

Dear Parents and Carers

I want to share with you some of the new developments to the curriculum that we will be focusing on this term.

We will be focusing on ensuring that our children continue to develop skills in geography, computing, history and science. To ensure that children learn the core subject skills, they will no longer be taught 'topic lessons' that are based in these subjects but have discrete lessons on a weekly basis. The class timetables will reflect the teaching of history, geography, art, DT and science. It has always been our aim to have a curriculum that has depth and, this term, we will be focusing on ensuring that there is further depth in these subject areas.

In addition to the above, we will be continuing to develop our Personal, Social & Health Curriculum (PSHE) to continue to keep our children safe. We will look at the risks in the area, and as a British school, we will be focusing more on the values of the society that we live in, such as tolerance, the rule of law, equality, democracy, individual liberty, mutual respect for, and tolerance of, those of different faiths and beliefs, and those without faith. These will be taught through the curriculum and our collective worship times. We will also be reflecting on the protected characteristics of our country and how we respond to differences within our school community. Our curriculum is designed to ensure children achieve at the highest possible level and have the skills, commitment and drive to contribute to society positively. Exciting times!

All children from Reception to Year 6 have been allocated a house: Green, Blue, Red or Yellow. Each house colour represents early settlers : Green - Romans, Blue - Vikings, Red - Normans, and Yellow - Anglo Saxons. Historically, our house teams have been used for sports day activities and been very much redundant for the rest of the year. This year, I have decided to link the house teams to our charitable giving, fundraising and other areas of school life. This has been done by allocating each house a local charity and a member of SLT to lead them.

Our School council will be choosing a local charity for the whole school to focus on. Over the year, we will be raising money for these charities in a variety of ways, in line with our school values that encourage children to care, co-operate, commit, consider others, and be courteous.

Have a restful weekend

Bronwen Chalmers


DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

16 th January	Maths Games afternoon (Parents are invited to join their children from 2:00pm to play Maths games)
17 th January	Craig storyteller in – Reception and year 1
18 th January	Art Day
24 th January	Craig storyteller in – Reception & Year 1
24 th January	Guitar/Ukulele assembly (9:30am)
26 th January	Art Day Gallery (Parents invited 3:15-4pm)
26 th January	Chris Norton – Year 3 & year 5 musical rehearsal
26 th January	Year 5 & Year 6 Parents invited to join their children for lunch
26 th January	Literacy coffee morning (9:00am-10am, how we teach and assess children's work in Reading, Writing, Spelling and Grammar)
27 th January	Craig Storyteller – in for family session (10am and 11am. Please note this is a Saturday.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Children attending Tea Time club are to be collected from our Mornington Street entrance. For all after school clubs please use the main Davies Lane entrance to collect them.
- Please note the school office closes at 4:30pm and if you need to contact the school after 4:30pm select option 2
- If you are taking your child to breakfast and tea time club please make sure payments are made via parent pay two weeks in advance.
- 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

WEEKLY AWARD WINNERS!

	<u>MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK</u>	<u>WRITER OF THE WEEK</u>	<u>SCIENTIST OF THE WEEK</u>
RECEPTION	DAVID (JUNIPER)	ANISA (SYCAMORE)	KHALANI (SYCAMORE)
YEAR 1	RAJPREET (ASH)	ABDUL-SAMAD (REDWOOD)	MUHAMMAD (REDWOOD)
YEAR 2	ALEXEI (POPLAR)	ALEXANDER (PINE)	NUSAYBAH (PINE)
YEAR 3	WINNIE (ELDER)	KAITLIN (CHESTNUT)	CORNELIUS (CHESTNUT)
YEAR 4	TREVIN (OLIVE)	MANHAL (PALM)	AMEERA (HOLLY)
YEAR 5	KAEDEN (HORNBEAM)	TAELYEN LEE (WALNUT)	ANASTAJIA (CYPRESS)
YEAR 6	JIM (HAWTHORNE)	ALIX (HAWTHORNE)	ANDREW (HAWTHORNE)
ACORN STAR OF THE WEEK:		JOSHUA (ASH)	

Gaming Information

Gaming online is a great way for children to have fun and socialise with their friends, but it is important that they understand how to play online safely. In order to make sure that your child is safe when gaming online please follow the steps below:

- Check the content of the game by playing it yourself (boxed games and app store purchases will have age ratings to ensure the content is age appropriate for your child).
- Find out how to block, mute and report other people playing the game. Be aware of online platforms which enable interaction between gamers.
- Ensure your child knows not to share any personal information.
- Ensure you have set parental controls for the use of the internet, games consoles and app store purchases.
- Consistently monitor your child's online habits and have regular conversations about how to stay safe online.

For more advice about how to stay safe online please call the free NSPCC helpline on 0808 800 5002, or visit the following websites:

<https://thinkuknow.co.uk>

<https://parentinfo.org>

<https://parentzone.org.uk/>

Club Payment Reminder

Parents/carers, if you owe any money for breakfast club/ tea-time/Karate club. Please can your account be brought up to date as soon as possible.

School Meal's Reminder

Parents/carers, if your child's school meal account is in arrears your child will not be given a school meal until the account is brought up to date.

Important Notice

Parents/carers, please be reminded that you should not be parking in the double yellow turning zone.

ATTENDANCE %

FOR WEEK ENDING 5TH JANUARY 2018
THE HIGHEST THREE AND LOWEST THREE ATTENDANCE
FOR CLASSES

1	WALNUT	100%
2	CYPRESS	100%
3	FIR	96.9%
22	SPRUCE	88.3%
23	WILLOW	87.9%
24	JUNIPER	87.5%