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## Upcoming Events

### Family Picnic

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2015

Watling Park – exact location to follow

## Contact Us

[admissions@watlingparkschool.org.uk](mailto:admissions@watlingparkschool.org.uk)

## Message from the Headteacher

It was lovely to meet so many of you at the Uniform Measuring Event and especially to meet the new children of Watling Park and to begin to find out a little more about them.

As the end of term is quickly approaching and you will be receiving your child's end of term nursery report, please do forward a copy marked for my attention c/o of Rutherford House School. This will assist us in building a picture of our new school community and so help to ensure that we provide a top quality curriculum, which is matched to the needs and interests of your children. On that point, I will be updating the website in the next couple of weeks with an indicative timetable for Reception and providing more information about the curriculum. Please do look out for this.

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## Our Family Picnic

After speaking to many parents and finding out about their exciting plans the summer holidays, we have decided to hold the Family Picnic early on Saturday 18th July, from noon onwards.

This will be held in Watling Park and I will provide more details on the exact location a little bit later this week.

This will be a perfect opportunity to meet each other and for the children to have some fun getting to know their classmates.

### What do we need to bring?

- Our favourite teddies or cuddly toys
- Some games to share –e.g. Frisbees, a ball, bubbles to blow
- Food for the picnic - you may want to bring some food to share from your home countries .This will be much appreciated!

### Who is invited?

Parents, children and families of the children of Watling Park - not forgetting grandparents.

Also members of the community who want to find out more about Watling Park School.

### **Design a sandwich!**

At the picnic, we will be setting up an area where children will have the opportunity to design and make their own sandwich. We do ask if you could all bring one ingredient – maybe a sandwich filling or a type of bread so we have lots of choice! Children can then let their imaginations take over whilst they design their delicious sandwiches! We do ask there are no nut based ingredients please.

If you do have a small fold up picnic table that you could bring along that would be extremely useful for laying out our sandwich making fun!

The Watling Park team look forward to seeing you there. Even if you can only make it for a short while, please do come along.

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## More about uniforms

It was a delight to see our children trying on their Watling Park uniforms and looking so smart.

A pupil premium form is now available on our website which will enable you to claim a discount for school uniform. If you do meet the criteria for pupil premium and can provide supporting evidence of this, we can offer you a 50% discount. Please bring along the original evidence along with a photocopy to the Family Picnic so I can acknowledge I have seen this.

Howard Brothers located in Mill Hill Broadway are our uniform suppliers and they do recommend that you visit the store as early as possible as over the summer holidays the store is incredibly busy – with queues out of the door! A uniform policy is currently being updated in light of some the questions raised by yourselves at recent events and will be available on the website soon.

### **Labelling of Uniform**

Please ensure all items of uniform are clearly labelled and really easy to see as this will help your child manage their own health and social needs by dressing themselves independently and taking responsibility for their possessions. Labels in the collar of jackets, jumpers and cardigans are easy for us and your child to see. Please make sure you label almost everything your child will be wearing as we don't want them to lose any items. Howard Brothers stock both iron on and sew on name labels.

### **Buying more uniform throughout the school year**

From 14<sup>th</sup> September onwards, Howard Bros will offer a delivery to school service. Order what you need over the phone or Internet and they will deliver it to our school.

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## Recruitment

We have been busy this week recruiting new teachers and

teaching assistants to join the Watling Park School Team. Roxanne Iyacootee will be joining us in September as teacher of one of our Reception Classes.

Roxanne was previously employed as a teaching assistant before she spent three years training to become a teacher and she has always known that she wanted to work in Early Years and be involved in organising engaging opportunities for children to learn through purposeful play.

Roxanne has experience in both Key Stage 1 and Early Years and is very excited at the prospect of being one of the founding members of Watling Park and being part of such a small community at the start, where she can get to know everyone inside and out!

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## Class names

Before we know it, the start of the school year will be here and we need to choose names for our classes.

Names, as we know are very important to us. They help us to create a sense of identity and define who we are. That is why we would like you, your families and of course your children to help us with names for our classes.

There are so many possibilities – We could name our classes after trees, famous people, wild flowers, precious stones - the list is endless.

We are keen for you to be part of the decision making at our school and we would like to hear your ideas.

### **What do I have to do?**

All you need to do to have a chance of choosing the theme for our first two classes and the classes of the future is send an email to [watlingparkheadteacher@gmail.com](mailto:watlingparkheadteacher@gmail.com) by Friday 24th July containing the following information:-

- Your name and interest in the school, e.g. family, local community member, etc.
- Your chosen theme for the classroom names
- Your reasons for choosing the theme
- Ten examples for your theme, e.g. ten different tree names. Remember we will eventually have 14 classes, so we need to make sure we have options for the children of the future!

We hope you and your family enjoying coming up with some creative suggestions!

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## What's happening in the Community

Summer's finally here and I am sure you are all starting to think of ways to keep the children occupied over the six weeks. Here are some links to activities in Barnet which will help you to amuse your children all summer long.

<http://www.netmums.com/barnet/whats-on>

<http://www.dayoutwiththekids.co.uk/things-to-do/Barnet>

<https://www.barnet.gov.uk/citizen-home/news/have-fun-in-barnets-parks-this-summertime.html>

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## Reception places still available!

There are a limited number of Reception places still available for this September. If you are interested in a place at Watling Park or know anyone that is, registration is via our website.