



Weekly Newsletter 17.06.19

Headteacher's News

This end of summer term is a natural time for any school to self evaluate and to look to make refinements to its practice ahead of the new school year. We are currently looking at all aspects of our **curriculum** and exploring some exciting new ventures. We are investing in a class set of **virtual reality headsets** so that geography and history units come alive: children will walk through temples and sail down rivers using this new technology. We are also looking to make better and more frequent use of the **great outdoors**, and so are planning for all year groups to spend time learning outside the classroom in a Forest School style of project. In **literacy**, we are appraising the quality of the texts we use, and making some adjustments so that the range of quality books studied is even more diverse and we are also introducing more poetry and non-fiction texts which will link with the revised **history/geography/art/DT** topics being studied at various points of the year. In maths, we are looking to bolster the curriculum with a greater focus on reasoning and problem-solving, especially in the older classes. Our experiment with giving the junior classes 'immersive' days of **French, music and science** each 3 weeks (with whole mornings dedicated to each subject on a 3-week rotation) has worked well this year, and will be continued next year.

As the weather improves, we'll be having a number of **outdoor whole school assemblies**, the first of which took place this morning. Next Monday's assembly with our curate, Adam, will be outside and parents will be welcome to join us as always.

Finally, we have had some complaints from our neighbours about our parents **parking** in front of their driveways. Could I, once again, appeal to our parents to park responsibly when driving their children to school.

Clean Air Day – 2019

This Thursday is **Clean Air Day** and to mark this we are going to get out into the open air early on **Thursday morning** with an optional early morning run around the playground. The gates will open early on Thursday at **8.30am** (they usually open later at 8.40am) and parents and children will be invited to run circuits of the playground together to shake off the morning cobwebs. Runners will receive a running sticker at the end of the run at 8.40am and children will then go to their lines as normal for the start of the official school day. Please ensure that your children are attended to as normal throughout this run and do please join in with your child!



PFA Summer Fair

This Saturday, 22nd June!

12-3pm



Science Dome – this week!

Space dome is coming this week on Thursday and Friday!

Science Dome is a school based workshop designed to explore science, geography and geology in a fun and interactive way!

Years 5 and 6 will go on an interactive tour of the Solar System and Beyond

Years 3 and 4 will be shooting into the sky to look at Earth and Beyond

Year 1 and 2, don't forget to pack space boots, because they are going on a Space Exploration!

Reception will be learning all about Light, Dark and what it is like in space!

There is a £2 voluntary contribution on Parent Pay to cover the cost of this visit.



Stars of the Week

Congratulations to this week's Stars of the Week. Awards will be handed out at Fridays assembly.

1Anaeya- Lee	1M Adio	1W Ruzgar
2A Laura	2M Ethan P	2W Joy- J
3A Holly B	3M Joseph	3W Engin
4AEdie	4MNile	4W Rebecca
5A Marc	5M Gabriel	5W Charlotte
6A Ayanna	6M Jasmine	6W Micah



Choir Performance

Tuesday 25th June 2019 at 9am

Come along and see our wonderful choir in action during our assembly!

Orchestra Performance

Tuesday 2nd July 2019 at 9am

Come along and see our orchestra performing on their instruments!



Raffle donations for the PFA's Summer fair!

The PFA summer fair is soon approaching! We are in need of some donated prizes for the raffle!

Do you or a family member work in the entertainment industry and would like to donate tickets for a show?

A voucher or gift card? Could you donate a suitable gift for a child? A complementary activity session for a club or sport? Nothing is too big or too small!

Anything and everything is welcome!

If you can help, please email the PFA on:

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Clean Air Day

Clean Air Day will be taking place this year on Thursday 20th June and there are many ways in which you can take part.

Leave the car at home and walk/cycle/ scooter to work and school

Organise a 'walking bus' within your parents group to walk the children to and from school

Post photos of your car free journey on #wfcfca and #cleanairday

Switch off your car when its stationary



For more information, please go to www.cleanairday.org.uk

Whole school attendance and punctuality

Whole school attendance target – **96.8%**.

Last week we achieved 97.22%, so keep up the good work!

Attendance and punctuality winner

Congratulations to 3W who have 100% punctuality
this week

Sports Day – 28th June

Sports Day will be on Friday 28th June at the Walthamstow Cricket Ground near Wood St station. Reception- year 2: 9.30am start. Year 3-6: 1:45pm start.



Important change to the diary- Year 6

This is a very busy half-term in school, and looking at the calendar, Year 6 are exceptionally busy. As a result of this, the 6-Attlee assembly, scheduled for 27th June, has been cancelled as it is the day after they return from their Residential trip. The 6-Wilson assembly, scheduled for 10th July, has also been cancelled.

Year 6 leaver's assembly and musical performance will go ahead as usual.

E-Safety

This week some members of the digital leaders visited Little Learners Nursery to talk to the younger children about being safe on tablets and phones. We loved talking to them about what they do online, teaching them an online safety song and telling them a story about a little penguin who always tells an adult if something feels wrong. It was fun being a teacher and helping the toddlers! If you have pre-school child, we recommend a video called 'Jesse and Friends' which teaches under 5s about staying safe on computers and devices!

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/jessie-and-friends-videos/>



Diary Dates

Dates for your diary will appear in the newsletter each week. Please keep an eye out for events relevant to you.

<i>Thursday 20th June</i>	<i>Year 2 Wilson Assembly, 9am</i>
<i>Thursday 20th and Friday 20th June</i>	<i>Science dome workshops</i>
<i>Saturday 22 June</i>	<i>School Fair, 12-3pm</i>
<i>Tuesday 25th June</i>	<i>Choir Performance during assembly, 9am</i>
<i>24th, 25th & 26th June</i>	<i>Year 6 Gilwell Park Residential trip</i>
<i>Friday 28th June</i>	<i>Sports day at Walthamstow Cricket Ground – infants from 9.30am, juniors from 1.45pm</i>
<i>Monday 1st July</i>	<i>New Reception children and parents meet</i>
<i>Tuesday 2nd July</i>	<i>Orchestra Performance during assembly, 9am</i>
<i>Wednesday 3rd July</i>	<i>Reception Zoo trip</i>
<i>Wednesday 3rd July</i>	<i>Year 6 transition day</i>
<i>Thursday 4th and Friday 5th July</i>	<i>Zoo Labs</i>
<i>Monday 8th - Friday 12th July</i>	<i>Bikeability all week Mosaic Painting all week</i>
<i>Monday 15th July</i>	<i>Year 6 Leavers' Church Service: Atlee- 9:30am Wilson- 2pm</i>
<i>Thursday 16th July</i>	<i>Year 6 Leavers' Church Service: Morris- 9:30am</i>

General Data Protection Act (GDPR)

Please contact the DPO with any questions about the operation of this policy or the GDPR or if you have any concerns that this policy is not being or has not been followed.

The DPO's contact details are as follows: **Data Protection Officer:** Craig Stilwell, **Address:** Judicium Consulting Ltd, 72 Cannon Street, London, EC4N 6AE **Email:** dataservices@judicium

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DATES FOR 2020-2021

Autumn Term 2020

First Half (34 days)

INSET- Thursday 3rd, Friday 4th, Monday 7th September

Start- Tuesday 8th September 2020

End- Friday 23rd October 2020

Half Term: Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2020

Second Half (35 days)

Start- Monday 2nd November 2020

End- Friday 18th December 2020

Christmas Holiday: Monday 21st December to Friday 1st January 2021

Spring Term 2021

First Half (29 days)

INSET- Monday 4th January 2021

Start- Tuesday 5th January 2021

End- Friday 12th February 2021

Half Term: Monday 15th February 2021 to Friday 19th February 2021

Second Half (29 days)

Start- Monday 22nd February 2021

End- Thursday 1st April 2021

Easter Holiday: Friday 2nd April to Friday 16th April 2021

Summer Term 2021

First Half (29 days)

Start- Monday 19th April 2021

End- Friday 28th May 2021

Bank Holidays: Monday 3rd May and Monday 31st May 2021

Half Term: Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2021

Second Half (34 days)

Start- Monday 7th June 2021

End- Thursday 22nd July 2021

Summer Holidays: Friday 23rd July to 31st August 2021

This calendar gives a total of 195 days. Four INSET Days and one further day made up by staff from Twilight sessions gives 190 school days.