



NEWSLETTER – Monday 27th February 2017

General News

Parent Governor Voting – Has been completed and we are delighted to announce that Paul Strange and Ana-Garcia-Ovejero have been elected as Parent Governors. We would like to welcome them to the Governing Board. Thank you to all Parents who put themselves forward and to everyone who took the time to vote.

Parents Evening – If you have not already booked a slot to meet your child’s teacher please do so today. The meetings are on Wednesday and Thursday after school.

World Book Day – Thursday 2nd March. A reminder following the letter sent home on 23rd February. We are inviting children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. Please do not feel pressured to go out and buy a new costume, it is a great opportunity to think outside the box, get creative and use what you already have at home. Children will have the chance to show off their costumes in assembly and there will be prizes for the most creative costumes! Children also need to bring in their favourite book on Thursday so that they can read and enjoy their stories with their friends.

School Gates - You will have noticed that our school gate entry system has been upgraded in line with Safeguarding at school. There is no longer a release button inside the gates in the playground to let yourselves out. You should now buzz on the exit panel to be let out by office staff.

To gain access to the playground at times when the main double gates are closed callers need to buzz on the entry panel to be let in by office staff. The office staff now have a much improved camera to see who is at the gate so if the person buzzing is recognised by staff on their screen they will be able to just release the gate without verbally communicating with whoever is at the gate.

If the caller is not instantly recognised the office staff can talk to whoever is at the gate and then give access.

Either way keep an eye on the panel which has also been improved to include a visual and audible indication of when the gate has been released for you to enter.

Questionnaire - There is a parent questionnaire available to answer through the school website. It is on the website banner and in the ‘Parents’ section. Or you can access it via this link:
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/woodfordgreen>

Sainsbury’s Active Kids Vouchers are available again. So don’t forget when you check out at Sainsbury’s to ask for the vouchers and bring them in to school. Friends and family can also collect for us.

School Nurse Drop In Sessions

One of the school nursing team from the Borough will be holding Drop In sessions at school on the following dates:

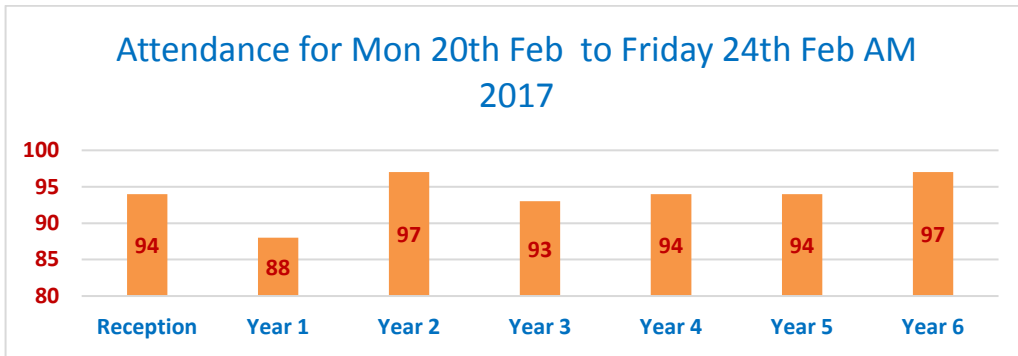
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Please feel free to drop in to see the School Nurse to discuss any issues/concerns you may have regarding your child.

DIARY DATES	
1st March & 2nd March	Parent consultation meetings
Thur 9th March	Cinema Evening in aid of Haven House Hospice
Thur 16th March	Y5 Educational Visit to Science Museum
Fri 17th March	St Patrick’s Day – Wear something green to school
Fri 24th March	Red Nose Day
Fri 31st March	INSET – school closed
Easter holidays	Monday 3rd April – Monday 17th April Return to school on Tuesday 18th April
Tues 9th May	Y5 Educational Visit to South London Botanical Institute



Attendance



Yr6 & Yr2

Best Attendance for this week



Stars of the week





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On Sunday 26th February 2017 I went to a karate tournament and I won gold. The categories were sorted by weight and age, my category number was 26. I had to fight three people. On my first match I won 3-0 second 2-0 and third 2-1. I accidentally got 2 warnings for hitting the face. I wore hand pads, shin pads, red belt twice and then a blue belt, a gum shield and courage. In the end I cried because of glory and painfulness. I competed in Walthamstow YMCA.

- Roisin Daly Y6





Our policy has been slightly reworded to make it clearer how to evidence any absences from school. Please read this to familiarise yourself what you need to do if your child is absent from school.

Attendance

Our Attendance Policy is in line with current Borough and Government guidelines. To help us improve the schools attendance we now have an Education Welfare Officer, Joy Lewis, from the Borough who will be visiting weekly to discuss pupils with poor attendance and help us to improve this.

Please remember that if your child is absent from school, you must call the school office on the first morning they are off. You must call every day your child is off school and explain fully what is wrong with your child or any other reason why they are not present. Calling and saying they are ill or unwell is not sufficient – we need to know what is wrong with your child i.e. Chicken pox or a temperature or vomiting etc. This is so we can monitor if there are any infectious illnesses spreading through school that we may need to inform parents about. If we do not hear from you by the time the registers are closing at 9.30am we will start telephoning to find out why.

All children have to be accounted for each day at school to ensure there are no child protection issues. If we are unable to contact you we may have no option but to report to the child protection department at Waltham Forest that a child is missing/unaccounted for.

Please ensure that if your child is off school due to illness for more than 2 days – even if you have telephoned us daily – Parents/Carers need to write us a letter as confirmation. Please put in your letter whether you visited or spoke to your GP and what they advised and if they prescribed your child any medication. If you did not visit or speak to your GP then please just confirm to us why your child was absent. (The school is not requiring you to visit your GP especially to obtain confirmation).

If your child was absent due to another reason and you have documentation to support the reason, please bring it in to copy or attach it to your letter.

Appointments for medical/dental treatment should be made for outside school hours, if possible, and evidence of the appointment must be given to the school office.

No time off will be authorised in the weeks immediately before or after any school holidays.

We have been advised to tighten up on children who arrive at school late. The children should be lined up in the playground each morning for the bell to ring at 8.55am. Once the Teachers have taken the pupils in the line into school the doors will be closed. Any children then arriving must come in through the main reception door. They will be noted as arriving in order to update the registers. If children arrive after 9am they will be marked as late. If a child arrives after 9.30 when registration time officially ends they will get a U mark for the morning which is late after registers closed.

If you intend to take your child out of school during term time you must complete an Absence Form prior to taking the time off school. Under some circumstances a certain amount of time may be granted and approved. But the vast majority of time off during term time we will be unable to authorise but we obviously still need to know that your child is absent for Child Protection reasons. Holiday taken during term time will most likely result in a fine from the Borough.

It is essential that all parents adhere to this policy. Your continued support is much appreciated in our efforts to improve attendance across the school.

Vomiting and Diarrhoea – if your child is suffering from either of these conditions, or both, then they should not come in to school. They must be clear of Vomiting or Diarrhoea for 48 hours before returning to school.



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POP-UP BIKE MARKET

AT WALTHAM FOREST PUBLIC BIKE MARKET
ON SATURDAY 25TH FEBRUARY 2017
& SATURDAY 4TH MARCH 2017

10am – 5pm Walthamstow Town Square

SELL YOUR OLD BIKES

Our mechanic will check over your bike,
we'll contact you with a suggested
selling price and, once it sells, we pay you.



BUY SECOND-HAND BIKES

Find your child's first bike or get back into cycling. Looking for
something specific? Go to the **WANTED** page of our website and
let us know, and we'll bring along any suitable bikes.

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