

William Westley Newsletter

7th September 2018



Welcome!

It is lovely to have the children back in school and we have been very impressed by how quickly they have returned to the school routine.

Staffing

We are pleased to report the exciting news that Mrs Holt is expecting her first child in the new year. Arrangements for her maternity leave cover will be communicated later in the term.

Building Work

We are thrilled to be back in our refurbished school. It is incredible what has been achieved in such a short space of time. Thank you to everybody for their extraordinary efforts this week to turn a building site into a fully operational school. Our new building is on track to be opened after October half term.

Arriving at School

Thank you to all of you who have helped the term start so well by ensuring children are in school in good time to line up at 8:55am. All children should be in the playground between 8:45 and 8:55am. Staff very much appreciate this as it allows them to take the register and start work promptly. We also ask that children are collected promptly at 3:20pm, thank you.

School Uniform

Thank you also for ensuring that children are appropriately dressed for school. As a school, we feel that it is especially important for our older children to set an example and we are pleased that so many have helped in this way. Please could all children have a named PE kit in school each day. If you require additional uniform, we will be placing another uniform order at 12pm on Monday 8th September.

Absence from School

If your child is away from school, please could you contact the School Office between 8:30 and 9:00 am to inform us. We will do all we can to check that children who have set out for school on their own have arrived safely. In line with Health Protection Agency guidelines, if your child is ill with sickness and/or diarrhoea, children should be kept away from school for 48 hours.

Friday Morning Assemblies

All families are very welcome to join any of our Friday Assemblies. This is a time when we celebrate birthdays and special days and share work carried out in classrooms. Friday Assemblies are at 9:15 am.

School Lunches

Thank you for your cooperation this week in providing your children with packed lunches whilst our School Kitchen is deep cleaned. Our kitchen will be fully operational on Monday. We also appreciate your support in teaching children about healthy eating. It is good to see so many children eating a healthy snack at morning break. Once again all children in Reception and Key Stage 1 will receive a piece of fruit each day. All children should have a water bottle in school. Replacement bottles (£2) and tops (50p) are available from the School Office. We would also like to remind you that we have a number of children with severe nut allergies and are therefore strictly a nut free school.

Meet the Teacher

A full diary for this half term can be found below. On Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th September there will be an opportunity for parents to meet class teachers and hear more about class routines and the work that will be carried out this term. Meetings will take place in the classrooms. Year Reception parents will have individual meetings with Miss French during next week. (Please sign up for an appointment time in the classroom if you have not yet done so).

Clubs

A full list of School Clubs will follow next week. Dance Club starts next Tuesday 11th September. Music teachers will inform you of their staff dates and lesson times.

Autumn Term Events

Wednesday 12th September	Y5 to Audley End House
Thursday 13th September	Class Photos
Friday 14th September	Y3 to Saffron Hall
Monday 17th September	Y6 Meet the Teachers Meeting 7pm Y4 Meet the Teachers Meeting 7:30pm Y1 Meet the Teachers Meeting 8pm
Tuesday 18th September	Y2 Meet the Teachers Meeting 7pm Y3 Meet the Teachers Meeting 7:30pm Y5 Meet the Teachers Meeting 8pm
Wednesday 26th September	Individual & Sibling Photos
Monday 1st October	Flu Immunisations YR-Y5
Monday 8th October	Parent Appointments 6-9pm
Tuesday 9th October	Parent Appointments 3:30-6pm
Tuesday 16th October	Parent Appointments 6-9pm
Monday 22nd to Friday 26th October	HALF TERM

New events are added weekly and an up-to-date calendar can be found on our website at <https://william-westley.eschools.co.uk/website>

Term Dates:

2018 Term Dates:

Autumn Term 2018

6th September – 19th December 2018

Half term 22nd – 26th October

Spring Term 2019

4th January – 5th April 2019

Staff Training Day - 3rd January

Half term 18th – 22nd February

Summer Term 2019

24th April – 24th July 2019

Staff Training Day - 23rd April

May Day 6th May 2019

Half term 27th May – 31st May

Staff Training Day - 3rd June