

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to remind our parents that we are a 'no nut' school. Nut allergies can be life threatening – to ensure the safety of all pupils and staff of the school we ask that you do not bring items of food containing nuts into the school grounds. This includes peanut butter in sandwiches and chocolate and biscuit bars in packed lunches. We also ask that when recycled materials are collected and brought into school for junk modelling, you ensure that no nut-based cereal boxes or containers are included. Thank you in advance for ensuring that our school is a safe school!

We are still looking for volunteers to support us in school. The role of parent volunteers is key in the effective running of all that we do. If you feel that you have some time to support us, we'd very much appreciate it. We are looking for parents who are able to support us taking children to swimming on Wednesday. This involves accompanying the Y4 classes to and from Cathall Leisure Centre for a half an hour swimming session. Similarly, we are looking for volunteers who can accompany classes on school trips. These may be local or further afield. We are also looking for parents who are able to donate a little time to hearing children read. If you are interested in supporting us in this area, please contact Hawwaa in the Davies Lane South Site office or contact her via email. We look forward to hearing from you! Thank you to the parent council who met yesterday. We looked at end of year standards for 2018 and the impact of the reviewed curriculum on learning. The learning council fed back some of the things they have enjoyed so far this year and parents were able to see lessons in action.

King regards
Bronwen Chalmers
Headteacher

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- **Children attending teatime club are to be collected from our Mornington Road entrance. For all other after school clubs, please use the main Davies Lane entrance to collect children.**
- **Please note the school office closes at 4:30pm. If you need to contact the school after 4:30pm select option 2.**
- **If you are taking your child to breakfast and teatime club, please make sure payments are made via parent pay two weeks in advance.**
- **Please remember to inform the school 24 hours in advance if you want to cancel breakfast or teatime club or you will still be charged.**
- **Make sure your parent pay accounts are up-to-date.**
- **Please note that you can contact the school via email on – office@davieslane.waltham.sch.uk**
- **PARENT PAY SCHOOL MEALS REMINDER We would like to remind you that if you have children year 3, 4, 5 or 6 you are required to prepay for school meals via parent pay**

- **Your child may still be entitled to free school meals. To find out if you meet the eligibility criteria please use the following link:**
- **<https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/content/free-school-meals>**

The Parent Council met for the first time this school year and welcomed a number of new class representatives.

We asked the school in which areas we could support them best this year and we will focus on assessing the new curriculum which includes subjects such as Architecture, Philosophy and Agriculture. We will consider what evidence there is of it being implemented and what impact it is having alongside tracking children's progress particularly between KS1 and the end of KS2.

Representatives from the School Learning Council in years 4 to 6 talked about the new curriculum, and provided examples of what they had been doing, Year 6 had been discussing if humans, animals and plants should be treated as equals during Philosophy, Year 4 had been looking at habitats through Virtual Reality headsets as part of Agriculture and Year 2 had been constructing the types of buildings that may have been seen at the time of the Great Fire of London from Lego, as a link to Architecture.

Lessons were observed for Year 2,4 and 6 and there were very positive comments around how engaged the children are, the level of confidence evident and the high level of vocabulary and grammar being used. The children's ability to think critically was commented upon and how this is being embedded in early years and continues to develop up the school.

The parents who reviewed the core subject books across the year groups commented that handwriting was of a high standard, the subjects had even more exciting content than seen previous years and as per the lesson observations, the development of critical thinking was evident.

We also looked at data for the year end 2018 outcomes and the trend over the last three years. The school provided a comprehensive assessment of areas of strength and where they considered development is needed, and for example, an area that is being looked at is closing the gap between boys and girls which is more evident in the early years and narrows as children get older, a change to the curriculum and a more hands on learning approach is helping with this.

EFYS – 88% of children achieved the expected Good Level of Development which is in line with the previous year and well above the national average.

KS1 – In combined subjects 81% of children achieved expected level against the national average of 65% and 24% achieved a greater depth against the national average of 12% and this was also an improvement to previous years.

KS2 – In combined subjects 80% of children attained expected level against the national average of 65% and 19% achieved greater depth against the national average 10%. This was a significant improvement in all areas compared to 2017 and in particular for children working at a greater depth

In conclusion, 2017/18 ended strongly with a year on year increase across all phases so thank you to everyone for all their hard work in achieving this.

The school really needs volunteers to assist with school trips and one to one reading in school time, if you can assist with either of these then please contact Hawwaa Islam in the South Site office or on hawwaa.islam@davieslane.waltham.sch.uk

The Parent Council

WEEKLY AWARD WINNERS!

	<u>MATHEMATICIANS OF THE WEEK</u>	<u>WRITERS OF THE WEEK</u>	<u>SCIENTISTS OF THE WEEK</u>
RECEPTION	YOUCEF (HAZEL)	SOPHIE (HAZEL)	ALICE (ASPEN)
YEAR 1	LUCILLE (LARCH)	DEVEESH (LARCH)	AAHIL (LARCH)
YEAR 2	MARLEINA (BIRCH)	JAMIR (ASH)	NELE (ASH)
YEAR 3	KERIESE (POPLAR)	AYYAN (POPLAR)	ISABELLE (OAK)
YEAR 4	TIFFANY (CHESTNUT)	KARA (ELDER)	NIKOLA (WILLOW)
YEAR 5	THEODORE (SPRUCE)	DAWID (PALM)	BRETT (OLIVE)
YEAR 6	HARRIS (CYPRESS)	WAREF (CYPRESS)	ERNESTAS (CYPRESS)
ACORN OF THE WEEK		ZIHUAN (JUNIPER)	



Halloween Disco

Friday 2 November

Fancy dress welcome (there will be a room allocated for your child to do a quick change in prior to event)

Tickets: £2.50 - Available from your class teacher only. No tickets available on the door.

Disco 1 (Reception & yr 1) 3.45-4.45pm south side hall - children accompanied by adult

Disco 2 (yr2&3) 3.45-4.45pm north side - children accompanied by adult

Disco 3 (yr4,5&6) 5-6pm north side - children can be dropped off and collected (Entrance via Mornington Rd gate only)

There will be some snacks available to purchase at the disco, if you would like your child to buy something please send them in with small change please.

Also, we will provide a space for you to park your buggy if you have one. Unfortunately, we cannot let buggies in to disco halls due to crowding issues.

The FoDL committee

Reach us on: FODLNEWS@GMAIL.COM



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

16 th October	Year 3 visit - Verulamium
16 th October	Performance Assembly for choirs/ensembles
16 th October	Shakespeare for Schools workshop - Broadway Theatre (1:30pm-4pm)
18 th October	Davies Lane Parents Evening
19 th October	Wear It Pink Day
19 th October	Black history month assembly (Upper Phase 12-12:15) (Middle Phase 1-1:15)
22 nd -26 th October	Half Term
30 th October	Year 4 Visit – The Ragged School Museum (Elder & Willow Class)



Friends of Davies Lane coffee morning

19th October at 9am

Meeting will be in North Side

All welcome!

Please come along and meet members of FoDL over a cuppa to see what we do and also to find out how you can help and get involved!



ATTENDANCE %

FOR WEEK ENDING 5TH OCTOBER 2018

THE HIGHEST THREE AND LOWEST THREE ATTENDANCE FOR CLASSES

1	WILLOW	100%
2	ASH	99.7%
3	SPRUCE	99.6%
22	ASPEN	92.1%
23	SYCAMORE	91.9%
24	MAPLE	88%