

Last week, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December, the Parent Council met for the second time this year. The parent council meets half termly to look at standards across the school. The meetings are learning orientated and focus on school data for different groups and outcomes for pupils.

The last meeting focused on children working at Greater Depth (children working at higher than the expected level for their age). The school have now had a chance to embed the new curriculum and the higher expectations that it brought with it. They're now looking beyond just getting pupils to meet expectations and focusing on getting as many pupils as possible into the Greater Depth (exceeding expectations) category. The school's aim is to have at least 35% of each Year Group working at this level at the end of each year. Greater Depth is not really about learning jumping ahead in the curriculum, but about being able to apply the skills and knowledge that have been learnt in many different contexts and situations.

In order to see the impact of what the school has been doing, the Parent Council broke into three groups. Some of the representatives looked at school data, others at books and some parents did a learning walk around the school. This enabled the group to triangulate the data. Standards across the school are high and the expectations challenge the more able children.

Also discussed were school trips. The school took the parent council through the termly topic areas applicable to each year group and the associated school trips and visitors planned. It was agreed that a parent council working party would support the school with identifying local suggestions that parents were familiar with for trips that support these topic areas.

If you would like to find out more about our meetings the parent council minutes are now published in full on the school website.

Kind regards  
The Davies Lane Parent Council


## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

18 <sup>th</sup> December	Pantomime
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Report cards out
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Class parties (pm)
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of the school. School closes at 2pm
4 <sup>th</sup> January	Children Return – 8:55am
10 <sup>th</sup> January	Craig Storyteller in – Reception and year 1
11 <sup>th</sup> January	Davies Lane Maths Day
12 <sup>th</sup> January	Coffee Morning at 9am (Parents invited)
17 <sup>th</sup> January	Craig storyteller in – Reception and year 1

## 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 your children.
- 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](mailto:office@davieslane.waltham.sch.uk)
- Please note Saturday booster classes finish on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December and resumes on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January.

## WEEKLY AWARD WINNERS!

	<u>MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK</u>	<u>WRITER OF THE WEEK</u>	<u>SCIENTIST OF THE WEEK</u>
RECEPTION	OREN (LARCH)	FRANCES (FIR)	ADOMAS (FIR)
YEAR 1	ZAIN CHRISTIE (BIRCH)	AKIRAH SOBERS-THOMPSON (ROWAN)	SIMRAN (ROWAN)
YEAR 2	NOAH JOE REECE (OAK)	OLIWIA KNOT (CHERRY)	MOHAMMED (CHERRY)
YEAR 3	ELIZABETH (ELDER)	ELODIE (ELDER)	MOUHAMED (CHESTNUT)
YEAR 4	RIONA (OLIVE)	DESYA (HOLLY)	CHARLIE (SPRUCE)
YEAR 5	AMIRA (WALNUT)	ANA (MULBERRY)	ANASTAISIIJA (CYPRESS)
YEAR 6	YUSUF (BEECH)	FRANKLIN (HAWTHORNRE)	JULIO LUVUNU (CEDAR)
ACORN STAR OF THE WEEK:		ZIHUAN (JUNIPER)	

Please be reminded school closes on 20<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm and that parents will be fined if children are taken out of school before this date.

### Tea Time Club

Closes: 19<sup>th</sup> December  
Reopens: 4<sup>th</sup> January  
Please remember to prepay in advance



## Christmas Word Search



h	u	e	b	c	k	s	b	t	c	q	w
h	d	c	h	e	a	b	r	a	r	k	u
o	r	h	l	s	l	e	i	g	h	e	c
l	o	r	w	z	s	a	n	t	a	p	e
l	i	i	r	o	k	w	u	f	r	z	m
y	b	s	e	r	e	i	n	d	e	e	r
s	m	t	a	i	y	z	w	f	i	f	m
m	t	m	t	y	p	a	f	z	t	c	e
r	r	a	h	n	t	s	k	l	j	a	r
n	h	s	r	q	c	a	r	o	l	a	r
v	p	r	e	s	e	n	t	s	i	y	y
b	o	p	u	d	d	i	n	g	y	m	d

carol	christmas	holly	merry
presents	pudding	reindeer	santa
sleigh	star	tree	wreath

Well done to all of the reception children and teachers for preparing a traditional nativity with a modern twist. We hope all parents enjoyed the performance as much as we did!



### ATTENDANCE %

FOR WEEK ENDING 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2017

THE HIGHEST THREE AND LOWEST THREE ATTENDANCE  
FOR CLASSES

1	ELDER	99.7%
2	POPLAR	99.0%
3	PALM	99.0%
22	CYPRESS	92.6%
23	WALNUT	92.4%
24	HAWTHORNE	86.6%

