will need to book through the online system and details of how to book will be sent home, when we return to school on Monday 2nd November. Report cards, a piece of maths and a Big Write will be sent home for years 1-6 on Friday 20th November 2020, so that these can be shared and discussed at the meeting. If you are unable to access the internet please inform the school office/class teacher who will be able to offer you a ten minute phone call during the times above.

#### **REMOTE LEARNING**

In the event that we have to switch to remote learning. The children have been taught how to access ItsLearning and shown where their learning resources will be stored. A video is available on the school website to show parents how to access this. Teachers will update work weekly and endeavor to contact parents to ensure you are able to access this. Please note this may be from a withheld phone number.

#### **VE DAY COMMEMORATION COINS**

The Mayor of Maldon Abdul Hafiz and Councillor David Ogg visited the school recently to present the commemoration coins on behalf of Maldon Town Council to Mrs Dack and the School Council. Unfortunately due to restrictions they could not attend an assembly with all the children. Each child should have received their coin to take home. It is a lovely memory of an historic event.

### **DECORATION DAY**

Decoration day will take place on Friday 4th December. Due to restrictions we are unable to have helpers this year. We can assure you the children will still have a lovely day. We are asking for a donation of £2 to contribute towards this event. Payment can be made on Sims Pay.

### **NEW DINNER MENU**

There will be a new dinner menu when we return to school after half term. This has been emailed home and is also available to download on the school website.

### **YEAR 2 PHONICS ASSESSMENT**

In line with government requirements all Year 2 pupils will take the phonics national assessment test on the week of Monday 23rd November 2020. Results will be shared with you later in the term.

### **SWIMMING CONTRIBUTIONS**

Swimming contributions for the Autumn term are now due and can be paid on Sims Pay. The cost remains £20 for 1st child, £15 for 2nd child and £10 for 3rd child. Foundation Stage pupils will swim in the Summer Term.

### **CHILDREN IN NEED**

We will be supporting Children in Need on Friday 13th November. It will be a non uniform day. Pupils can come dressed in spots wear face paint or colour their hair!! We would ask for a minimum donation of £1 which can be paid on Sims Pay. There will also be a special dinner of Takeaway Fish & Chips followed by Pudsey biscuits.

### **POPPY APPEAL**

As you may be aware we support the Poppy Appeal at school every year. This year will be a little different to how we usually do it. We will only be selling poppies and they will be available from Monday 2nd November. Each class will have their own pack, if your child would like to buy a poppy they can bring their money into school and the teacher will have the money collection box in class.

### **CHRISTMAS PANTO**

We are just finalising details so the children will be able to see Panto this year (Oh yes we are!) They will be watching Goldilocks And The Three Bears, in their class bubbles. It will be shown on the big screen in the Viking Hall over the last week of term. We are requesting a contribution of £3 per child to go towards the cost of the event.

### **NEW STARTERS SCHOOL TOURS**

We are pleased to offer prospective new parents the opportunity to attend a tour of the school after school hours. These tours will be with The Head Teacher, Deputy Head and EYFS Teachers.

Monday 2nd November at 3.30pm

Tuesday 10th November at 3.30pm

Monday 16th November at 3.30pm

Due to social distancing measures we can only allow 5 people on each tour. We would appreciate if only 1 parent per family attend the tour, but understand if this is not possible. We are using the NHS Track and Trace App and would ask you to check in when you arrive at school. We would also ask that you wear a face covering whilst on the school premises.

Please contact the office on 01621 853572 or email [office@wentworth.essex.sch.uk](mailto:office@wentworth.essex.sch.uk), if you would like to book on a tour.

### **FS & KS1 NATIVITY DAY**

As we are unable to hold our Nativity Play this year, we have been busy planning what the children can do instead! On Friday 11th December pupils in FS and KS1 can come to school dressed in nativity costumes. The teachers will arrange activities and perform the Christmas Story in tableaux. Pictures will be uploaded to ItsLearning for you to view.

**Monday 26th to Friday 30th October — HALF TERM**

**Monday 2nd November** — Pupils return to school.

**Monday 2nd November**—New FS Parent Tour 3.30pm—Contact the office to book.

**Tuesday 10th November**— New FS Parent Tour 3.30pm—Contact the office to book.

**Friday 13th November**—Children in Need— Non uniform day.

**Monday 16th November**—New FS Parent Tour 3.30pm—Contact the office to book.

**Friday 20th November**— Year 5 Greek Day in school— Details have been sent home.

**Tuesday 24th, Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th November** —Parent Consultations this will be a 10 min appointment with the class teacher and will be online.—Details to follow.

**Friday 4th December**—Decoration Day £2 contribution requested per child to support the purchase of extra resources. Details to follow.

**Tuesday 8th December**—Whole School Flu Immunisation—Details to follow.

**Wednesday 9th December**—Christmas Dinner Day—Details to follow.

**Friday 11th December**— FS & KS1 Nativity Day—Details to follow.

**Week Commencing Monday 14th December**— Goldilocks & The Three Bears Panto £3 contribution requested to support the cost.

**Friday 18th December—Santa Day Friday 18th December**—Last Day of Term. Non uniform day.

**Monday 21st December to Friday 1st January 2021**—Christmas holidays.

**Monday 4th January 2021**—Inset Day.

**Tuesday 5th January 2021**—Pupils return to school for the Spring Term.

**Please note due to ongoing government restrictions events may be moved online, dates and times are also subject to change.**