



We aim to stimulate and inspire our children, develop their interests and equip them with lifelong learning skills through the provision of a broad, rich and exciting curriculum which focuses on developing children's love of learning.

### Messages from Mrs Quartson

We had an excellent turn out from parents and carers to discuss how the children have settled in and how their learning is going at last week's **Parent Teacher Consultations**. It is expected that the parent/carer of every child will meet with the staff, so if you were unable to attend please ensure you make an appointment with your child's class teacher urgently.

Year 3 classes have been inspiring the children and adults across the school to **celebrate Harvest by donating tins, packs and cans of foods that we can donate to the local Food Bank**. Their assembly was very informative and I am sure you were impressed with the letter they wrote informing you of the collection. The table in the hall (where donations are being put) is filling up but we still have space for more. **Please send in your donations all this week** ready for Year 3 to pass over to the local Food Bank when they come to collect it. Many thanks in advance for your generosity!

#### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

"There is only one thing that makes a dream impossible to achieve: the fear of failure." - Paulo Coelho

### Trips this Week:



**Year 2** loved their trip to the **Barbican** today to see the performance of '**Peter and the Wolf**' by the **London Symphony Orchestra**. They have been doing lots of preparation for the performance. I enjoyed watching some of the children use the xylophones very creatively to represent the wolf creeping along when I was in their class last week.



**Year 3** will be enjoying a very busy day at the **Verulamium Museum and exploring the Roman wall segments and ruins around the area in St Alban's** tomorrow. This will further enhance the learning they have done so far and support them with the projects they will be looking at throughout the rest of the term.

Thank you so much to the staff for arranging these valuable trips as they bring the learning to life for the children. Thank you also to each of you for making the contribution towards the cost of the trips as they can't go ahead without your help.

### Friends of Watling Park (FoWP)

Thank you to everyone who attended the **Welcome Coffee Morning** this morning and thanks to the committee who organised it.

You will have received the notification regarding the **Annual General Meeting for FoWP this Thursday night at 6.15pm**. Sent out with the flyer was the list of Roles and Responsibilities that need to be filled.

Please consider whether you can support the school and the FoWP by volunteering to take on one of the posts or if you would prefer to support in other ways.

Dates for your diary will be agreed in the coming weeks and will be published on the newsletters and in flyers sent home so please keep an eye out for them. Thank you for your ongoing support.

### ParentPay

We have been made aware that there continues to be some problems with accessing and using ParentPay. We are looking into this and will liaise with the team at ParentPay to address it as soon as possible.

Apologies for any inconvenience caused. We will ensure we keep payment portals for trips open so you can make payments even after they have been completed.

## ★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★

We are very pleased to announce our Stars of the Week for the last two weeks are:

|              | Week ending 28 <sup>th</sup> September: | Week ending 5 <sup>th</sup> October: |
|--------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| Pear Class   | Sophia                                  | Lia                                  |
|              | Fatima                                  | Christopher                          |
| Pine Class   | Abel                                    | Fadak                                |
|              | Koko                                    | Nicolas                              |
| Hazel Class  | Georgiana                               | Naomi                                |
|              | Jila                                    | Raihan                               |
| Cedar Class  | Cristiana                               | Georgi                               |
|              | Deusa                                   | Ahmed                                |
| Willow Class | Omar                                    | Youcef                               |
|              | Jazmya                                  | Tiana                                |
| Birch Class  | Rebecca                                 | Zak                                  |
|              | Lewie                                   | Viaar                                |

### Parking – thank you!

Many thanks to all the parents and carers who have been parking safely when dropping off and picking up their children.

It makes a big difference to have a calm start to the day for everyone and helps keep our relationship with the residents on a positive note.

### After School Clubs

Clubs for Reception children begin this week.

|          |                                     |  |
|----------|-------------------------------------|--|
| Monday:  | Y2&3<br>Rec<br>Rec-Y3               | Dodgeball<br>Arts & Craft<br>Zumba   |
| Tuesday: | Rec-Y3<br>Y2&3                      | Athletics<br>Arts & Craft  |
| Wed:     | Rec & Y1<br>Rec-Y3<br>Rec-Y3        | Football<br>Choir<br>Boxercise   |
| Thurs:   | Rec-Y3<br>Beginners<br>Intermediate | Ultimate Frisbee<br>Karate (finishes at 4.30pm)<br>Karate (finishes at 5.15pm) |
| Friday:  | Y2&3<br>Rec-Y3                      | Football<br>Street Dance   |

Stay & Play club is on every afternoon.

ALL CLUBS ABOVE FINISH AT 5PM EXCEPT KARATE.

Children who also attend Sunset Club must be collected promptly at 6.00pm (5pm on Friday). Anyone who is late collecting their child from Sunset Club will be charged £5 per half hour late.

### Communication

We are slowly learning how to upload information onto the website given the change of staffing at BPET head office.

If you are knowledgeable about websites and would be willing to help us out, we would be very appreciative. Please let us know via the school office.

We will be very grateful for any help and support offered. Many thanks advance!

## UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### THIS WEEK:

|                                 |   |        |
|---------------------------------|---|--------|
| Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> October  | Year 2 trip to the Barbican to see the London Symphony Orchestra – Swimming cancelled | Year 2 |
| Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October | Year 3 trip to St Albans Verulamium Museum and Roman ruins trip                       | Year 3 |

### FURTHER AHEAD:

|   |   |           |
|---|---|-----------|
| 15 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> October | Black History Month focus across the school | All years |
| Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October          | Falconry Tapestry                           | Year 1    |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> October | Half term holidays                          | All years |
| Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October             | Inset day                                   | All years |
| Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> October            | 8.45am – Children return to school          | All years |

Please contact the school using our email:

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### Lunches



Thank you for supporting the free lunch provided by the catering company last Thursday. Most of the children and staff enjoyed eating together on this day.

### Black History Month

October is the celebration month for Black History. At Watling Park School, we will be using next week to focus on this. Our overall theme will be 'The Windrush Generation' where relevant year groups will learn more about what this means and what happened.

Other year groups may be focusing on famous Black Historians and their achievements or looking at appropriate activities for the very youngest of our children.

Through these activities, we want to highlight the values of determination and appreciation.