



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 all who attended the **'Meet the Teacher'** meetings last week; it was wonderful to welcome so many parents and carers. I hope you found the information useful. Please don't hesitate to contact year group staff should you have any queries. If they can't speak with you immediately, please call the office and arrange an appointment to meet with them.

We began daily Phonics, spelling and guided reading sessions across the school last week. I have seen some very impressive learning during my visits to the lessons. Maths lessons across the school have also been very engaging.

The children are getting very involved in their topic lessons too – such as Year 3, where they have been making Roman shields and helmets after being visited by a Roman soldier. **They will also be leading the school assembly this week, teaching us about Harvest. Please look out for the letter they have written asking for contributions to the local food bank over the coming weeks.**

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

If you read just one book to a child each night, they will have read 1825 adventures by their 5th birthday. Think how many adventures will they have gone on by the time they are 10!

Parking and our Local Residents

We have had a number of complaints from local residents regarding parents blocking them in and parking unsafely. It has meant many are not able to leave in time to get to work.

This causes upset for both you and the resident and has led to shouting, swearing and sometimes threatening behaviour in front of children and other families. This is not a good way to start the day and is not setting a good example of how to deal with difficult situations effectively.

I appreciate how difficult it is to park on Pavilion Way but the residents have a right to be able to enter and leave their houses safely and calmly each day.

Please think carefully about where you park – do not park over driveways, in resident's parking areas or on the pavement. Wherever possible, please consider walking to school – your children get to catch up with friends along the way and it is always a much more positive beginning to the morning. I have included some of the photos we have been sent to show the dangerous parking that is happening.



Social Media use



Social media (eg Facebook, Instagram, etc) are wonderful ways of being in contact and sharing information, however, it is vital that we think carefully about what we share and the impact it may have on each other and our children. Things posted on social media never truly disappear, even if you delete them, as others may have already viewed and shared it.

Please be mindful – if you do not want it shared about you then others probably would not want it shared about them either. We are trying to teach the children this to ensure they understand the impact also. Please also ensure children are not hearing things they do not need to as it causes unnecessary upset and confusion.

ParentPay

Ms Gibbons has worked very hard on ParentPay. We hope all issues are now solved. Letters are going home today with your login details. Please let us know if you have any problems.

Reception Parents

Please ensure you don't block the pathway for other parents in the mornings and afternoons.

★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★

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

	Week ending 14 th Sept.	Week ending 21 st Sept.
Pear Class	Aaliyah	Aiden
	Lewis	Maria
Pine Class	Nashaata	Oliver
	Danilo	Vera
Hazel Class	Kaysha	Ali Omar
	Heba	Timurhan
Cedar Class	Camron	Ramin
	Olivier	Soraiya
Willow Class	Tudor	Eric
	Angel	Rebecca
Birch Class	Brooke	Ousinou
	Francis	Abigale

Lunches



Thank you so much for your help regarding Packed Lunches. We are still following guidelines from last year.

School Meals



I am working with the catering company to revise the menu. This will be done over the coming weeks. I have also asked for a tasting session and a meeting with the parents so your questions can be answered. This should be arranged in the following weeks as soon as the catering manager is able to accommodate us and once the menu has been updated.

Salad Bar



We have moved the salad bar onto a lower table in the hall so the children are able to see it more easily and so they can serve themselves. It has been very encouraging to see them making a wider selection of salad items now.

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. 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 24 th September	Dentist visit for Reception children	Reception children
FURTHER AHEAD:		
Wednesday 3 rd October	3.50 – 6.40pm Parents' Evening	All parents & carers
Thursday 4 th October	3.50 – 6.40pm Parents' Evening	All parents & carers
Thursday 11 th October	6.15pm - Friends of Watling Park (FoWP) AGM	All parents & carers
Friday 12 th October	9.00am – Friends of Watling Park (FoWP) meeting	All parents & carers

Please contact the school using our email:

office@watlingparkschool.org.uk

Communication

We are currently unable to upload information or change anything on our website. We are hoping to have this addressed as soon as possible. Apologies if you are not able to find accurate information at this point.

Unfortunately, last week's Homelearning couldn't be uploaded to the website either so it went home as paper copies only.

Once this issue has been resolved, it will be added to the correct page.

Parent Consultations/Evenings

We are keen for you to have the opportunity to meet your child's new teaching staff and hear about how they have settled in and the expectations and learning they will be doing this term.

The dates and times we have arranged for the meetings are: **Wednesday 3rd October and Thursday 4th October.**

The first meeting is at 3.50pm and the last appointment is at 6.30pm.

We expect every parent to attend. If you are unable to, please make an alternative appointment with the Class teacher. This will only be arranged in exceptional circumstances.