



Message from the Head

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had an action-packed and fun-filled return to school since last Thursday. The children have attended an assembly and workshops led by an African drumming specialist, parents have had the opportunity to attend our presentation led by Claire Delaney, Chair of Trustees at the Bellevue Place Group and many parents have also attended the year group curriculum meetings and our phonics/writing presentation.

We invite you to make use of the car park as it may help to ease the congestion on the roads immediately around the school. We hope that this will prevent inappropriate and dangerous parking close to the school entrance.

We have a new menu for this term which is on the website and our expectation is that **all** children will take up the offer of a school dinner. If you would like your child to change from a packed lunch to a school dinner, we would be delighted to help you make that change. Please speak to Ms Gibbons in the office. for further information. Please note that we do not allow children to switch from packed lunch to school dinner during the week or from week to week as this is difficult to manage. Dinner choices can only be changed at the end of a half term and you must inform Ms Gibbons. We appreciate your understanding.

We have a few requests regarding uniform, footwear and general presentation. We ask that you send in spare clothes for your children in case of accidents and spillages. A spare set of clothing ready to hand avoids us having to call you and disrupt your working day. Please also feel free to send in any older, clean uniforms that your child no longer wears as they are always useful – particularly trousers, tracksuit bottoms and skirts.

On a similar theme, if the school provides your child with clothes to change into, we ask that you return them, cleaned, the next day.

Our Values



We also ask that children who come to school in 'wellies' have a change of footwear as 'wellies' are very inflexible and uncomfortable to wear for the whole school day.

Regarding other footwear, children may wear boots – **ankle length only, not calf or knee-length** – in very cold weather but there is no forecast for very cold weather imminently.

May we also remind you that long hair should be tied back neatly with a simple hairband and haircuts should be short and neat with no patterns. Thank you.

Sadly, our whole school attendance has dropped below 95%. The national target is 96.1%. This poor attendance is due to holidays being taken during term time.

It is **VITAL** that children attend school every day unless they are unwell. The school is unable to authorise absences for holidays during term time and we need to work together to reduce these high numbers of absences during term time, particularly immediately before and after a school holiday.

Finally, please find attached a copy of our School Improvement Plan Summary which provides details of our key priorities for this academic year. We hope that your children are coming home telling all about 'challenge'!

Wishing you all a restful and happy weekend

Best wishes

Ms S Mallick
Acting Head teacher

AFRICAN DRUMMING



Watling Park School
LEARN ENJOY SUCCEED

Attendance
And Lates

Class	Attendance	Lates
Elm	86.71%	3
Oak	81.85%	3
Pear	90.48%	7
Pine	90.83%	10
Hazel	95.66%	3
Cedar	90.23%	4

Remember that the National Attendance Figure is 96+%

5th January 2018

Children were treated to an amazing, fun and traditional African drumming performance workshop



**Year 2
School trip**

Thursday 25th January 2018

Please make sure your child arrives to school on time.
Payment & consent to be made via ParentPay

Designated after school club
Mobile

07802 716723

4pm - 6pm

Please call if you are running late.

VERY IMPORTANT



If your child is ill, please call the school office **before 8.30am**

Tel: 0208 353 4249

Please leave a clear message with the child's name, class and the reason for the absence.



Please check your ParentPay account, if you have not done so already. Please settle any outstanding payments as soon as possible.

Any amount outstanding should be visible when you log into your account, but please do speak to Mrs Da Silva if you need any assistance.