



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 to 2019 and the start of the Spring term. I trust each of you enjoyed a wonderful holiday and a happy New Year. We have lots of exciting things planned for this term and I look forward to sharing them with the children and each of you. The children came back with such excitement and had a wonderful week of learning last week.

May I take this opportunity on behalf of all the staff to say a very big 'thank you' for the kind and thoughtful gifts so many of you gave to us at the end of term. We were humbled by your generosity!

We were so proud of the Key Stage 1 children who performed their Nativity so brilliantly last term and also very excited that 3 of our Christmas card designs were chosen to be made into Christmas cards by a local care home following the design competition that the children entered. Elena (in Oak class) was also chosen as a runner up in our Local MP, Matthew Offord's competition to design a Christmas email message for him to send to constituents. We welcomed him to an assembly where he presented Elena with a certificate along with some other prizes. He thoroughly enjoyed his time at the school and was very impressed by the children, their thoughtfulness and the school values that they demonstrated so clearly.

Apologies that the coffee morning and evening for parents to meet the Local Advisory Board members this week had to be postponed. As soon as another date is agreed, we will let you know.

Thought for the Week:

Welcome to the New Year and another chance for us to get it right!



We have been made aware that some children have accessed or seen the cyber challenge app called 'MOMO' (Mind of My Own). This app can encourage cyber bullying and is not appropriate for young children although that is not what it was originally designed for.

Please be very vigilant when children are online via phones, tablets, Xboxes, etc. Many cyber challenges come up as adverts beside games. Children inadvertently click on them, not being aware of exactly what they are. Please talk to your child about what to do if they feel worried about anything while online. The firewall on our school system will not allow these apps to be accessed but it is difficult to ensure this doesn't happen at home or at friend's houses so we have also organised for an online safety day for children, parents and staff on **Monday 11th February 2019**.

Keep an eye out for the letter that will go out shortly as this is such an important issue for our children in today's society.

Friends of Watling Park (FoWP)

The children enjoyed a wonderful time at the Winter Wonderland Disco last term and we were very grateful for all the support from parents and committee members who organised the event so well. Even the staff enjoyed a little boogie!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **FoWP will inform you of the next event date and details as soon as it is all confirmed.**

Phonics/Reading and Maths meetings for Parents and Carers

Date?	Tuesday 22 nd January
What time?	9am (repeated at 6pm)
Where?	Reception & Y1 parents Hazel Class
	Y2 & Y3 parents In the Studio

Home Learning Project



It was so wonderful to walk around the school on Thursday afternoon and enjoy the home learning projects that the children (with your help) completed over the holidays. Their excitement and pride was tangible!

Many of them told me that the time spent together completing the project was a key part of their holiday and something they really enjoyed so thank you for taking the time to share in this experience with them.

★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★

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

	Week ending 21 st December:	Week ending 11 th January:
Pear Class	Sahr & Lia	Maryam
	Saba & Ayomide	Reyansh
Pine Class	Aaron & Fatema	Seema
	Koko & Abel	Leeyana
Hazel Class	Adam & Melissa	Bisma
	Aaasiyah & Erjona	Joshua
Cedar Class	Romea & Ramin	Ahmed
	Oliwier & Rickey	Cristiana
Willow Class	Yusof & Nasrin	Aliya
	Xavier & Kaylee	Rebecca
Birch Class	Anusha & Yasmin	Fatima
	Kimora & Hawraa	Nadja

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS - UPDATE

Due to the costs associated with running external clubs, we have had to review our after school provision. We are now offering a range of clubs run by school staff along with a limited number of external clubs.

We are very grateful to the staff who offer their time to run these clubs.

If your child would like to attend a club, please check with Miss Lulu via the 'clubs' email address that was included in the letter last term, as there are a limited number of places still available.

I will also ask the office staff to upload the clubs timetable onto the website for easy access.

Last term, we had a number of children collected late from clubs. We appreciate that it can be challenging for you to get here in time, however, it is vital that children are collected promptly. Anyone who is late collecting will continue to incur an additional late charge, which we are hoping we will not have to use this term.

We look forward to an engaging time for the children who participate in the clubs and welcome feedback from you regarding how they find them.

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

THIS WEEK:		
Friday 18 th Jan	9.30am - Tour of School for prospective Reception parents	Any parents wanting to join the school
FURTHER AHEAD:		
Monday 21 st Jan	Reception classes to visit Caple Gardens	Children in Reception
Tuesday 22 nd Jan	9.00 & 6.00 – Phonics/Reading and Maths meeting	All parents and carers
Thursday 24 th Jan	2.00pm - Tour of School for prospective Reception parents	Any parents wanting to join the school
Monday 28 th Jan	Yr 2 trip to London Zoo	Y2 children
Tuesday 29 th Jan	Yr 3 trip to Natural History Museum	Y3 children
Monday 11 th Feb	Online Safety workshops for children, staff & parents/carers	All children, staff and parents/carers
Wednesday 13 th Feb	Yr 1 trip to London Aquarium	Y1 children
Friday 15 th Feb	Last day of half term (school finishes normal time – 3.30pm)	All children
Mon – Fri 18 th – 22 nd Feb	Half Term Holidays	All children
Monday 25 th Feb	Children return to school (school starts at normal time – 8.45am)	All children

Attendance and Punctuality

Achieving good attendance and good punctuality are two important factors that ensure your child has access to the best opportunities.

This Year's Attendance Target:	This week's attendance:	Comments:	Class with the best attendance:
96.5%	96.7%	☺ Thanks so much for your support to achieve this!	Cedar Class with 98.9%. Well done!

Please remember that the expectation for parents is that pupils are not taken out during term time as it affects their attendance and they are missing vital aspects of learning.

Punctuality is an important lifelong skill! At Watling Park we strive to instil the importance of excellent attendance and punctuality. To be punctual, pupils need to be in their classrooms for 8.45am. Pupils that arrive after this time need to be signed in via the main office reception. Learning begins at 8.45am and the register is taken at 8.55am. Pupils who are persistently late miss out on important learning, but this can also impact negatively on the rest of the class. Please let us know if we can support you with any aspect of attendance or punctuality.

Class/es where everyone arrived on time:	Comments:
Pear class, Pine Class, Cedar Class and Willow Class	Well done! A great start to the new term and to supporting your learning. Keep it up!

Watling Park School Local Advisory Board (LAB) members

Following our December, Local Advisory Board (LAB) meeting, it was felt it would be useful for you to get to know a little more about the LAB members and to hear what they have done to support the school/what they have found when they have completed visits and reviews of the school linked to their area of responsibility as a LAB member. Therefore, we will be featuring a different LAB member in this section of each newsletter going forward. This way, you can hear more about what they are doing to support the school, their findings and their roles within the Board structure. There will still be times during the year when you will be able to meet with them but we felt this was a good way for them to inform you of their findings and actions on a regular basis.

Our first LAB member who will be featured in our next newsletter is **MISS EVE WATSON.** Miss Watson is the staff member representative on the LAB as well as being our Inclusion Manager in the school.

We hope this will help you understand the role of the LAB going forward.