



## 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

Thank you to the small group of parents and carers who attended the **School Meal meeting with Leigh from Caterlink** last week. We all enjoyed the apple flapjack that he provided! We were also able to have a frank and honest conversation about school meals, their recent improvement and areas we are focusing on improving further going forward. It was disappointing that so few people were able to attend but we trust that feedback from your children about school meals over the last couple of weeks has been much more positive as the quality has risen sharply since we asked for a new chef. We continue to monitor the meals closely and will feedback both positives and areas to develop to Leigh regularly.

Reception and Year 3 children enjoyed the **Diwali workshops** today and learnt a lot about the Indian culture. Thank you to Mrs Wader for organising the event.

As the weather has become much colder, please ensure your child comes to school with a coat and jumper as well as their blazer.

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:** You are never too young to dance like no one is watching!

### NUT FREE ZONE

Please remember that we are a **NUT FREE SCHOOL** as we have a number of children with a severe nut allergies so no nut products can be brought into school including Nutella and other spreads containing nuts. Thank you so much for your support with this.

### BIRTHDAYS

While it is lovely to celebrate birthdays for your child, please remember that it takes time for staff to distribute things to the children. To ensure it is not a rush at the end of the day, please give out cakes or party bags in the playground to ensure staff are able to make sure the children are released on time.

## Friends of Watling Park (FoWP)

Thank you so much for your generous donations towards the Christmas Market/Fayre last Friday. If you still have things to donate, please bring them in to the office and FoWP will collect them.

UNFORTUNATELY, WE WILL HAVE TO CANCEL THE FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT THIS WEDNESDAY EVENING DUE TO ILLNESS AND A LACK OF TAKE-UP.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

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| • <del>Walt Quizney Family Quiz Night:</del> | <del>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 5.30 - 7.00pm</del> | <del>CANCELLED</del>   |
| • 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           | N.B. Children who have already paid for afterschool clubs on this day, will not have to pay again for the disco. |

## ★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★

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

	Week ending 16 <sup>th</sup> November:	Week ending 23 <sup>rd</sup> November:
Pear Class	Stinor	Aaron
	Chloe	Nylah
Pine Class	Kieran	Fatemah
	Seema	Callum
Hazel Class	Sofia	Mika
	Camelia	Tariya
Cedar Class	Divyana	Jake
	Madisom	Daria
Willow Class	Alex M	Hasan
	Alexandra	Joshua
Birch Class	Sohan	Anum
	Gion	Yousef

### 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:

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 CANCELLED DUE TO ILLNESS AND LACK OF INTEREST	All families
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	2pm - Tour of School for Prospective Parents	

#### FURTHER AHEAD:

Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 1 trip to Science Museum	Year 1
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Watling Park Christmas Fair	All
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Snow Queen Pantomime	
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 3 Roma Feast	Year 3 and Parents.
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	FoWP Winter Wonderland Ball	All

#### Greeting your child at the end of the day

We are seeing more parents and carers talking on phones or watching videos as they enter the school in the afternoons.

Remember that we are a PHONE FREE SCHOOL and that your children look forward to seeing you in the afternoons.

Thanks for supporting us with this.

### Communication

Apologies for the error with dates for the Year 1 trip next term. It was added to the school diary incorrectly. I also understand that Year 1 parents received a text regarding bringing wellies in very late in the evening last week. Unfortunately, the text was sent out before the end of the day so we are not sure why it took so long to get to you.

We continue to have difficulties with ParentPay and I am aware that many of you are concerned that you owe large amounts of money. We are working hard to ensure everything is accurate as much of the information added in the past was incorrect. As the office staff are new and learning how to use the system, this is making it more of a challenge. I know this is not ideal but it is vital that we get accurate information loaded in urgently and can correct any errors from the past. Please bear with us!

