

'Striving for Excellence'
Headteacher: Mrs D. Dack

NEWSLETTER 2

October 2016

Dear Parents,

This month has flown by .

We have had 58 Foundation Stage pupils start with us .We would like to welcome all new families to Wentworth Primary.

Mrs. D. Dack

SCHOOL TOURS FOR 2017 PROSPECTIVE PARENTS

We will be holding parent tours during November for parents of children who are due to start school in September 2017 with birth dates from September 2012 to August 2013. Please contact the school office if you would like to book a visit. Please inform any neighbours or friends who may have preschool children who are looking for a school place next year.

CHILDREN'S BELONGINGS

Coats will be needed as the weather gets colder, please ensure all coats and uniform items are named. We have a few items left in lost property already! Please check the lost property box in the entrance lobby if your child is missing an item.

NO SMOKING

Can I remind you that the school is a non smoking area as advised by the Local Authority. This includes electronic cigarettes.

START OF THE DAY AND BIKE SHED

Lessons start at 8.55am, children to be ready to go into school at 8.40am please! Please ensure all scooters and bikes are securely locked in the cycle shed.

NON UNIFORM DAY Friday 21st October 2016– last day of term.

The School Council has voted to support "Stand up for Cancer Day "on Friday 21st October. Pupils can come to school in non -uniform. The theme for the day is to wear orange and black, this is not compulsory . The children are asked to bring in a £1 donation on the day for the charity.

CELEBRATING SATS RESULTS

I am delighted to inform you that the SATS results for our school are good again. We are above national expectations in all subjects in KS2. The progress the children make at the school is again above national expectations in all key stages. This is a credit to the pupils, staff and the support you give your children.

CHANGES TO SCHOOL MENU

There will be a special 'Children's Favourite' dinner menu on Thursday 6th October. Burger in a bun, Potato Wedges & Beans.

We will also be celebrating British Diversity Week commencing 17th October. The kitchen will be serving a range of different foods to celebrate different cultures in Britain. Details of the menu changes will be sent home shortly and will be on the website.

SCHOOL PLACES

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

SCHOOL COUNCIL

We are delighted to announce the names of our new school council. They are: 6S Tom Wibberley, 6T Thomas Wedge, 5SW Lily McCarthy, 5TL Ruby McKay, 4N Oliver Wharnsby, 4S James Wedge, 3W Toby Loughlin, 3H Ceres Halls, 2S Isla McCarthy, 2T Pippa Ruffy, 1S Charlotte Goodall, 1T Oliver Bannister, F1 Alicia Harrington, F2 Callum Marshall

This term they have decided on the new school charity and set toys and activities to play with at lunchtime. They will represent the school on many events.

ON GOING SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

Over the summer the boiler in the Viking Building of the school was replaced. We should be warm over the winter!

We are continuing with our external improvements to the school and teaching areas.

These will include

- A Junk Instrument Station on the playground
- We are looking into purchasing an additional 7 aside astro turf for the children

SCHOOL ABSENCE

Please ensure your child attends school as regularly as possible, minor ailments such as coughs and colds should not be a reason for absence, unless severe. Please treat these with the normal medication necessary to get them through their school day.

Please also ensure that you call the office on the first day of absence. If you have any questions please speak to the School Office.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

All class assemblies are held at 2.40pm in Viking Hall

6T—13th October

6S—10th November

5TL—17th November

SCHOOL RULES

Over the last 3 weeks we have been working with the pupils on the school rules .

They are:

- ◆ Be Kind
- ◆ Be Safe
- ◆ Be Responsible.

Pupils will be awarded Dojos for acting as good role models for other children. If pupils follow the rules they will enjoy their learning. However, if your child does not follow these there are consequences. This is explained in more detail in the Behaviour policy on our website. Please have a read.

PUPIL PREMIUM FUNDING

This is funding that is allocated to schools for each child that is entitled to Free School Meals even if they do not take them up. This term we have allocated funding to:

- Sports Teacher in KS1 and KS2
- Extra teaching assistants across the school
- Extra teaching time to support individual pupils across the school
- Extra teaching time to raise attainment and progress in Year 2 and Year 6 in literacy and numeracy
- Extra teaching time for high achieving literacy and maths in Year 6
- To provide a range of computing resources
- Funding for extra curricular clubs
- Funding to help support disadvantaged pupils to attend school trips

I will update you regularly on how this funding is impacting on the children's progress in lessons. This funding has enabled the school to raise standards above national across the school.

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY UNTIL THE END OF THE AUTUMN TERM 2016

Further details will be sent by School or the PTA

Class Assemblies— 6T 13th October, 6S 10th November, 5TL 17th November all assemblies at 2.40pm

Monday 3rd October—Year 1 History of Toys

Friday 7th October - Choir to sing at Longfield Residential Care home

Wednesday 12th October - Individual Photos

Monday 17th October – British Diversity Week(range of events in school for all pupils)

Wednesday 19th October— Grandparents Morning 9.15am

Wednesday 19th October – PTA AGM in the Hall 9am

Thursday 20th October – PTA film night KS1 Secret Life of Pets—KS2 Hotel Transylvania 2

Friday 21st October – Non uniform day—£1 donation for Cancer charity

Monday 26th-31st October - Half term & Inset day

Tuesday 1st November - Pupils return to school

Wednesday 9th November — Year 6 meeting with teachers, parents and pupils to discuss assessments – Viking Hall 6pm

Friday 11th November— Year 4 Colchester Castle Trip

Friday 25th November- Decoration Day. Parent volunteers welcome. £2 contribution requested per child to support the purchase of extra resources

Wednesday 30th November— Parents evening - 3.30—5.20pm and 6.00—7.00pm

Thursday 1st December— Parents evening 3.30—5.20pm and 6.00—7.00pm

Friday 2nd December—Christmas Fete at 2pm. Details to follow from the PTA

Monday 5th & Tuesday 6th December -2.00pm Key Stage 1 Christmas Performances

Wednesday 7th December 9.30pm -Key Stage 1 Christmas Performances

Details to follow from the office

Week of the 12th December - Christmas Dinners

Thursday 15th December Year 3 Christingle Performance - 3.30pm

Thursday 8th December – PTA School Disco

19th December—School Pantomime. No charge to parents

Tuesday 20th December—Santa Day and last day of term. Non uniform Pupils to wear anything Christmassy

Wednesday 21st December – Wednesday 4th January 2017 Christmas holidays

Thursday 5th January 2017—Pupils return

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School website: www.wentworth.essex.sch.uk