

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! I trust that you've had a restful break and a good Christmas with your family.

At Davies Lane, We firmly believe that parents who regularly read and share books with their children make an enormous impact on their children's progress in reading and enjoyment of books. Many parents believe that sharing books with their child is only important when their child is learning how to read; however children who can read fluently also benefit from and enjoy reading to someone.

We really value the encouragement and support that our parents or other family members give when their child is reading at home. To gain an even better understanding of how your child is progressing with their reading, we ask whoever has been listening to the child read to make a written comment in the school reading record. The comment should be about how well the child has demonstrated understanding, fluency and enjoyment when reading to them. This reinforces to the children how important it is to read regularly at home and at school; it helps them to improve their confidence and helps them to develop a real love for books.

All children are encouraged to borrow books from class collections and read these at home. By choosing their own books, the children broaden their experience of text and have opportunities to learn new vocabulary and widen their imagination.



Let's continue to develop that love of reading here at Davies Lane - Happy reading this weekend!

Kind regards
Bronwen Chalmers
Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

10 th January	Craig Storyteller in – Reception and year 1
11 th January	Davies Lane Maths Day
12 th January	Coffee Morning at 9am
16 th January	Maths Games afternoon (Parents sre invited to join their children from 2:00pm to play Maths games)
17 th January	Craig storyteller in – Reception and year 1
18 th January	Art Day
24 th January	Craig storyteller in – Reception & Year 1
24 th January	Guitar/Ukulele assembly (9:30am)
26 th January	Art Day Gallery (Parents invited 3:15-4pm)
26 th January	Chris Norton – Year 3 & year 5 musical rehearsal
26 th January	Year 5 & Year 6 Parents invited to join their children for lunch
26 th January	Literacy coffee morning (9:00am-10am, how we teach and assess children's work in Reading, Writing, Spelling and Grammar)
27 th January	Craig Storyteller – in for family session (10am and 11am. Please note this is a Saturday.
28 th January	Chinese New Year
29 th Jauary	Young Voices @ the O2
30 th January	Performance assembly for choirs/ensembles (9:30am)
31 st January	Year 1 & year 3 Bring your parent into school morning (9-10:30am) Parents invited to join their children to take part in learning

Winter Word Search



COAT
COLD
FROST
ICE

IGLOO
SCARF
SNOW
WINTER



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IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Children attending Tea Time club are to be collected from our Mornington Street entrance. For all after school clubs please use the main Davies Lane entrance to collect them.
- Please note the school office closes at 4:30pm , if you need to contact the tea time club after 4:30pm select option 2
- 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

ParentPay Voucher Reminder

Please be aware that vouchers are only to be used for breakfast club and tea time club.

School Meals Reminder

As of the 8th January if you have any outstanding arrears on your child's school meal parent pay account, your child will not be able to have any school meals until the balance is cleared.

School Trip Reminders

The 5th January is the last day for spring trip payments if you have any outstanding Autumn trip payments need to be paid immediately.

Stay & Play

Come and join Nas for fun activities
In the South Site hall at Davies Lane Primary school

Date -Thursday Mornings
Time - 9:30-11:15 am
Cost - 50p per family

ATTENDANCE %

FOR WEEK ENDING 20TH DECEMBER 2017

THE HIGHEST THREE AND LOWEST THREE ATTENDANCE
FOR CLASSES

1	CHERRY	100%
2	ELDER	97.8%
3	CEDAR	97.2%
22	REDWOOD	87.5%
23	WALNUT	85.1%
24	ASH	80.7%