

Dear Parent/Carer,

Nationally, there have been concerns around physical inactivity and childhood obesity. Across the UK, around 35% of pupils in their final year of Primary are categorised as overweight or obese.

Experts have described this as an epidemic and a crisis that must be tackled before it is too late. The World Health Organisation regards childhood obesity as one of the most serious global public health challenges for the 21st Century.

To tackle this, Davies Lane will be taking on the 'The Daily Mile', an initiative aimed to tackle lack of fitness and combat inactivity and obesity. The Daily Mile is very simple. Without wasting time to change into kit, every child in school goes out in the fresh air to run, jog or walk for 15 minutes. It is not competitive: most children will average a mile in that time, with some doing more and some doing less. It is not PE, sport or cross-country but a physical activity which is aimed at improving the children's physical, social, emotional and mental health wellbeing. It can help children to focus and concentrate in the classroom and raise their attainment.

As a school we are really excited about this new initiative and we are looking forward to the benefits it will bring to your children. To find out more about how it all works please visit: www.thedailymile.co.uk.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

Regards

Bronwen Chalmers
Headteacher


DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

14 th November	Performance assembly for instrumentalists and vocalists (9:30am)
17 th November	Davies Lane Coffee Morning (9:00-10:00am)
17 th November	Learning Walk
21 st November	Year 1 Trip: Thorndon Country Park - Gruffalo trail (Ash & Redwood class)
23 rd November	Year 5 debate (parents of children invited to the 9:15-9:30am assembly)
1 st December	Piano Recital (4pm – parents of children invited)
1 st December	Shakespeare for Schools performance – in school (9:15am parents invited)
1 st December	Dragon's Den (Classes to pitch their enterprise ideas to the panel of judges – in school event)
1 st December	Davies Lane Coffee Morning (9:00-10:00am)
2 nd December	Davies Lane Christmas Fair
6 th December	Carols at the church

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Children attending Tea Time club are now to be collected from our Mornington Street entrance.
- Please note the school office closes at 4:30pm and if you need to contact the school after 4:30pm select option 2
- Trips must be paid for in advance to guarantee that costs are covered and to ensure that we do not need to cancel any autumn term outings.
- 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
- Please be reminded school closes on 20th December at 2pm and that parents will be fined if children are taken out of school.

WEEKLY AWARD WINNERS!

	<u>MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK</u>	<u>WRITER OF THE WEEK</u>	<u>SCIENTIST OF THE WEEK</u>
RECEPTION	KIERAN (JUNIPER)	ERMAN (JUNIPER)	IRIS EVE (JUNIPER)
YEAR 1	JAMIR TOMLIN (ASH)	HANA LOUNIS (REDWOOD)	MAXIM (ASH)
YEAR 2	AYYAN (POPLAR)	MUHAMMED (PINE)	CERYS (PINE)
YEAR 3	HAFSA (ELDER)	MARCEL (WILLOW)	SARIAH (WILLOW)
YEAR 4	RIO (SPRUCE)	ALIYAH (HOLLY)	CAIRO (SPRUCE)
YEAR 5	ERNESTAS (CYPRESS)	KAEDEN (HORNBEAM)	ALAYNA (MULBERRY)
YEAR 6	ALIX (HAWTHORNE)	SOFIA (CEDAR)	CHANAEE (BEECH)
ACORN STAR OF THE WEEK:		CHINEMELUM (JUNIPER)	

The school's fundraising body – The Friends of Davies Lane (FoDL) is pleased to inform you that they will be subsidising every child's school trip again. All the hard work put in by the children and parents to help raise money contributes towards the cost of your child's school trips for this term. If you would like to be more involved with this group or find out more about the fund raising we do at Davies Lane then you can contact Samim (Chair) on [0791507 1680](tel:07915071680) or the school on office@davieslane.waltham.sch.uk.

Alternatively, follow us on **Facebook** at **Friends of Davies Lane PTA** (@davieslane.pta.e11)

Congratulations to the Travel Plan group, which consists of teachers and parents at Davies Lane Primary School. They have worked hard to achieve a **Gold Travel Plan** accreditation for our school. This means that our school has successfully implemented and promoted safer ways to travel and park at school whilst also encouraging more children and adults to cycle or walk. Please let's continue to promote safer driving and more walking where possible.

Waltham Forest school nursing team host a monthly drop in surgery at Davies Lane

If you are concerned about your child's health needs such as

- Sleep patterns
- Eating
- Mental health
- Obesity
- General medical needs

Come along and see the nurse. No appointments necessary.

The next drop in is on:

Wednesday 15th November in the North site building.

Important Notice

From 20/11/17 Davies Lane will be closed from 9:30am - 2:30pm inc for approximately 5 days. Cars will not be permitted to enter or leave during this time, therefore office visits, home visits and meetings will need to be planned with this in mind. (this will impact on users of cars/taxi)

ATTENDANCE %

FOR WEEK ENDING 3RD NOVEMBER 2017
THE HIGHEST THREE AND LOWEST THREE ATTENDANCE FOR CLASSES

1	CYPRESS	100%
2	CHERRY	100%
3	REDWOOD	99.7%
22	CEDAR	94.7%
23	WILLOW	94.3%
24	HAWTHORNE	93.8%