



Weekly Newsletter Friday 15th December 2023

Message from the Headteacher

Well done to parents and children for helping to make the **Festival of Triangles** such a success. Parents and classes made food to sell (all triangular); & children in Year 6 ran the mathematics activities. And of course it wouldn't have been such a success without families staying to join in the activities and helping us to fund raise by spending money- thank you.

Stars of the Week



Amelia in Nursery for using a big voice and joining in class discussions

Ali in Y5 nominated by Raha for practising his book every night at home and reading it to her word perfect; and demonstrating excellent skills at the Museum of the hOme (carpentry) and in the Winter Fayre (selling).

Attendance

N - 76%
R- 78%
1- 89%
2- 96%
3- 92%
4- 92%
5- 91%
6- 97%

Well done to **Yr 6** for achieving 97% attendance last week. Please ensure children are in school **every day**.

Changes to school PE kit Years 1-6

In order to make sure that we maximise the time children are active in PE lessons we would like your child to come to school in their PE kit on their PE days and remain in their PE kit for the day. They can wear their school jumper/cardigan on top of their kit in colder weather.

See letter below

Oracy Target

This week children have been working on our oracy target::

I can make eye contact with my audience when I speak.

Please help children to focus on the audience when speaking aloud.

Community Ambassadors task

Design a picture or write a letter or poem which will give hope and happiness to an elderly person who may be feeling lonely and sad.

Please return your letter, poem or artwork by **Monday December 18th**. I am sure your work will bring them a smile.



Parent Sessions

Coffee Morning on Wednesdays 9-10 am in the Parents Rm run by Yasmin- all welcome
Toy Library Thursdays Hoyam and Dilara
Felix Food Project Friday 2:30-3:30 run by Yasmin, Hoyan, Muna.
We are very grateful for the time and energy that our parent volunteers offer the school.

Festival of Triangles

Thank you to all families for supporting the Festival of Triangles. All money collected will be going to support School Trips, to ensure the curriculum is rich and hands on.

E1 Parent Volunteer Course Spring Term

See poster below for more information. Information and Assessment session Thursday Dec 21st 9:30 am at Hague Primary School.

Extended Leave Gentle Reminder

Parents should not book holidays during term time. Holidays should be booked during the school holiday to limit missed education. If you want to discuss extended leave this must be done with the headteacher once the Extended Leave form has been completed. Extended leave should be for emergencies only.

Please note that **Ofsted** is taking a careful look at **school attendance** as it has dropped significantly after Covid at a local & national level. It's really important that we work together to ensure attendance is at least 96% across the school.

Hand, Foot and Mouth

We have a number of children with symptoms of Hand, Foot and Mouth. Please be vigilant and check any symptoms with the NHS link below and or a pharmacist. Both will be able to provide useful advice.

Important dates

Autumn term 2023

Dec 13th 9:30 am Winter concert Nurs- Yr 3

Thur 14th Dec 9:00 am Yr 4 RHE mtg

Thur 14th Dec - Winter Fayre/ Festival of Triangles 2 pm pick up

Wed 20th Dec Christmas lunch

Dec 21st 2-3 pm Y4 5 6+Woodwind & Recorder concert

Fri 22nd Dec Christmas party, Santa visits classes and last day of term close 1:30 pm

Spring term 2024

Tue Jan 9th school starts

Mon 12th - Fri 16th Feb Half term holiday

Thur 28th March school finishes Fri 29th March to Fri 12th April

Easter holidays

Mon 15th April school starts

Monday 6th May bank holiday

Mon 27th May- Fri 31st May half term holiday

Mon 17th June school closed Eid Al-Adha

Friday 19th July school finishes

School Council Film Night Fundraising

Thank you to the school council and staff members who organised the fundraising film night events. All proceeds went to the Moroccan Earthquake appeal:

[Making the most of your mercy](#)

WD Wrap Around Care

Wrap Around Care (childcare) is available for all children. Contact Bhumi or Ridhwan on the admin email if you want to book sessions. All information is on the website: [William Davis' Wraparound Care](#)

Online Safety

Keeping children safe online is our joint responsibility. Make sure that you have parental controls in place; and that you know the sites and Apps that your children use. Check the school's online safety policy on the website. [Safeguarding and Child Protection - WILLIAM DAVIS PRIMARY SCHOOL](#)

Book Amnesty

Please return all school books to the class next week so that the book corners can be stored. There are lots of books missing.

Uniform

We have noticed that many children are coming to school in the wrong uniform. Please check the website and ensure that your child is dressed in the correct uniform and PE kit.

<http://www.williamdavis.org.uk/uniform.html>

WhatsApp

School has moved to messages being delivered via WhatsApp instead of via text. Messaging will be purely to communicate information; there will be no reply facility.

Could parents save tel. no. **07383404730** as William Davis to their contacts.

Please see the office if you don't use WhatsApp

Uniform Stall

Look out for the monthly uniform stall on a Friday afternoon run by parents, Hoyam and Dilara

Evolving situation in the Middle East

We know that this time is complex for adults caring for young children. Please take time to read this Unicef guidance for parents about talking to children about conflict and war. [How to talk to your children about conflict and war | UNICEF Parenting](#)
Please talk to us if you are concerned about your child.

Birthday Celebrations

Although we have stopped our custom of parents sharing birthday sweets in the playground at hometime, please be reassured that we still sing and give children a sticker and pencil when they celebrate their birthday.

Sweets and Snacks

Please can I ask parents to help us promote healthy eating habits. If you want your children to have a snack at home time - **bring some fruit or a bagel**. Please avoid sweets, crisp etc that are high in sugar and fat. Please encourage water or milk.

Sight and Hearing Tests

Please get your child's hearing and sight checked if you have concerns about them. Unfortunately our school nurse does not routinely screen children. School and parents need to work together to identify when a child can't see the board or hear class instructions. Please talk to your child and contact your GP or optician if you need to book a screening.

Is My Child Too Ill for School?

Please refer to these NHS guidelines when thinking about whether your child can go to school.

We need to reduce unnecessary absences from school.

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)



Healthy December

Please come and join Zarina, (parent volunteer and Healthy Eating Ambassador) every Wednesday during December for a Healthy Eating Coffee Morning.

Magic Breakfast

Children are welcome to come into school for breakfast on a daily basis. Staff prepare toasted bagels or cereal and milk. Children must be in between 8:00 and 8:30 to be served breakfast.



Reading for Pleasure

Are you a member at the Whitechapel Ideas Store? Why not join this weekend and be a regular visitor to borrow books for you and your children.

Check out the website:

[Idea Store Whitechapel](#)

CHARGES

Reminders:

In order to replace books lost at home we will charge £5 for lost books.

EYFS parents will be charged £3 / term for perishable items.

Repeated late pick ups from ASC will incur an increased fine- see the **Charging and Remissions Policy** on the website.

Fathers and Male Carers

Fathers Football at Thomas Buxton Thursday mornings - see Russell. See poster below.

Parent Reader Needed

We have one volunteer who has started. Thank you!
We need another volunteer reader to work with a KS 2 child new to the country. Ideally this volunteer would read with the child daily 9:00-9:30. See Annika or Siobhan.



Dear parents/carers,

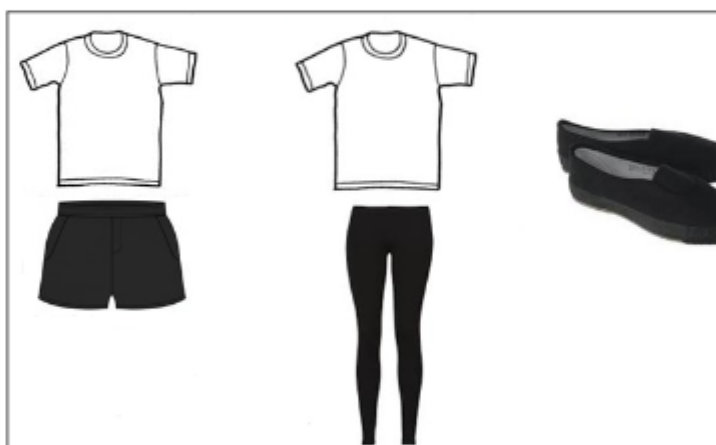
Re: Changes to school PE kit Years 1-6

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Children in Reception will continue to change as part of their PE lesson and wider learning.

PE Kit

- Plain white T shirt
- Black/dark blue shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms
- Plimsolls or trainers



Health and safety

- No jewellery should be worn to school on PE days, including earrings. If stud earrings are not able to be removed you should cover the earrings with micropore tape. The amount of tape used needs to be sufficient to prevent the piercing penetrating the bone behind the ear should an unintentional blow be received from someone or some item of equipment, such as a ball.
- Long hair must be tied back.
- Headscarves must be removed for PE lessons. Girls in Y5 or 6 who wish to keep their heads covered in PE must bring a suitable headcovering - this should be close fitting and cover the top of the head only.
- Children must be wearing well fitted plimsolls or trainers with a good grip.

Please note if your child is not wearing PE kit to school we will ask them to use spare school kit on that day.



Spring term PE days:

Class	PE days and activities	
Reception	Monday- Throwing and Catching	
Y1	Tuesday - Dance	Thursday- Fitness
Y2	Friday - Dance	Tuesday- Fitness
Y3	Tuesday - Dance	Friday- Fitness
Y4	Monday - Fitness	Wednesday - Dance
Y5	Monday - Fitness	Friday - Dance
Y6	Wednesday - Dance	Friday - Fitness

Many thanks for your support,

Kind regards,

Charlotte Barrington
Deputy Head



Community Senior's Project

During Covid children at William Davis wrote letters and drew pictures for elderly people at the Waterside Care Home in South London. The letters and artwork were intended to lift the spirits of elderly people isolated by Covid.

Sending and receiving these letters helps to uplift spirits, ease stress and relax the mind. This allows hope and happiness to be brought to the elderly residents at care homes, and for them to form wonderful connections. Likewise, students are able to form friendships by unleashing their inner creativity as they send letters and drawings to the care homes, as well as relieving some boredom they may be feeling.

Nina Andersen, Founder of Community Senior Letters (18 years old)

You can read more about the project on the website:

<https://communityseniorletters.com/>

Community Ambassadors task

Design a picture or write a letter or poem which will give hope and happiness to an elderly person who may be feeling lonely and sad.

- ★ Any child can join this project.
- ★ Please return your letter, poem or artwork by **Friday December 15th**.
- ★ Annika will post the work in one envelope to the Waterside Care Home so that the elderly people can enjoy your lovely writing or artwork.

I am sure your work will bring them a smile.





An OCN accredited course
delivered by the
PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT TEAM

TUESDAYS

9, 16, 23, 30 January

6, 20, 27 February

12, 19, 26 March

9.30am- 12pm

Volunteer in E1 Schools

Information &
assessment session

Hague Primary School
Thurs 21 December 2023,
9.30am

Learn about

- the curriculum and how children learn
- teaching methods
- how to support learning
- how to keep children safe