



## Message from the Head

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Watling Park

We are quickly approaching the end of term and getting ready to celebrate all the wonderful learning. Please make sure you are checking your email, text messages and your child's book bag for important information about upcoming events.

The whole school are going to Aldenham Park on 5<sup>th</sup> July – me included and we need volunteers.

Please do let the office know if you are interested in coming. Names will be chosen randomly on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June if we have more volunteers than we need.

In light of the lovely warm weather we are now experiencing, it is very important that we educate the children as to how to **keep safe in hot weather**. If the sun shines please send your child to school with a **named sun hat** each day (no sunglasses please), an hour outside for PE or half an hour at lunch time is a long time to be in full sun.

Also, can you please **apply sun cream to exposed areas before your child comes to school** – a high factor cream will last most of the day. If you wish your child to bring sun cream, they may do so, but they are responsible for it and please no sharing of lotion as it may not be suitable for another child. Sadly, we are not allowed to apply cream to children ourselves now!

We still have a few places left for Reception 2017, so if you are aware of somebody who is unhappy with their allocated school or have not yet applied, they should contact us for support in applying.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Best wishes,  
*Moira*

### Attendance And Lates

Class	Attendance	Lates
Elm	93.9%	2.0%
Oak	89.7%	2.6%
Palm	92.6%	3.6%
Pine	97.8%	8.3%

## Our Values



### This week in Reception we recognise:

#### Stars of the week:

*Aron for incredible writing every morning*

*Leila for fantastic effort in her independent writing*

#### Our Values Champions:

*Joshua for persistently producing great writing!*

*Leyre for showing confidence when completing difficult tasks*

#### Friends of the Week:

*Dea for showing kindness to everyone*

*Raihan for being a great role model for all of his friends and showing them what to do*

### This week in Year 1, we recognise:

#### Stars of the week:

*Zeba for fantastic concentration in her phonics*

*Kimora for huge improvements in reading - learning new sounds*

#### Home learner for the week:

*Jita for amazing independent reading*

*Amaani for excellent maths patterns*

#### Our Values Champions:

*Deon for excellence in his maths learning*

*Stefan for excellent improvements in writing*

#### Friend of the week:

*Angel for making sure she includes all her friends in activities*

*Georgios for always having fun with his friends*

## Top Tips for learning at Home



### A spotlight on Literacy

Children enjoy exploring and experimenting with language and it helps them to learn new words and their meanings and also to listen to the sounds that make those words. So sing, rhyme, shout, whisper, rap and dance to the beat!

- **Rhyme;** What words end with the same sound? "See you later, alligator." what other words sound like *splat*?" [*mat, flat, cat*]
- **Alliteration;** What words begin with the same sound? "The red car raced to the restaurant."
- **Matching specific sounds;** What words begin or end with the same sound? "Listen to the word *duck*. Duck starts with the /d/ sound. What other words start with the same sound as duck?"
- **Odd one out** - Write and read out a list of rhyming words that have the same sounds e.g. rain, brain, main and another word that is different, such as 'the'. Ask which is the odd one out.
- **'Simon says'** with slightly more complicated instructions than 'Stand up/Sit down'. Try and jiggle on one leg, flap your arms and hop, rub your tummy and smile!

Reception Parents ..

Would you like to see a phonics lesson in action?

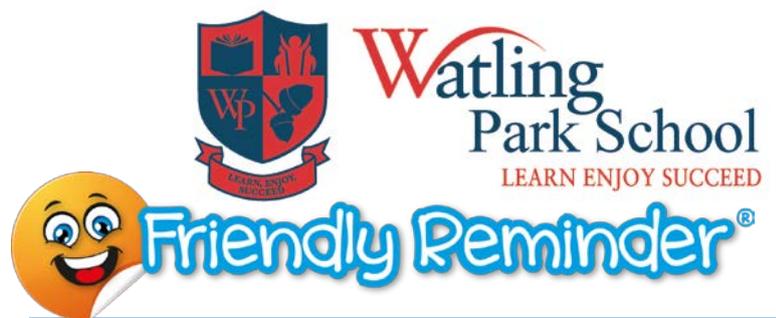
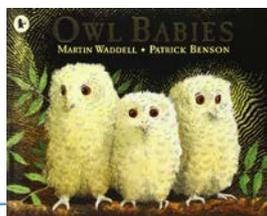
Please signup with the office to see how a phonics lesson in action here at Watling Park!

## Recommended Reading book

Owl Babies written by Martin Waddell and beautifully illustrated by Patrick Benson. It is a story about three owlets that wake up one night to find their mother gone.

It's a lovely story to read at bedtime or on a rainy afternoon.

Mrs Da Silva



- Please do not drive into the car park if the gates are open (only Sunrise Club)
- Please keep Mrs Gibbons updated with changes to telephone numbers and e mail addresses
- The final parent survey is ready for you to complete. Please read on for more information, or follow the link to complete it now.
- In this hot weather , we recommend that your child brings a named water bottle into school each day.

### BPET Parent Survey

The deadline for completing this year's Bellevue Place Education

Trust Parent Survey is this

Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> May. An email was sent to all parents last Thursday with a link to access the survey, which should take no longer than around 20 minutes. This annual online questionnaire is an opportunity to share your views on different aspects of Watling Park School and is an important part of the school's planning process. Your feedback will feed into the School Development Plan along with the strategic planning of the Trust, and we will share the feedback from your responses next half term. Please do ensure you complete the survey so that your views are counted! Thank you for the completed surveys we have already received.



The Dental team have been in school and your child will be bringing home a leaflet of all dental surgeries in Barnet who are taking on new patients and tips for looking after children's teeth. Please do check your child's book bag and ask the office for a spare copy if you do not have this.



The dental team would like us to remind you that 'Supervised brushing' until at least 7 is recommended. Please remember dental appointment treatment is free for all children.

## Aldenham Park



The whole school are going to Aldenham park on 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2017

Come with us and explore 100 Aker Wood, the home of Pooh and all his friends. You can play "Pooh Sticks" at Pooh Bridge, get inside Eeyore's Gloomy Place, post a letter and even make it all the way to the North Pole



Watling Park School children wore their snazzy shoes on Tuesday to bring an extra big smile to Walk to School Week and you raised £60.26. It will go towards helping 'Living Streets' work with schools, disability groups, local communities and campaigning work to make UK streets safer for everyone

Walking to school is a brilliant way to get active and healthy. It's also a great opportunity for children to learn vital road safety skills and make sure they're alert and ready to learn at the start of a new day.

Walk to School Week is part of national charity, Living Streets", **National Walking Month**, yes ...a month dedicated to celebrating the benefits of walking – and the perfect time to give walking a go.

So please do continue with the amazing effort you made last week. Especially now that the sun is out!

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July**  
**No after school clubs**



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## EVENTS

**WANTED**

### Kind-Hearted Grown-Ups

The PTFA are planning the School Summer Fete on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July and they need your help.



**They would love your help please:**

- To set up the Fair after school on the Friday (your children can be with you) or from 9.30am on Sat 1<sup>st</sup> July.
- To help run a stall for an hour or so at the Fair
- To clear up after the Fair

If you're willing and able, please email your details to the school office with the title 'Summer Fair'

### Watling Park's Annual Dance Festival on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 2.30pm

For those who were with us last year, it is nearly time for our annual End of Year celebration.

Each class will perform a dance and this year our very own Recorder Group led by Miss Haylett will be staging their own performance as will our Street Dance Group. Be prepared to be amazed!

### Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May

Reception children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite superhero



## Summer Term footwear

Many parents of younger children ask if their child may wear sandals with open toes and without socks to school when it is hot.



We do not recommend **Sandals with open toes** as **these** could lead to nasty cuts and grazes to toes should a child trip when running on the playground.

We are keen to ensure that all children do wear appropriate footwear.

Children should not wear boots in school all day. If they do wear boots walking to school, they should either bring or leave suitable footwear to wear for the duration of the day.

### Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

- Welcome event for 'New Sept 2017 Reception Parents' 4pm – 6 pm

### Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

- Half term – no school

### Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June

- Inset day – no school for children

### Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July

- Summer Fair

### Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July

- Sports Day – Reception am / Year 1 pm

### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July

- End of year trip, whole school – Aldenham Country Park

### Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July

- **No After School Clubs**

### Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July

- Cannons Park, Teddy Bears Picnic – Reception classes

### Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July

- Reserve Sports Day

### Monday 17<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> July

- No After School Clubs

### Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July

- End of Year Dance Festival: 2:30pm. All welcome!

### Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July

- Last day of school term. School finishes at 2.00pm

**Year 1 and Year 2 return to school on Monday 11th September, 2017.**

There will be a staggered start for new Reception children after this date.



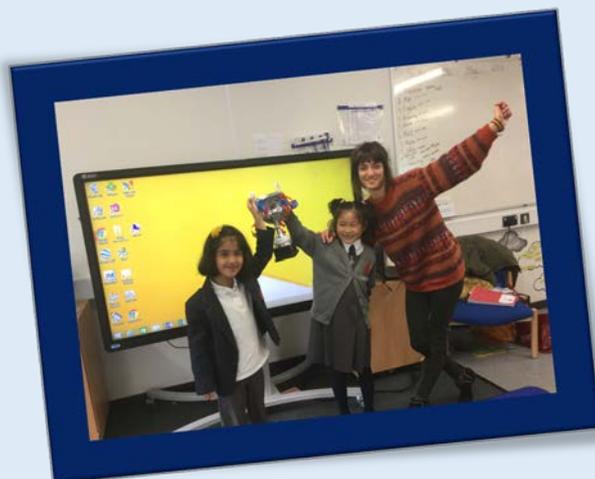
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## Vacancies

We have two new teaching assistant positions at Watling Park School from September 2017.

If you are interested in applying, please contact the school, or download an application pack from the school website.

The attendance cup has been won by Pine Class two weeks in a row and they were the only class to reach the school target of 95%. Please do try to ensure your child is in school every day as we need to ensure all classes reach at least 95%



## Watling's Wonderful Writers

My award this week goes to Oliver Lai in Reception for his story. I really like the way he has described how the dog 'snatched' the biscuits. I am glad they all became friends at the end though!

Once upon a time, there was a bear called biscuit bear. He went to the jungle. And he met an ugly dinosaur and the dinosaur and Bongo the dog snatched biscuit bear. But Bongo the dog saved him and became friends.