



## Newsletter 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020

### Parent and Teacher Meetings

Unfortunately, due to the current pandemic, we are going to have to make some changes to the way that we hold our parent meetings in October. At this point in the year, they would normally be face to face meetings with the teacher but I'm sure that you will understand, that at the moment, this won't be possible.

On 5<sup>th</sup> October, you will be sent a mini report for your child via Marvellous Me. This report will focus primarily on your child's wellbeing after returning to school following the recent school closure as well as to inform you about what their next step targets are to achieve in the core subjects.

Should you then wish to discuss the contents of the mini report with your class teacher, you will also have an opportunity to sign up for a 10 minute Zoom call on either Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October between 4pm and 7pm or on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> between 3.45pm and 5.45pm. We will be sending home details nearer the time about how you can sign up for one of these virtual meetings. You may feel that you don't need to attend a virtual meeting with the class teacher and that the report provides you with all the information you require and again.

### Marvellous Me

We hope that you are enjoying hearing from the staff about how marvellous your children are being in school. 98% of all our parents have now signed up to this app and receiving badges, activities and messages directly from the teacher and staff. Many parents have spoken to me in the playground and said that the messages home have enriched their family conversations and that they know so much more about what their children are doing in school.

Remember to send the staff a High 5 back when you receive a message so that they can tell your child that you have seen the badges sent home. They get so excited to know that you have seen them.

Attendance this week Congratulations this week goes to The Wonders, The Darlings and the Da Vinci class for excellent attendance. Well done everyone!

## Great to Be Gold

In our assembly today, we celebrated this week's Great to Be Gold awards. Well done to the following children who have excelled this week. We are incredibly proud of you all.

**Pre School:** Joshua C has been a good role model for his friends in Preschool and he has just been brilliant!

Eliza L has been a very kind friend. She has been helping her friends to feel happy at Preschool. She has also been coming in very happy. Well done both of you, we are very proud of you.

**Nursery:** Riya L and Freya B for both being a fantastic friend to others and sharing resources without being asked by a grown up.

**Reception:** Lewis S-C for his impeccable manners, always.

Chloe O for her keenness to learn and lovely manners at lunchtime

Connor P for being kind, thoughtful and great company, with his peers and adults

**Year 1:** Joshua for his impeccable manners.

Isabella for constantly making the right choices.

Leo for working to the best of his ability.

**Year 2:** Finley M working to the best of his ability.

He is now much more focused.

Noah for taking pride in his work and challenging himself.

Lexie for being a good role model and for always being well behaved.

**Year 3:** Elliot C for constantly making the right choices. He's a shining example of an impeccable student.

Ewen C for always being well mannered. He is incredibly polite to everyone.

**Year 4:** Poppy - outstanding role model

Jessica W - always working to best of ability and excellent attitude and participation in class.

**Year 5:** Emily A - going above and beyond with her writing

Matilda F - for being a super partner, collaborating and supporting.

**Year 5:** Dylan E for working to the best of his ability in English.

**Year 6:** Thomas H for working consistently well in his writing in particular.

Isabelle B and Aaliyah O for their persistent effort to understand the maths we have been covering, leading to some 'light bulb' moments



## Reception and Year 1 phonic meetings

In September, we like to meet with the parents of children in Reception and Year 1 to show you how phonics is taught in school so that you can support your child more effectively at home. Phonics is the key skill that underpins the children's reading and writing and great emphasis is placed on the teaching of these skills in Reception and Year 1. As we are unable to offer meetings in the hall, we would like to offer a Reception Zoom meeting for parents on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 1.30pm or 6pm and a Year 1 Zoom meeting for parents on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 10am or 6pm. We will be sending out Zoom meeting login details shortly. We hope that as many of you as possible can join one of the meetings offered to you. If you are unable to attend the meetings, then we will make the powerpoints available on the school website.

### Staggered start and collection times

I do hope that you have all had a chance to read the letter that was sent home to all parents /carers on Tuesday this week to inform you on the modified staggered start and collection times, which will commence on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September. By reducing the staggered slots by 5 minutes at the beginning and at the end of the day, it will mean that we will be able to get all the classes into school and dismissed within half an hour.

With the colder weather also imminent, it will reduce waiting times on the playground for some parents also. I know that this will also support the working parents who are trying to leave site slightly earlier so that they can get to work or back home to work.

Thank you for your support

### Harvest

Unfortunately, we are unable to celebrate harvest in church this year, as we normally would do. Instead, however, we are planning a special virtual Harvest assembly on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October in key stages. If you would like to make a food donation, then please leave donations at the collection points at the local supermarkets. Thank you

### Violins on loan

We have recently acquired 3 violins from a parent whose daughters have outgrown their violins. We are keen to support parents who may want their child to start having violin lessons but don't want to currently commit to the purchase of a violin. The violins will be given to you on loan and returned to the school once they are no longer needed. We have a violin for a 3-4½ year old, 1 violin for a 4½ - 6 year old and one also which is more suitable for a 5 - 7 year old. Please enquire with the admin team if you are interested.

### Punctuality

As a parent, it is your responsibility that your child attends school each day and is on time. It is important to set the expectation of good attendance right from the beginning of school so children grow up with 'good habits'.

We are currently operating staggered drop off and collection times and it is important that you arrive at your allocated time and that your children are not late.

The doors will be closed after the last drop off time. Registration will begin once the drop off has happened. If your child is late and not present for registration then they will be marked as absent in the school register.

Being punctual and arriving on time is an essential life skill and one that is learnt from an early age. Arriving late does impact on the child's education as they miss early morning work or the start of lessons.

All attendance and punctuality is monitored by the school and the Education Welfare Officer (EWO) and parents/carers will be contacted if the school or the EWO have a concern.



### Forest School

This week the children in Reception have been going to Forest School in the afternoons as part of their transition work. On Tuesday, they made natural paintbrushes using the objects that they found on the ground. They brought them back to class and used them to paint their own pictures. They listened to the story called 'Stanley Stick', which inspired them to explore all the wonderful things that sticks could be.

On Wednesday, the children used their natural paintbrushes using shaving foam instead of paint.



Our school values are at the HEART of everything we believe in.

**H**appiness

**E**quality

**A**chieve  
Potential

**R**esilience

**T**eamwork

**H**ealthy

**E**xcellence

**A**spirations

**R**espectful &  
**R**esponsible

**T**ruthfulness

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## School Lunches

We were thrilled to be able to start offering hot meal choices again this week and I am so proud of how well the children have made the adjustments from collecting and choosing their packed lunches to collecting their cooked meals and taking these back to their classrooms. The Reception children are served their dinners from the classroom and Nursery children are eating in the dining hall. The KS1 and KS2 children are supported by the staff and have managed exceptionally well.

To view this terms menu please click on the link below:

<https://www.wattonatstone.herts.sch.uk/virtual-office/menus>



# OCTOBER HALF TERM TENNIS CAMPS

**MONDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER - FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

Learn how to play tennis the fun way with loads of games and activities to keep the children entertained for hours!



### GIGGLE TENNIS CAMPS

**3-5 year olds**  
9:30 - 11:30am



### MINI TENNIS CAMPS

**6-12 year olds**  
9:30 - 12:15pm  
12:45 - 3:30pm  
or 9:30 - 3:30pm

Breakfast club available 8:30-9:30am  
Late pick up available



**HALLOWEEN PARTY**  
FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

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**HALLOWEEN PARTY**  
FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

<b>GIGGLE TENNIS CAMPS</b> (1 x morning)	<b>£16</b>
<b>HALLOWEEN PARTY</b> (Friday October 30 <sup>th</sup> )	<b>£20</b>

	MEMBER	NON-MEMBER
<b>MINI TENNIS CAMPS</b> (Full day)	<b>15% OFF NON-MEMBER PRICE*</b>	<b>£35</b>
<b>MINI TENNIS CAMPS</b> (Half day)	<b>15% OFF NON-MEMBER PRICE*</b>	<b>£25</b>
<b>HALLOWEEN PARTY</b> (Friday October 30 <sup>th</sup> )	<b>£34</b>	<b>£40</b>

\*Junior Members call reception to book and receive your discount. All prices refer to one child.

<p><b>BREAKFAST CLUB</b> Drop off from 8:30am Includes toast, fruit, drink selection and activities <b>£6</b> per day</p>	<p><b>LUNCH OPTION</b> Choose any hot dish from our menu <b>£4.50</b> per day</p>	<p><b>LATE PICK UP</b> Until 6pm latest <b>£10</b> per day</p>
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House Points collected so far this term.

Red - 669

Blue - 726

Yellow - 706

Green - 751

## Headteacher's Awards

Congratulations to *George S* in Year 5 who has made great improvement with the presentation and handwriting in his English book.

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## Dates for your Diary

### September

- 28<sup>th</sup> - New drop off and dismissal times to start
- 28<sup>th</sup> - Catch up clubs to commence for children in Year 1 - 6
- 28<sup>th</sup> - The Big Bullying assembly

### October

- 5<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> - Walk to school week
- 5<sup>th</sup> - whole school harvest assembly
- 5<sup>th</sup> - Mini reports sent home to read before parent/teacher Zoom meetings
- 6<sup>th</sup> - Reception parent phonic Zoom meeting 1.30pm or 6pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> - Year 1 parent phonics Zoom meeting 10am or 6pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> - No Pens Day
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Parent consultations 4pm - 7pm via Zoom
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Parent consultations 3.45 - 5.45 via Zoom
- 19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> - Black History Week
- Week beg 19<sup>th</sup> - Pupil Parliament Week
- 21<sup>st</sup> - Science Day - Science Boffins workshops
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - Individual school photographs
- 26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> Half term

### November

- 2<sup>nd</sup> - children return to school
- 5<sup>th</sup> - Flu vaccinations
- 11<sup>th</sup> - Remembrance Day
- 16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> - Anti bullying week/well being week
- 24<sup>th</sup> - No Pens Day
- 25<sup>th</sup> Book fair arrives for 1 week
- 27<sup>th</sup> - Enterprise Day
- 30<sup>th</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Dec - Assessment week

### December

- 16<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day (depending if mass gatherings are permitted by this date)
- 17<sup>th</sup> - Last Day of Autumn term

### **January**

4<sup>th</sup> - INSET Day 2

5<sup>th</sup> - Children return to school

18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> - Creative Arts Week

### **February**

3<sup>rd</sup> - No Pens Day

9<sup>th</sup> - Internet safety day

15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> - Half term

### **March**

4<sup>th</sup> - World Book Day

5<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> - Science week

12<sup>th</sup> - Comic relief/sports relief

15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> - Assessment Week

16<sup>th</sup> - Parent consultations 4pm - 7pm

17<sup>th</sup> - Parent Consultations 3.45 - 5.45pm

22<sup>nd</sup> - No Pens Day

26<sup>th</sup> - Last day of spring term

### **April**

12<sup>th</sup> - INSET Day 3

13<sup>th</sup> - Children return to school

23<sup>rd</sup> - St. George's day

### **May**

3<sup>rd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> - Geography fieldwork week

21<sup>st</sup> - No Pens Day

31<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> June - Half term

### **June**

7<sup>th</sup> - INSET Day 4

10<sup>th</sup> - Sports Day

17<sup>th</sup> - Reserve sports Day

30<sup>th</sup> - Book fair arrives for 1 week

## **July**

2<sup>nd</sup> - Enterprise Day

5<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> - Assessment Week

12<sup>th</sup> - No Pens Day

14<sup>th</sup> - End of Year reports to parents/carers

21<sup>st</sup> - Last day of summer term

22<sup>nd</sup> - INSET Day