

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to all our parents and pupils and a very warm welcome to our new families who have joined this term – I trust that you had a good summer holiday and that you are ready for another successful year at Davies Lane.

In true Davies Lane style, we have lots of exciting learning planned for this year. We have launched an updated version of our curriculum this autumn – with a focus on engineering, architecture, agriculture and philosophy. We strongly believe that children gain a deeper understanding of a subject when they question the world around them and apply their skills in a range of contexts. Ask your children what they have been learning about this week!

Homework will continue to go out weekly, we ask for your support in working with your children to consolidate their learning by practising their spellings, times tables and completing the reading task set. It will enable greater progress at school. There will also be a project set - to be completed over a period of 3-4 weeks. Completing this task will earn your child 5 merit points, which they can collect alongside the additional study and research that they carry out at home. The target is 50 points to receive a reward!

Attendance is always a priority. We expect your child to be in school each and every day. Please book medical appointments outside school times where possible to ensure your child benefits from all school has to offer. If your child is unwell, please do contact the school office to let us know. We will contact you if we do not hear from you on the first day of absence.

Please keep your eye on the school calendar on the website for weekly events happening at school. I look forward to meeting up with you at our social evening next week or one of the upcoming year group meetings.

Have a good weekend,  
Kind regards  
Bronwen Chalmers  
Headteacher

### Davies Lane has achieved gold award

We are pleased to report that Davies Lane has been awarded a Gold Award by Heathy Schools London. Over the last year, Lunch Bunch have been working on quality assuring the standard of packed lunches in our school. We have also introduced a weekly mile run in supporting children and young people to achieve and maintain good health and wellbeing. We are extremely pleased to celebrate this award with all of our staff, parents and careers as we continue on this journey.

Mrs Olubitan

### 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](mailto:office@davieslane.waltham.sch.uk)**
- **The weekly newsletter is now only available by email or to view on the website. Please ensure you update the school office with your email address.**
- **If you are calling to inform us of an absence, please leave a message if you do not get through to anyone.**

## Class List & Teacher Names

### Reception

Maple – Ms Yasmin  
Hazel – Ms Danaci  
Aspen – Ms Hobbart  
Magnolia – Ms Healy

### Year 1

Sycamore – Ms Malik  
Larch – Ms Awan/ Ms Butt  
Fir – Mr Vaughan  
Juniper – Ms Zaman

### Year 2

Redwood – Ms Chinyemba  
Ash – Ms Garratt  
Birch – Ms Sedjroson  
Rowan – Ms Nazrul

### Year 3

Cherry – Ms Stevens  
Oak – Mr Harris  
Poplar – Ms Barnett  
Pine – Ms Khanom

### Year 4

Chestnut – Ms Olubitan  
Elder – Mr Dixon  
Willow – Ms Williams  
Teak – Ms Rehman

### Year 5

Spruce – Ms Briggs  
Olive – Mr Powe  
Holly – Ms Eley  
Palm – Ms Brindley

### Year 6

Hornbeam – Mr Wands  
Walnut – Ms Hussain  
Cypress – Ms Nehaar  
Mulberry – Mr Sachs

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

13 <sup>th</sup> September	Dahlicious Roald Dahl Day (children dress as a Roald Dahl book character or wear yellow, £1 donation for Roald Dahl Children's Charity)
13 <sup>th</sup> September	Davies Lane – Social evening (all parents invited to meet staff and governors 6pm-7.30pm)
14 <sup>th</sup> September	Reception – Visitor Junk Orchestra AM Workshop Maple – 9am-9:30am Magnolia - 9:30am-10am Aspen – 10am-10:30am Hazel – 10:45am-11:15am Assembly & Session @ 1:15pm-3pm
18 <sup>th</sup> September	City Farm in Nursery
20 <sup>th</sup> September	Davies Lane - R, Y2, Y6 Parents meetings (9am-10am or 6-7pm parents with children in these classes are expected to attend)
21 <sup>st</sup> September	Jeans for Genes (Children wear jeans with school jumpers and bring £1 to support charity)
24 <sup>th</sup> Sept – 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Reading challenge: Children are set a target to read as many books they can during October – (hand in on 19th October).
27 <sup>th</sup> September	Davies Lane - Y1, Y5 Parents meetings (9am-10am or 6-7pm parents with children in these classes are expected to attend)
28 <sup>th</sup> September	World's Biggest Coffee morning – MacMillan Cancer Support (Please bring donations of cakes and join us for a coffee morning to raise funds for MacMillan)
2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Y3 visit Verulamium
4 <sup>th</sup> October	Davies Lane - Y3, Y4 Parents meetings (9am-10am or 6-7pm parents with children in these classes are expected to attend)
4 <sup>th</sup> October	4 <sup>th</sup> Y6 debate (9:15am parents welcome)
4 <sup>th</sup> October	Y2 visit the London Eye