



# DAVIES LANE PRIMARY

Newsletter Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hosted the first parent council meeting of the year yesterday. Thank you to all the parents who attended. It was a very informative session focussed on raising standards across the school. Following the meeting, I would like to clarify:-

Homework provides opportunity for children to rehearse skills at home. Teachers will look at homework each week and light-touch mark. Detailed marking is carried out in the school work books.

We have recently invested in *Britannica School* – an award-winning online resource from Encyclopaedia Britannica. Please feel free to have a look for yourself – the login in details are below. This wonderful resource is now available for children to access at school or from home and can be used on any device including computers, laptops and tablets.

Bug Club is currently being updated and will be ready to run shortly.

Pupils are working hard on their handwriting. We aim to increase the percentage of pupils using handwriting pens this term and over the year. Please continue practising that *fluent, joined up script* at home!

We look forward to seeing you this evening at the FODL Curry and Quiz evening!

Have a restful weekend,

Bronwen Chalmers

Headteacher

### Encyclopaedia Britannica School Links

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| Britannica  | <a href="http://school.eb.co.uk/storeschoolcard?id=davieslane">http://school.eb.co.uk/storeschoolcard?id=davieslane</a> |
| Image Quest | <a href="http://quest.eb.com/storeschoolcard?id=davieslane">http://quest.eb.com/storeschoolcard?id=davieslane</a>       |
| School I.D. | d1pstudent  |

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

|                                |   |
|--------------------------------|---|
| 18 <sup>th</sup><br>October    | Performance assembly for choirs/ensembles (9:30am)  |
| 19 <sup>th</sup><br>October    | Diwali  |
| 19 <sup>th</sup><br>October    | Nursery Visitor Animal magic<br>Davies Lane Parents Evening (3:30-7:30pm)   |
| 19 <sup>th</sup><br>October    | Black History Month – Sharing assembly<br>Upper phase 9.15-9:30am (Year 4-6)<br>Middle phase 10:30-10:45am (Year 2-3) |
| 20 <sup>th</sup><br>October    | Wear It Pink – Fundraising for breast cancer awareness  |
| 23-27 <sup>th</sup><br>October | HALF TERM   |
| 30 <sup>th</sup><br>October    | CHILDREN RETURN   |
| 30 <sup>th</sup><br>October    | Shakespeare for Schools rehearsal (1:30-5:30pm) – Broadway Theatre  |
| 30 <sup>th</sup><br>October    | Shakespeare for Schools Performance – Broadway Theatre (7pm Parents invited)  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup><br>November    | Coffee Morning (Maths – Parents invited to see how we teach maths – 9:00-10:00am)                                     |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup><br>November    | Guru Nanak's birthday   |

### ATTENDANCE %

FOR WEEK ENDING 6<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2017  
THE HIGHEST THREE AND LOWEST THREE  
ATTENDANCE FOR CLASSES

|    |         |       |
|----|---------|-------|
| 1  | ELDER   | 99.7% |
| 2  | CYPRESS | 99.6% |
| 3  | ASH     | 99.4% |
| 22 | LARCH   | 94.8% |
| 23 | HOLLY   | 94.3% |
| 24 | OLIVE   | 90.5% |

## WEEKLY AWARD WINNERS!

|  | <u>MATHEMATICIAN OF THE WEEK</u> | <u>WRITER OF THE WEEK</u> | <u>SCIENTIST OF THE WEEK</u>     |
|---|----------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>RECEPTION</b>  | <b>SHILO (LARCH)</b>             | <b>JOA (FIR)</b>          | <b>ROSHAN (FIR)</b>              |
| <b>YEAR 1</b>   | <b>DARRE (ROWAN)</b>             | <b>JACKSO (BIRCH)</b>     | <b>NINA (BIRCH)</b>              |
| <b>YEAR 2</b>   | <b>AYESH (OAK)</b>               | <b>ELEN (CHERRY)</b>      | <b>LOLA JOY CRANE (CHERRY)</b>   |
| <b>YEAR 3</b>   | <b>ZO (ELDER)</b>                | <b>SOFI (TEAK)</b>        | <b>OSCAR TAYLOR (WILLOW)</b>     |
| <b>YEAR 4</b>   | <b>RAHUL (HOLLY)</b>             | <b>TALEE (HOLLY)</b>      | <b>ABDUL-AHAD YASEEN (OLIVE)</b> |
| <b>YEAR 5</b>   | <b>ZOFI (CYPRESS)</b>            | <b>ARMEEN (MULBERRY)</b>  | <b>JAMEEL MOUBRI</b>             |
| <b>YEAR 6</b>   | <b>MUHAMMAD (BEECH)</b>          | <b>MONIK (BEECH)</b>      | <b>LUKASZKOCEBA (BEECH)</b>      |
| <b>ACORN STAR OF THE WEEK:</b>  |                                  | <b>ANNI (ASH)</b>         |                                  |

### Parent Council Members

Everyone at Davies Lane would like to welcome to our new parent council members. The council members are listed below, these and existing members can be contacted on the school email address [office@davieslane.waltham.sch.uk](mailto:office@davieslane.waltham.sch.uk)

| Class     | Name               |
|-----------|--------------------|
| Fir       | Saima Khan         |
| Juniper   | Ayesha Shafqat     |
| Larch     | Victoria Holdbrook |
| Sycamore  | Thula Mangena      |
| Ash       | Josie Hunt         |
| Birch     | Charlotte Beulah   |
| Redwood   | Jane Jin           |
| Rowan     | <b>VACANCY</b>     |
| Poplar    | June Alle          |
| Oak       | Nardjess Bououdine |
| Pine      | Kalina Boeu        |
| Cherry    | Jack Fortescue     |
| Elder     | Kate Chester       |
| Chesnut   | Luke Selby         |
| Teak      | Amanda Barker      |
| Willow    | Veselin Nikolov    |
| Holly     | Nabila Lebdiri     |
| Olive     | Wilford Roberts    |
| Palm      | Helen Westerby     |
| Spruce    | Jack Tremewen      |
| Cypress   | <b>VACANCY</b>     |
| Hornbeam  | Annette Loakes     |
| Mulberry  | Sham Hayat         |
| Walnut    | Samim Patel        |
| Beech     | Sabina Kosek       |
| Cedar     | Sarah Cottrill     |
| Hawthorne | Kate Roberts       |
| Co-opt    | Eleanor Ireland    |
| Governor  | Sarah Falola       |
| Governor  | Jenni Walsh        |
| Governor  | Fiona Sinclair     |

### Feedback from the Parent Council

The focus of the parent council is the learning within the school. Today was the first meeting of the Davies Lane parent council and we welcomed the new class reps. To find out who your class rep is, please look at the website. Our new joint chairs are Amanda Baxter and Charlotte Beulah.

<http://www.davieslane.co.uk/parent-council.html>

Our meeting focussed on last year's attainment. We looked at reception, Y1 phonics s and the SATs results in years 2 and 6. In reception, year 1 and 2, Davies Lane is performing well above the national average (NA) and the local average (LA) and are doing really well. In year 6 more children had reached their expected levels in reading and writing and maths than the NA and LA. Increasing the percentage at greater depth is a key school focus this year. Results are available on the Davies Lane website.

<http://www.davieslane.co.uk/performance.html>

We also visited the classes and watched teaching in action. Year 2 handwriting was outstanding and the children were able to talk and write confidently about a book they were reading. In year 6 the children were debating and in reception we really enjoyed seeing how the teacher engaged the children.

Regarding homework, Ms Chalmers confirmed that homework sheets will be put up on the school website. Homework was also brought up as some parents felt that the children were discouraged by lack of comments in their books. Ms Chalmers emphasised that the school policy is to only lightly mark this work.

The school survey link has been sent out again as the previous link was not working. Please do fill this in. An information sheet will be going out shortly detailing ways to become involved with the school and how to contact the school if you need to. Please look out for this in your children's book bags. If you need to contact a member of staff, please email [office@davieslane.waltham.sch.uk](mailto:office@davieslane.waltham.sch.uk) marking it FAO that teacher.