



## School Aims

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

Welcome back to the new half term and the lead up to Christmas. I hope you enjoyed a relaxing and family-oriented week off!

This is a very busy half term (but aren't they all!) with so many events and learning celebrations including the Christmas Nativity performance by Years 1 and 2, end of topic celebrations for Year 3, festival events and other exciting visits and visitors for all the classes across the school.

If you know any children who will be ready to **start in Reception in September 2019**, please encourage them to visit one of our open mornings/afternoons to see how the school works and what we offer. The next one will be **this Thursday afternoon at 2.00pm** with another one **next Friday at 9.30am**.

If you would like your child to attend any of the **After School Clubs** we offer, please let the office or Miss Lulu know as we have a couple of spaces available. For a list of clubs, please see overleaf.

#### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

You will never have this day again. So make it count!

### Harvest Donations



A huge **thank you** to everyone who contributed to the Harvest collection this year. We are humbled by your generosity and acts of kindness and the children were very proud to support the local Colindale Foodbank.

Your donations will help make these cold winter months less of a worry for the recipients of the foodbank parcels in and around the roads that we live in.

Mrs Aherne very kindly delivered the donations to the Foodbank over the holiday - if you wish to learn more about the Colindale Foodbank and what they are doing to support local people, please follow this link: <https://colindale.foodbank.org.uk/>.

**IF YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL DUE TO ILLNESS, PLEASE ENSURE YOU CALL AND LEAVE A MESSAGE ON THE ABSENCE LINE BEFORE 9.00am (020 8353 4249).**

### Friends of Watling Park (FoWP)

Thank you to the FoWP Committee members who led the Annual General Meeting prior to the half term holidays. Whilst the turnout was not high, we were pleased to note that parents and carers are very keen to support the school in a wide range of ways - your generosity of time and donations are very gratefully received!

The Committee members are still looking for volunteers to support with a range of positions so please do speak to any of them or to the school office staff if you are interested in supporting.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Year 2 Cake Sale: Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 3.30 - 4.00pm in the main playground.
- Winter Fayre: Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 3.00 - 6.00pm

Any support or help you can offer on the day or ahead of the event will be appreciated.

### Trips and Events - Payment

Please remember that unless we have enough donations towards events and trips, we will need to cancel them which will be a shame for the children as these events support their curriculum learning in a range of different subjects.

Unfortunately, we are carrying a large shortfall in our budget so we do not have funds to be able to cover additional costs for trips and events, which I know is disappointing.

## ★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★

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

	Week ending 12 <sup>th</sup> October:	Week ending 19 <sup>th</sup> October:
Pear Class	Sara	Elisa
	Neo	Aiden
Pine Class	Trim	Zara
	Orpheus	Kellynn
Hazel Class	Imran	Dennis
	Safine	Micah
Cedar Class	Nazwali	Zainab
	Phoebe- Amelia	Luca
Willow Class	Kaloyan	Jita
	Zeba	Frankie
Birch Class	Theodora	Mohammed
	Lidya	Shahanie

### Naming Uniform items

We have growing numbers of uniform items that we can't return to the rightful owner because they don't have names on them.

I am aware that it is very expensive to buy your child's school uniform so **please ensure you write their name clearly on each piece (even their socks!)** so if they lose something, it can be returned to the correct owner. Our lost property cupboard is getting very full!

### After School Clubs

Clubs for Reception children begin this week.

Monday:	Y2&3 Rec Rec-Y3	Dodgeball Arts & Craft Zumba
Tuesday:	Rec-Y3 Y2&3	Athletics Arts & Craft
Wed:	Rec & Y1 Rec-Y3 Rec-Y3	Football Choir Boxercise
Thurs:	Rec-Y3 Beginners Intermediate	Ultimate Frisbee Karate (finishes at 4.30pm) Karate (finishes at 5.15pm)
Friday:	Y2&3 Rec-Y3	Football 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 have had a couple of incidents where parents have spoken to other parents of children about their behaviour in the playground before or after school.

Please inform a member of staff if you are concerned about a child/ren's behaviour so that staff can address it. This way relationships between parents and carers remains cordial.

It also means that staff are made aware of incidents and concerns.

Thank you in advance for your support with this.

## UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>THIS WEEK:</b>		
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Inset day	All years
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	8.45am – Children return to school	All years
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Year 2 Muck, Mess & Mixtures morning	Yr 2
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	2.00pm - Tour of School for Prospective Parents	
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	FoWP Yr 2 Cake Sale in main playground	All Years
<b>FURTHER AHEAD:</b>		
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Executive Headteachers & BPET CEO visit	
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Diwali	
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.30am - Tour of School for Prospective Parents	
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	2.00pm - Tour of School for Prospective Parents	
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	6.15pm – Parent/Carer Meeting with Caterlink Manager re school lunches	All parents and carers

### Black History Month

The children in each year group learnt about different aspects of Black History Month during the week before the holidays.

Half term home learning projects are due in today (Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October) which gives staff enough time to arrange them in time for your visit to see them this Thursday.

Please join us in your child's classroom this **Thursday (1<sup>st</sup> November 2018) at 3.20pm** to celebrate our projects. We look forward to welcoming you!

Please contact the school using our email: [office@watlingparkschool.org.uk](mailto:office@watlingparkschool.org.uk)