



## 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

It is beginning to feel a lot like Christmas around the school over this last week and the children's excitement is becoming infectious!

The rehearsals for the Key Stage 1 Nativity are well underway with the children beginning to learn their dances and lines now that they are confident with the songs. Please remember to return the slip regarding your attendance at one (or both) of the performances so we can ensure we have enough mince pies for each of you!

We are also looking forward to seeing many of the Year 3 parents and carers joining us for the finale of their topic on Romans. They children have been practicing their cooking skills this week in preparation for the big event!

It will be a busy day on Friday – Christmas Jumper Day in support of Save the Children and the FoWP Winter Wonderland Ball which we look forward to seeing your children at. If you have any questions regarding these things, please don't hesitate to speak to the office staff or catch me on the gate most mornings.

**As this will be the last newsletter for this term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your ongoing support for the school and to wish each of you a very happy, safe and healthy Christmas and holiday season. I look forward to welcoming each of you back on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at the normal time of 8.45am.**

### Friends of Watling Park (FoWP)

It was lovely to see so many of you at the FoWP Christmas Fayre last Friday. It was a wonderful atmosphere and as two of the children said: 'We had the best time!' Father Christmas' visit to the school was a highlight for many children too.

Thank you so much to the FoWP Committee who worked very hard over the last few weeks to prepare and get everything ready for the Fayre and also to the other parents and staff who helped out. These events can only happen with your support.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- **Winter Wonderland Disco Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 4.00 – 5.30pm**  
Please refer to the letter that went home last week for further details regarding collecting the children, etc.

### Appointments

Some parents are asking for their child to be collected early for appointments. Our attendance figures had shown a great improvement until recently when they have dropped again.

Research shows that children who attend school regularly make better progress than those who do not. Please use the upcoming holidays to book any appointments that your child may need.

### Website

We are gradually updating the website and adding items to the 'Latest news' section for you to keep up to date with some of the exciting things happening around the school.



### Local Newspapers feature Watling Park

#### School



It was wonderful to see Ms Collinson and the school featured in local newspapers recently to celebrate the planting of almost 100 saplings and hedgerows by the children around the school site.

We look forward to watching as they grow, providing us with shade and our own copse where we can undertake more outdoor learning over the years. The trees were donated by the Woodland Trust.

## ★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★

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

	Week ending 30 <sup>th</sup> November:	Week ending 7 <sup>th</sup> December:
Pear Class	Christopher	Daniella
	Ella	Almir
Pine Class	Kacper	Prince
	Dia	Aaron
Hazel Class	Rim	Emelia
	Yursa	Isjona
Cedar Class	Georgie	Maia
	Malak	Shreelaya
Willow Class	Alex G	Ayesha
	Lorita	Cortez
Birch Class	Samuel	Omid
	Dominik	Samirah

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS - UPDATE

Clubs will run as normal for this week.

There will be no external clubs next week. We are offering After School Club run by our school staff only.

This will finish at 6.00pm from Monday - Thursday (17<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> December).

There is no After School Club on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December. ALL CHILDREN MUST BE COLLECTED AT 3.30PM.

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS NEXT TERM

Due to the costs associated with running external clubs, we will be offering a range of high quality clubs run by school staff starting in January 2019 with limited external clubs.

Please look out for the letter regarding the changes. Prices will remain the same (£5.50 for After School Clubs and £2.50 for Sunset Club).

You will need to sign up for the clubs by following the instructions in the letter. Please ensure all outstanding money is paid by the end of this term.

As places are limited, preference will be given to those who have paid in advance (unless Mrs Quartson or Miss Lulu have agreed something with you in advance).

### UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### **THIS WEEK:**

Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30 - Snow Queen Pantomime	All children
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2.30pm - Year 3 Roman Feast	Year 3 and Parents
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2pm - Tour of School for Prospective Parents	
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Visit to Appletree Care Home to share some Christmas Songs	Selected Reception and Yr 1 children
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Jumper Day in support of Save the Children	All children
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	4.00 – 5.30 - FoWP Winter Wonderland Ball	All children

#### **FURTHER AHEAD:**

Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2.30 – Key Stage 1 Christmas Nativity Performance	Years 1 and 2 and all parents
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6.00 – Key Stage 1 Christmas Nativity Performance	Years 1 and 2 and all parents
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Lunch	All children
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Class Parties - with a visit from Santa	All children
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	3.30pm - LAST DAY OF TERM (no after school club on this day)	All children
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	8.45am – SCHOOL STARTS FOR SPRING TERM	All children

### Communication

Please note, the school gates close at 8:50am.

We are trying to promote better attendance as this means better attainment for your child.

Please make sure you are on time for school.

**ParentPay:** Most parents should have received activation letters (if they were needed) and everyone should now be able to manage ParentPay. If you are still having problems please go to the office and let the ladies know.

Everyone can now also see the new clubs that will be taking place from January right through to March so you can sign your child up to any you may wish them to attend.

### Competition entries

The children have been busy making Christmas designs for two competitions: our Local MP asked schools to design a Christmas email greeting for him to use and our local care home, Appletree Court, wanted help designing a card for them to send out to families of residents.



Let's hope one of our wonderful designs wins!