



### Weekly Newsletter Friday November 24th 2023

#### Message from the Headteacher

Well done to children who have worked at home on their Anti Bullying poster; it is important that children are thinking about what they can do to prevent or report incidents. Children's poster messages remind us that words can hurt; that if we see bullying taking place, be a defender and always tell an adult. Please remind your children to tell an adult straight away.

#### Stars of the Week



**Nursery Ishaq** - for starting to join with his peers on the carpet and at the snack table; and for joining the sensory circuit in a safe and independent manner.

**Sudais Yr 1** for his commitment to his learning/. He's always engaging in class discussions and trying his best.

**Suhana Yr 4** for always trying her best, supporting her peers, being a kind and caring member of the class.

**Rinad Yr 5** for creating a really beautiful stencil design in Rachel's art lesson this week.

#### Attendance

N- 85%  
R- 96%  
1- 99%  
2- 91%  
3- 94%  
4- 92%  
5- 95%  
6- 93%

Well done to **Yr 1** for achieving 99% attendance last week.

#### School Council Film Night

Yrs 1-3 29th November  
3:30-4:30

Yrs 4-6 6th December  
3:30-4:30

Please return your ticket letter promptly to guarantee tickets.

#### Oracy Target

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

*I can choose words carefully to help people understand what I am saying*

Please help children to think about their choice of words when they are explaining their thinking.

#### 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](http://www.williamdavis.org.uk/WDWraparoundCare)

#### Healthy December

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

#### 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.

#### 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

#### Festival of Triangles

Please see Siobhan or Annika if you would like to help out with our **Winter Festival of Triangles**. We really appreciate all parental contributions and help. The theme is a repeat of our festival a few years ago. We are celebrating triangles.

What an opportunity to think **creatively and in triangles!**

#### InCommon Charity Donation

Yr 4 children currently participate in a Community Ambassador project for the elderly at the Sundial Centre. The Charity that organises these intergenerational projects, InCommon, has asked us to promote their fundraising event. All money donated between November 28th and December 5th will be doubled.

<https://donate.biggive.org/campaign/a056900002RXtBzAAL>

#### 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>

#### Important dates

##### Autumn term 2023

**Nov 28th** Asthma session for parents and children

**Dec 13th 2-3pm** Winter concert  
Rec- Yr 3

**Thur 14th Dec** - Winter Fayre/  
Festival of Triangles

**Wed 20th Dec** Christmas lunch

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

**Fri 22nd Dec** 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

#### Uniform Stall

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

## 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.

## POETRY BY HEART

### Seashell (2002) by James Berry

Shell at my ear -  
come share how I hear  
busy old sea in whispers.

Moans rise from ancient depths  
in ocean sighs  
like crowds of ghost monsters.

Waves lash and fall -  
in roars and squalls  
with all a mystery ahhh!



## 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](#)



## 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.

# William Davis Primary School

**To be the best you can be**

