

The last Parent Council of this academic year met yesterday.

We would like to thank all the members for their input this year and especially to those parents whose children are in year 6 and will be moving on to Secondary School in September, your support has been greatly appreciated and we wish you and your children all the very best for the future.

We heard from the Learning Council who presented findings from recent visits to classrooms. They found them to be tidy, with informative and exciting displays. They also stated that the children were engaged with their learning and working extremely hard. Some of the displays in the classrooms could be improved, and they will look at those again next year to see if there has been any improvement.

The main focus of the meeting was to look at the end of year performance data from key stage 1 and 2. The Parent Council split into groups to assess books, data and observe a lesson. Here are their findings:

Books - The progress from the beginning of the school year to the end was clear to see and the focus on handwriting has had a good effect with some impressive cursive scripts evident. The consistency of marking was also noted and we discussed the importance of children being able to use a wide range of vocabulary in the right context, which the school is focussing on.

Lesson Observation - A Dragons Den style presentation was taking place in respect of a game invented for Enterprise week. The children were very engaged and discussing topics such as sales, profit and loss that provides them with wider life skills.

Data - We looked at end of year outcomes and a three-year comparison for the Key Stages. It was noted that 2018 National Averages are not available yet and the KS2 SATS results are due next week, however we were provided with the teacher assessment, which historically has been in line with the external assessments.

Reception - The percentage of children reaching a good level of development has been well above the National Average and remains in line with 2017, which is a strong outcome.

Year 1 Phonics screening - We were pleased to see a strong increasing trend of children achieving the required standard which historically have been well above the National Average.

Year 2 - An increasing trend in those children achieving both expected outcomes and a greater depth is evident, which is a very positive result.

Year 6 - The anticipated outcome for children achieving both expected levels and a greater depth is a marked uplift compared to 2017 and the focus on reading has had the desired positive effect.

All the children and staff should be proud of their efforts in achieving this outcome.

The Parent Council were also pleased to hear that following a significant amount of work undertaken on the curriculum and alongside the humanities subjects already introduced, the school will be including other topics such as philosophy, agriculture and architecture in order to give the children the best possible knowledge base and be more prepared for selecting subjects when they make the transition to secondary school and GCSE selection.

We also undertook a review of what the Parent Council had achieved over the year against terms of reference and school priorities. Key points were the input into a revised school trip schedule, focus on attendance and general input around the school's aims and performance.

From a Parent Council perspective, the view on the wider school curriculum and opportunities offered to the children has been very useful and our aim is to ensure that our role is better understood and communicated in the future.

We will be recruiting new Reception members in September and there is likely to be vacancies in some other year groups too, so please keep an eye out for more communication at the start of the term.

We hope everyone has a lovely summer break.

The Parent Council


IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Children attending teatime club are to be collected from our Mornington Road entrance. For all other after school clubs, please use the main Davies Lane entrance to collect children.
- Please note the school office closes at 4:30pm. If you need to contact, the school after 4:30pm select option 2.
- If you are taking your child to breakfast and teatime 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
- Please note that school finishes at 2pm on 19th July 2018 and if you take your child out before you can expect a fine.
- The weekly newsletter is now only available by email or to view on the website. Please ensure you update the school offices with your email address.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

10th July	Summer Music Concert
12th July	Class Swap (Children to go into new classes)
12th July	ASD coffee morning (9am-10am)
12th July	Year 5 trip: Cambridge Uni
13th July	Coffee morning – Maths for holiday
13th July	Year 1 micro musical performance: Birch & Rowan – 9:30am Redwood & Ash – 11am
16th July	KS2 100% End of year attendance trip (All-stars bowling in Westfield Stratford)
16th July	Citizenship awards ceremony (Nominated children & parents invited)
17th July	Reception & KS1 100% End of year attendance trip (Soft play adventure – Leytonstone Leisure Centre)
17th July	Leaver production (2pm + 6pm parents welcome)
18th July	Year 6 Leavers Disco (4pm-6pm)
19th July	Leavers assembly (9:30am-10am parents welcome)
19th July	Last Day School Closes @ 2pm

WEEKLY AWARD WINNERS!

	<u>MATHEMATICIANS OF THE WEEK</u>	<u>WRITERS OF THE WEEK</u>	<u>SCIENTISTS OF THE WEEK</u>
RECEPTION	SHILOH (LARCH)	JOAN (FIR)	EMILIA (LARCH)
YEAR 1	ESHAL (ASH)	SASENA (REDWOOD)	MAXIM (ASH)
YEAR 2	CERYS (PINE)	NOAH (POPLAR)	LEO (POPLAR)
YEAR 3	BENJAMIN (TEAK)	SARIAH (WILLOW)	RIHANA (WILLOW)
YEAR 4	MUHAMMAD (PALM)	RIONA (OLIVE)	SARA (OLIVE)
YEAR 5	LEO (MULBERRY)	HARRIS (CYPRESS)	HAYYAAN (HORNEBAM)
YEAR 6	Year 6 Children have been working extremely hard this week for their leavers performance on 17 th July		
		JOSHUA (ASH)	

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS AND TEA TIME CLUB

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please be advised that all **After School Clubs** will finish on Friday **13th July** with the exception of the **Tea Time club**, which will finish on Wednesday 18th July.

Please note that school will be closing at 2pm on Thursday 19th July. Please make arrangements to ensure your child is collected by **2pm**.

Thank you.

HOLIDAY CLUB

Parents/Carers, please note we still have spaces available for our summer holiday club. Please contact the school office for further details or come by to pick up a registration form.

ATTENDANCE %

FOR WEEK ENDING 29TH JUNE 2018

THE HIGHEST THREE AND LOWEST THREE ATTENDANCE FOR CLASSES

1	TEAK	100%
2	CYPRESS	99.6%
3	OLIVE	99.3%
22	MULBERRY	94.3%
23	SYCAMORE	93.9%
24	PINE	92.7%