

Dear Parents and Carers,

The term dates for next year have now been set. Please ensure that you refer to these dates when you book your holidays for the 2018 - 2019 academic year as holidays booked during the term time will not be able to be authorised by the school.

Autumn Term 2018

Monday 3 Sept 2018 - Friday 21 Dec 2018
 Monday 3 September - INSET
 Tuesday 4 September - INSET
 Pupils return: Wednesday 5 September
 Half Term: Monday 22 Oct to Friday 26 Oct
 Christmas holiday: Monday 24 Dec to Friday 4 Jan

Spring Term 2019

Monday 7 Jan 2019 to Friday 5 April 2019
 Monday 7 January - INSET
 Tuesday 8 January - INSET
 Pupils return: Wednesday 9 January
 Half Term: Monday 18 Feb to Friday 22 Feb
 Easter Holiday: Mon 8 April to Mon 22 April

Summer Term 2019

Tuesday 23 April 2019 to Tuesday 23 July 2019
 Tuesday 23 April - INSET
 Pupils return: Wednesday 24 April
 Half Term: Tuesday 28 May to Friday 31 May

Next week is a very busy week - we have our Music week, its Sport's relief and World Poetry Day - please look closely at the calendar to see what is on.

Have a restful week-end,

Bronwen Chalmers

Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

20th March	Davies Lane Music Concert (children showcase their talent, school band and choir perform, parents invited 4:00-5:00pm)
20th March	Science Day
20th March	Year 6 Trip - House of Parliament
21st March	BBC Ten Pieces performance (parents welcome)
21st March	Craig Storyteller in
21st March	Neal Zetter in - World Poetry Day
22nd March	Phase sharing assembly
23rd March	Spart Relief Event
27th March	Attendance Lunch
28th March	Craig Storyteller in
28th March	Easter bonnet parade
29th March	Last day of term - School closes at 2pm

The Parent Council met this week to look at children's progress. The school always tracks how well children are doing against their starting point to make sure that children are following that same pathway throughout their time at the school. Progress grids allow teachers and management to easily see which children might need extra help in fulfilling their potential. Parents looking at data saw that most children did appear to be where they should be in terms of progress for this time of the year whilst parents looking at books were very impressed at the progress they were able to see both from the start to the end of a child's book but also between different year groups.


The balance between 'fun learning' and assessment was also discussed. First the PC heard from the School Learning Council who had done some investigation into what things children liked most about school. These included things that you would expect like school trips, PE and mini musicals. However, maths, grammar, reading and even times tables also showed up on the list! It was, however, agreed that no-one likes 'bus stop' method division! The school then took the PC through its assessment timetable and also presented on all the 'fun stuff' that is also included in the curriculum. Though the school prides itself on being strong academically they feel that they work hard to provide a full and balanced curriculum and hope that this is recognised by parents.

Lastly, the PC talked about the growing national problem of mental health issues and anxiety presenting in primary aged children. The school have recently trained a number of staff at all levels to be 'mental health first aiders' which will allow them to more easily identify children who may need help and to provide initial support.

**ATTENDANCE %
FOR WEEK ENDING 9TH MARCH 2018
THE HIGHEST THREE AND LOWEST THREE
ATTENDANCE FOR CLASSES**

1	BIRCH	99.4%
2	CEDAR	99.3%
3	PALM/WALNUT	98.6%
22	REDWOOD	92.8%
23	CHESTNUT	88.3%
24	BEECH	88.0%

WEEKLY AWARD WINNERS!

	MATHEMATICIANS OF THE WEEK	WRITERS OF THE WEEK	SCIENTISTS OF THE WEEK
RECEPTION	WIKTORIA (SYCAMORE)	DILA (JUNIPER)	NEMESIS (SYCAMORE)
YEAR 1	MUHAMMAD (ASH)	AMELIE (REDWOOD)	ELVIN (REDWOOD)
YEAR 2	SAMIR (OAK)	MUHAMMED (OAK)	MUSTAFA (CHERRY)
YEAR 3	HARIS (TEAK)	CHIARA (WILLOW)	ANUSHKA (WILLOW)
YEAR 4	FILIP (SPRUCE)	ANDREI (HOLLY)	YUSUF (PALM)
YEAR 5	AMINA (MULBERRY)	ZAHRA (CYPRESS)	ZOFIA (CYPRESS)
YEAR 6	ELAINAH (BEECH)	YASHFA (HAWTHORNE)	JOHN PAUL (HAWTHORNE)
ACORN STAR OF THE WEEK:		AHYAN (TEAK)	



Friends of Davies Lane presents
 EASTER BONNET PARADE & MINI FAIR
 WEDNESDAY 28TH MARCH
 3.15PM

Make and design a Bonnet/hat and enter the parade (£1) or just come along for some games, raffle, bake sale, Easter egg hunt and a whole lot of fun!

Please send in your donation of Easter Eggs or Easter gifts for us to use for the fair from Monday 19th March to the office or your class teacher.

If you can help for an hour or so with an activity at the fair, please get in touch with Samim (0791 5071680)

Thank you
 FoDL PTA



Premier League Primary sports stars of the week

- Year 1 Be ambitious Birch Class - George
- Year 2 Be inspiring Pine Class - Albert
- Year 3 Be connected Willow Class - Anton
- Year 4 Be fair Elder Class - L'Von
- Year 5 Be ambitious Walnut Class - Peter
- Year 6 Be fair Beach Class - Ezra
- RFU Green Laces award: Cedar Class - Hala

Waltham Forest Tag Rugby League Competition Team 1 and 2 ranked in the top 10, unfortunately no progression to the semi finals

BBC Ten Pieces Performance timetable (21/03/2018)

- year 2 - 9.30am
- year 3 - 10am
- Year 5 - 11.45am
- Year 4 - 1.30pm
- Year 1 - 2.30pm

Sport relief is coming up on Friday 23rd March

Wear your favourite Sports Hero outfit

Timetable:

9:30 - 10:00	Y1
10:00 - 10:30	Y2
10:30 - 11:00	R
11:15 - 11:45	Y3
1:15 - 1:45	Y4
1:45 - 2:15	Y5
2:15 - 2:45	Y6

Piano recital

The piano recital last Friday was a big success as always!!!! 26 young pianists performed very well in front of the large audience. They worked incredibly hard to play their best. Also, it was a great opportunity for 10 pupils, from Prep Test to Grade 4, who are taking the exam next week, to hone their skills. Good luck to them!!!