

Dear Parents and Carers,

In last week's newsletter I talked about the need to safeguard our children and the risk of gangs and knife crime. This week, I will be continuing to address safeguarding within our community and focusing on ensuring that we are a safe school with an effective safeguarding culture. In this week's newsletter I want to highlight the safeguarding issues around attendance.

Many of you will be aware that in a borough not too far from Waltham Forest, there was a recent serious case review. Serious care reviews are usually held when there has been a death of a child or young person in order for the agencies involved to learn lessons to improve the safety of all children.

In this review, the parent of an early year's child became unwell and subsequently died. The child was too young to raise the alarm and no one from the school had followed up on the reason for the child's absence. As a result of this the child also perished.

At Davies Lane, we have first day calling procedures which mean that we call every child whose parents have not notified us of their absence on the very first day they are away from school. This is to ensure our children AND parents are safe. Unfortunately, many parents do not answer; neither do they return the call if they miss it. This means the office spend many hours trying to contact parents. Where we are unable to make contact we visit the homes where the children live to complete a welfare check. This is a valuable thing to do when it could prevent harm or save lives but is less valuable when parents are at home and have just failed to respond or make contact. Our Welfare team's time could be better spent supporting children who really are at risk. I am therefore asking that we protect all of our children and ourselves by ensuring that you report your child's absence from school at the earliest opportunity on the first day. This will ensure time is not wasted and that when parents do not inform us, we can quickly identify that there is a problem and take appropriate action. Working together is the only way we can keep our children safe.

Have a fantastic weekend.

Bronwen Chalmers
Headteacher


DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

29 th January	Young Voices @ the O2
30 th January	Performance assembly for choirs/ensembles (9:30am)
31 st January	Craig Storyteller – in for Reception & Year 1 Year 1 & Year 3 Bring your parent to school morning (9-10:30am) Parents invited to join their children to take part in learning
2 nd February	Chinese New Year Assembly (Reception: 9:30-9:45am Juniper, Sycamore; 10:30-10:45am Fir, Larch; Parents Welcome)
3 rd February	Craig Storyteller – For family session (10am/11am) Please note this is a Saturday
6 th February	Internet awareness day
7 th February	Reception parents invited to lunch
8 th February	ASD coffee morning (9-10) (parents of ASD children welcome to meet the team)
9 th February	Coffee morning – Esafety (9-10am)

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	LAIBA (SYCAMORE)	ALINA (JUNIPER)	JOSEPH (JUNIPER)
YEAR 1	ZAHRA MURTZA (REDWOOD)	ESHAL KASHIF (ASH)	CHRISTIAN (ASH)
YEAR 2	SUHAIL (PINE)	GEORGE (POPLAR)	MUHAMMED (PINE)
YEAR 3	ELODIE (ELDER)	LLOYD-ERIC (ELDER)	SAMIH (ELDER)
YEAR 4	MOHAMMED (PALM)	KERIDA (OLIVE)	TAYYIBA (HOLLY)
YEAR 5	JAKUB (WALNUT)	EASHAN (CYPRESS)	ARMEEN (MULBERRY)
YEAR 6	ESTHER (HAWTHORNE)	FRANKLIN (HAWTHORNE)	SHAUN (HAWTHORNE)
ACORN STAR OF THE WEEK:		ARTHUR (FIR)	



Friends of Davies Lane presents

VALENTINE DISCO

DATE: THURSDAY 8TH FEBRUARY

LOCATION : DINING HALL

(Please note entry is from Mornington Road only)

PRICE : £2 PER TICKET

DISCO 1: (Year 1, 2 and 3)

Time: 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Children from these year groups **MUST BE** accompanied by an adult.

DISCO 2 : (Year 4, 5 and 6)

Time: 5pm - 6pm

Children from these year can be dropped off and collected

Refreshments, snacks and glow stall available to purchase at the discos

Look out for order forms next week in your child's book bag!



Tea Time Club Reminder

Children attending Tea Time club are to be collected from the Mornington Road entrance, please press the out of hours' buzzer as the main office closes at 4.30pm.

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.

Craig's Storytelling session

Please be aware Craig is in tomorrow (27/01/2018) for storytelling

2 sessions @ 10am and 11am

All welcome

ATTENDANCE %

FOR WEEK ENDING 19TH JANUARY 2018
THE HIGHEST THREE AND LOWEST THREE ATTENDANCE FOR CLASSES

1	CHERRY	100%
2	HOLLY	99%
3	REDWOOD/FIR	98.8%
22	TEAK	91.7%
23	ROWAN/WALNUT	90.3%
24	BEECH	86.7%