

Dear Parents & Carers,

Happy half term!

This week is Child Mental Health Week. At Davies Lane, we celebrate our differences and the strengths these bring. We are all unique and every child at our school has the right to feel comfortable in their own skin. They are taught through the PSHE curriculum that they are free to express themselves within the framework of our 5Cs and our British value of mutual respect. If you are concerned about yours or your child's mental well-being then we are here to help. We have access to a range of services both in house and external that we can put you in contact with, to ensure you and your children are well supported. If you would like to discuss this issue more or would like more information then please contact Samina Ahmed, our Deputy Head and Inclusion manager, on the school's number.

This week we have also had Safer Internet Use Day. This is a national initiative that has been running for a number of years and has been recognised by schools across the UK. As part of this week, pocket size guides on how to use the social media site Facebook were sent home with year 4 - year 6 children. We are by no means promoting Facebook usage, especially not for children of primary age, but want parents and siblings who use Facebook to be aware of how they can make its use safer. We have a small number of similar leaflets about safer use of Snapchat, Instagram and Twitter. If you would like more information or to obtain a leaflet then please see the school office, where leaflets are available.

As the half term approaches and the school is closed for a week, I would like to take the opportunity to remind you that our responsibility for keeping the children safe does not stop. If you are worried about a pupil during the holiday or out of normal school hours then please contact the school.

Thank you for your continuing support this term.

Have a safe and enjoyable break.

Bronwen Chalmers
Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

12/02/18- 16/02/18	HALF TERM
19 th February	Children return 8:55am
22 nd February	Davies Lane parent's evening (Parents and pupils attend meeting with teachers to discuss progress between 3:15pm-7:30pm)
1 st March	World Book Day – Character Day (All children to dress up as their favourite book characters)
2 nd March	Coffee Morning – Science at home investigation session (9-10am) Staff will share strategies to support science learning at home
7 th March	Year 3 micro-musical (9:15 Elder, Chestnut; 11:00 Teak, Willow)
8 th March	Mother's day breakfast from 9:00am, followed by mother's day assembly shared across all year group (All mums invited). Assemblies – Y4, Y5, Y6 9:30-10:00; Y2, Y3 10:00-10:30; Y1 10:30-10:45
13 th March	Science Day (Parents welcome to share skills in workshop)
14 th March	Year 1 parents are invited to join their children for lunch.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Children attending tea time club are to be collected from our Mornington Road entrance. For all after school clubs please use the main Davies Lane entrance to collect 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

WEEKLY AWARD WINNERS!

	<u>MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK</u>	<u>WRITER OF THE WEEK</u>	<u>SCIENTIST OF THE WEEK</u>
RECEPTION	SELMA (SYCAMORE)	KHADIJAH (JUNIPER)	EDEN (JUNIPER)
YEAR 1	KHADIJA (ASH)	MONTGOMERY (REDWOOD)	NELE (ASH)
YEAR 2	MAKSYMILIAN (POPLAR)	NILA (PINE)	ELIJAH (POPLAR)
YEAR 3	TALHAH (CHESTNUT)	TIRZAH (ELDER)	ULA (ELDER)
YEAR 4	ABDULLAH (OLIVE)	IRIS (PALM)	ZOE (OLIVE)
YEAR 5	DORIAN (CYPRESS)	ZAYNAB (HORNBEAM)	AIMAN (HORNBEAM)
YEAR 6	ADAM (BEECH)	BRANDON (BEECH)	ELAINAH (BEECH)
ACORN STAR OF THE WEEK:		JOSUA (ASH)	

Valentine's Day Word Search

C U U U V A L E N T I N E S J
 F U A H U E Q J J X N Q R K P
 U T P H R Q Z P S W E E T C Q
 X J W I J A U H A A W M A R V
 Q I F R D R C D E O C X J B L
 Z M D O Z R C X L A C T G Z L
 S H P Y U O H F L M R K A S C
 S K E C N W O V F O W T X D H
 Y I P H R G C P E H V V F Y U
 G S U L D Q O M U N O E E N G
 I S Q W U U L D L V M O Q J S
 F E A L Q C A N D Y W J Z E J
 T S X R F Y T V K N S J Z G B
 A O W X G N E F C Z A Y O C H
 A O J Z K Q H P D T C O R D F



- Gift
- Hugs
- Love
- Arrow
- Candy
- Cupid
- Heart
- Sweet
- Kisses
- Flowers
- Chocolate
- Valentine



Dear Parents,

Reading is a whole school focus. To help you support your child at home, we have put a list of comprehension questions you can ask your children when reading with them on the school website. I have organised the questions into 6 main comprehensions skills. These questions can be adapted to suit your child's age range. The comprehension questions can be found by clicking the 'curriculum' tab and then the 'reading' tab. You will find a link at the bottom of the page to access the questions.

A suggested reading book list will also be up on the website soon for you to access. These are suggested titles for each year group and will be found in each year group's tab on the school website.

Thank you,

Miss Malek

ATTENDANCE %

FOR WEEK ENDING 2ND FEBRUARY 2018

THE HIGHEST THREE AND LOWEST THREE ATTENDANCE
FOR CLASSES

1	BIRCH/ASH/ELDER/CYPRESS	100%
2	WILLOW/MULBERRY	99.3%
3	ROWAN	99.1%
22	PALM	93.8%
23	PINE	93.5%
24	HOLLY	90%

