

Waterman Primary School



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Dear Parents / Carers,

Thank you to the parents of Acorn class who joined us for lunch on Thursday, it was lovely to see you and to build those home- school relationships. We look forward to our young Acorns starting full time next week.

Accompanying our newsletter this week you will have received welcome letter for this term from the class teachers where they have outlined topics and homework expectations.

Thank you to all the parents that are sending their children in daily with their reading book reading record, it is great to see your comments and the reading that is happening at home. We are also really pleased that there has only been 1 recorded late this week – I wonder if we can make it ZERO next week?! Unfortunately, not one class has managed 100% attendance in the first full week meaning that some children are already missing out on their 100% attendance badge for the term.

Waterman we can do better than that! Please be reminded that days off for birthday treats are not authorised. Which class will be our first to be attendance H.E.R.O.es?! (Here Everyday, Ready On time).

We have been holding Head Boy and Girl interviews with our year 6 applicants and will announce the successful candidates in next week's newsletter along with our new school council members. From the interviews already carried out it is going to be a hard decision; some great role models to choose from.

Mrs E Thorn

Reminders:

- **New uniform:** No earrings. Yr 3 – 6 pupils are to wear ties.
- Monday 18th September **Acorn** pupils start fulltime.
- School Dinner Menu: **Week 3**
- Clubs start: Monday 18th September
- **Please return:** Pupil detail sheets, signed Home / School Agreements, **Year 6 – KES Enterprise Day** permission slip

YEAR 6 – Secondary School Applications

As you may be aware, the secondary school admission round opened on 12th September, for parent of pupils in current year 6 to apply for a secondary school place for September 2018. The **closing date** for applications is **31st October 2017**

Applications can be made online at www.essex.gov.uk/admissions The website also has a copy of the Secondary Education booklet with useful information www.essex.gov.uk/admissionsbooklets .

KES open evening is Wednesday 27th September; I would, however, suggest looking at several schools to help inform decisions to enable you to make informed decisions in this important application process.

Best attendance this week goes to: **Willow Class**

Acorn: 91% Lower than our target
Chestnut: 96% Lower than our target
Willow: 97.3% **On track!!**
Oak: 96.5% Lower than our target

Whole School Attendance:
96.2 % Lower than our target

Target: 97%

1 Late = 5 minutes learning time lost.

Awards this week

Star Pupils:

Frankie, Kyreese, Ollie, Wyatt

Pupils on Gold:

Tilly, Spencer, Daisy, Connor, Oliver, Kyreese, Caiden, Archie O, Matthew L, Syeira, Wyatt, Pashee, Grace, Alfie

Special Table: Hattie, Colby, Mickey, Phoenix

WoW Work: Malachy, Phoenix, Syeira, Mitchell

Team Points

	This week	Total
Bobbin Red	104	104
Reservoir Blue	87	87
Magnolia Yellow	96	96
Cherry Orchard Green	85	85

Trust news

Request for parent forum members to discuss the additional non pupil days

Last term we received some representations from parents at Hilltop Junior regarding the additional 6 days which the Trust was using for training and development for staff. A survey was sent out (the results of which are below).

We will be holding a meeting for parents to share thoughts on views on this as well as give further information on the rationale behind the decision on 26th September at 6 pm at Hearts House on Mount Road SS11 8HE in Wickford. We are inviting 3 parents from each school to attend. If you are interested then please forward your name and school via email to Penny Partridge (admin@heartsacademy.uk). You will then be notified if you are one of the first three people to request attendance.

Please note that only those previously registered to attend will be allowed to attend. If you have any views that you would like taken into consideration and can't attend please forward to your school via the school administration address: waterman.admin@heartsacademy.uk

You will be aware that we surveyed parents about the new term dates; the responses are as follows:

Do you know about financial issues facing schools?	Yes 78%
	No 22%
Would you support the school in managing these issues through the proposed training model?	Yes 80%
	No 20%
Would this present you with difficulties if it was agreed?	Yes 40%
	No 60%

September	
Thursday 14 th Sept	Acorn class parents invited to stay for dinner
Monday 18 th Sept	Acorn class start full days
Tuesday 19 th Sept	Tuesday 19 th Sept
Friday 22 nd Sept	Oak Class sharing assembly 9.10am – parents invited (Followed by Coffee - FLOWs)
Tues 26 th September	Echo in to do Acorn new starters Photo for paper
Friday 29 th Sept	Willow Class sharing assembly 9.10am – parents invited (Followed by MacMillan Coffee morning)
Friday 29 th Sept	Summary School Improvement Plan leaflets published to Parents
October	
Thursday 5 th Oct	WW2 themed Dinner
Friday 6 th Oct	Chestnut Class sharing assembly 9.10am – parents invited (Followed by Coffee - FLOWs)
Friday 13 th Oct	Reports to Parents
Monday 16 th Oct	Parent consultation meetings
Tuesday 17 th Oct	Parent consultation meetings
Thursday 19 th Oct	Harvest Festival Assembly 9.10am – Parents invited
Friday 20 th Oct	INSET
November	
Wednesday 1 st Nov (8 - 24 November) TBC	Bangers and Mash Themed Dinner Into Film Festival
Friday 3 rd Nov	Kittle – individual school photos
Tuesday 28 th Nov	Flu immunisation
December	
Weds 6 th – Mon 11 th	Scholastic book Fair in school
Friday 8 th Dec	Christmas fair (incl Scholastic book fair)
TBC	Nativity
TBC	Christmas Disco
Wednesday 6 th Dec	Christmas Dinner
Friday 15 th Dec	LAST day of Term for pupils
Monday 18 th Dec	INSET

FLOWs will also lead regular Coffee mornings to help communicate plans and projects to encourage working parties to support their fundraising for the benefit of our pupils.

Further events, meetings and workshops may be planned and events may need to be changed. These will be communicated via newsletters, letters and Class dojo.