



## 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

A belated Happy Diwali to all our Hindu families and staff! I trust you all enjoyed a wonderful celebration together with your families. I know many families also celebrated Guy Fawkes and enjoyed the fireworks.

You may have seen us selling poppies in honour of the **100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Remembrance Day** – the day the guns fell silent at the end of WW1. It is such an important part of our history. Yesterday, many of us celebrated the brave men and women who fought to ensure we enjoy our freedom today.

Year 2 enjoyed their trip to the **Science Museum** last week and also enjoyed their **Muck, Mess and Mixtures Day** for their topic learning. We have had many visitors in school recently and they are all very impressed with the children's enthusiasm for learning and the exciting and inspiring curriculum they are offered. They also mention how kind and thoughtful your children are – which I would also echo! They are a real tribute to each of you!

This week is **ANTI-BULLYING WEEK**. We will also be focusing on **CHILDREN IN NEED on Friday**. The children can wear their own clothes to school in exchange for a donations and we are hoping lots of parents will join in the **'Take a Bite'** (of the doughnut) competition against the staff in the playground at pick up time on Friday. See you there!

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:** The battle may be over but we may never know the impact on those around us...

### After School Clubs

Thank you to all the parents and carers who collect their children promptly from after school club. Unfortunately, some parents are late collecting which can be frustrating for staff who may need to get out promptly.

**Any parents or carers who are late collecting their child will be charged a £5.00 per half hour Late Collection fee.** It is also important that you **call ahead to let us know you are running late.** Your children are looking forward to seeing you in the evening and any additional minutes can cause upset and distress. Being able to let them know you have called makes a huge difference for them. Thank you for your help with this.

**A reminder about parking thoughtfully when you drop off or collect. Recently, we have had a number of parents and carers blocking driveways and parking dangerously.**

### Friends of Watling Park (FoWP)

The recent **Year 2 Cake Sale raised an impressive £154!** Thank you so much to the Year 2 Reps and Parents for hosting the bake sale and to all the children and parents who bought a cake or pirate goodie. The money will be used to support Year 2 events throughout the year.

FoWP will be sending out their **newsletter and flyers for the upcoming events** this term (see below for dates). Please keep an eye out for the flyers and add the dates to your diary. We look forward to seeing you all there!

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

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| • Own clothes day:                | Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November                  | Children wear their own clothes to school in return for a donation of specific items for the Christmas Market/Fayre |
| • Walt Quizney Family Quiz Night: | Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November 5.30 – 7.00pm |   |
| • Christmas Market/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.                             |
| • Winter Wonderland Disco         | Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 4.00 – 5.30pm |   |

## ★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★

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

	Week ending 2 <sup>nd</sup> November:	Week ending 9 <sup>th</sup> November:
Pear Class	Zihan	Zihan
	Londa	Diar
Pine Class	Safeya	Indie
	David	Koko
Hazel Class	Damerae	Jonathan
	Leyre	Jace
Cedar Class	Ricky	Zakariya
	Gracie	Camron
Willow Class	Deon	Stina
	Ariana	Lia
Birch Class	Amaani	Abrar
	George	Tegan

### 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.

### UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

THIS WEEK:		
	Anti-Bullying Week	
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	2.00pm - Tour of School for Prospective Parents	
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children in Need Day – wear own clothes in return for a donation 3.30pm 'Take a Bite' Competition in the playground	All classes  Children, parents & staff
FURTHER AHEAD:		
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	6.15pm – Parent/Carer Meeting with Caterlink Manager re school lunches	All parents and carers
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	FoWP Own Clothes Day – in return for a donation for the Christmas Market/Fayre	All classes
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	9.30am - Tour of School for Prospective Parents	
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Diwali Celebration dance workshop	Reception and Year 3
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	5.30 – 7.00pm - FoWP Walt Quizney Family Quiz Night	All families
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 1 trip to Science Museum	Year 1

#### Paying for trips and events

As requested in the previous newsletter, we really need your support with **paying for trips and events** which staff organise to bring the children's learning to life.

You should have received the **list of trips and events for each year group** for the remainder of the year.

It would be upsetting to have to cancel any trips or visitors but this is a real possibility as we don't have enough school funds to cover the shortfall for every trip. Please support us by donating to the trips so they can go ahead. Thank you for your help.

Please contact the school using our email:

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

#### Communication: ParentPay and Lateness

Thanks to Miss Foe's hard work and perseverance, we think we are close to sorting out **ParentPay** – finally!! If you are still waiting for any **codes or information to allow you to pay for lunches, clubs or trips**, please speak to Miss Foe in the office so she can help. Thank you so much for your patience regarding what has been a very frustrating situation for all of us.

We saw a big drop in lateness and absence before the holidays but numbers are up again recently. **Please remember that school starts at 8.45am promptly.** We have a very knowledgeable Welfare Officer and First Aiders at school so please only keep your child off if they are very ill or have been vomiting or had diarrhoea. Thanks for your support with this.