

Dear Parents and carers,

Many of our children have been working hard to achieve their merit awards. Well done to those who have already achieved 50 merits!

I would like to remind all parents of children in Y2- Y6 that all pupils have a merit book which they can use to complete additional homework. This is an additional homework book that should encourage independent learning and is an opportunity for children to develop skills in self-study. Children are encouraged to consolidate learning from class, carry out research linked to their History and Geography topics or just research and learn about a topic of interest. I have seen great examples of learning in merit books, where children have turned their week end away or holiday break into a fantastic learning opportunity. Trips to museums and galleries also provide a new learning platform. All additional work, once they have completed their homework, will earn children merits towards a reward. Children also have the opportunity to collect five merits when they complete and return their homework projects to a high standard. These merits will also contribute towards the merit book reward. Well done to all pupils who have returned their homework projects this term – please ensure you collect your merits from your class teacher!

Children in reception and year one also have the opportunity to collect up to five merits for a homework project completed to a high standard. The record of these merits will be kept in their homework book.

Keep working hard and enjoying learning about new and exciting things!

Regards  
Bronwen Chalmers  
Headteacher

## DATES FOR YOUR DAIRY

<b>22<sup>nd</sup> January</b>	<b>Maths games afternoon (Parents are invited to join their children)</b>
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> January</b>	<b>Year 1 Trip: Museum of Childhood (Fir &amp; Sycamore)</b>
<b>25<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Year 6 Trip: The Clink Museum (Mulberry &amp; Walnut)</b>
<b>25<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Year 4 Visitor: Creative Biscuit</b>
<b>29<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Year 1 Trip: Museum of Childhood (Juniper &amp; Larch)</b>
<b>29<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Year 3 Visitor: Egyptians</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> February</b>	<b>Literacy coffee morning (Parents invited 9am-10am)</b>

## 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 on the telephone answering system.
- If you are taking your child to breakfast and teatime club, please make sure payments are made via parent pay two weeks in advance.
- Please remember to inform the school, 24 hours in advance if you want to cancel breakfast or teatime club or you will still be charged.
- 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)
- PARENT PAY SCHOOL MEALS REMINDER We would like to remind you that if you have children year 3, 4, 5 or 6 you are required to prepay for school meals via parent pay
- Your child may still be entitled to free school meals. To find out if you meet the eligibility criteria please use the following link: <https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/content/free-school-meals>

**WEEKLY AWARD WINNERS!**

	<b><u>MATHEMATICIANS OF THE WEEK</u></b>	<b><u>WRITERS OF THE WEEK</u></b>	<b><u>SCIENTISTS OF THE WEEK</u></b>
RECEPTION	IZAAN (MAGNOLIA)	MAGDALENA (MAGNOLIA)	YUSUF A (MAPLE)
YEAR 1	VEDA (LARCH)	ISABELLA (FIR)	YAQUB (FIR)
YEAR 2	TALHA (ASH)	SEN (BIRCH)	AJWA (ASH)
YEAR 3	ZAKARIYA (PINE)	DANIEL (CHERRY)	CERYS (PINE)
YEAR 4	ANUSHKA (WILLOW)	HAIQA (TEAK)	SAMY (ELDER)
YEAR 5	ANGELA (PALM)	ABDUL-HADI (OLIVE)	ZYLE (SPRUCE)
YEAR 6	ARTHUR (MULBERRY)	SYRGEN (WALNUT)	TAEYLEN (WALNUT)
ACORN OF THE WEEK		RINAH (MAPLE)	

**Cookery Classes at Davies Lane**

Did you know that 24 million slices of bread are wasted on average every day in the UK? To help you cut back on any bread waste at home, Davies Lane Primary School will be hosting a **free** cookery workshop on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019 in the School Hall! The workshop will be run by Keep Britain Tidy on behalf of North London Waste Authority.

Come along to the workshop to see a demonstration by professional chefs of how to make a bread and butter pudding, before getting the chance to make and eat a delicious panzanella salad for yourself!

Be sure to bring along some Tupperware too as you'll likely be able to take some tasty food away with you.

The cookery workshop kicks off at 2:30pm and will finish in time for you to collect your kids! Space is limited to 20 for this workshop, so be sure to book your place.

**Important Notice**

Please note that the school gate opens at 8:40am please don't bring your child in before that unless for breakfast club. Also note that parents are not allowed in the front playground before 3pm when coming to collect their child.

**Balls in the Playground**

Children are not permitted to play with balls in the playground before that school days starts. Please ensure that your child does not bring a ball in to school to use between 8:40am when the gates open and 8:55am when school starts. They will be taken away by the member of staff outside on duty.

**ATTENDANCE %**  
**FOR WEEK ENDING 11<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2019**  
THE HIGHEST THREE AND LOWEST THREE ATTENDANCE FOR CLASSES

1	PALM	100%
2	ROWAN	99%
3	CHERRY	98.9%
22	OAK	92.9%
23	JUNIPER	92.5%
24	TEAK	92.3%