



Newsletter 2nd October 2020

NEXT WEEK IS:

Walk to School Week 5th - 9th October

Being active and getting some exercise in the morning before arriving at school can help set children up for a positive day; improving focus and concentration, and instilling a sense of physical and mental wellbeing.

Walk to School Week is also designed to extend further - encouraging healthy habits for life with a focus on exercise, diet and wellbeing.

There are many health benefits to walking - exercise helps develop strong bones and increase muscle strength. Walking gets the heart pumping, which can help improve cognitive function for lessons throughout the school day.

Walk to School Week also provides a great opportunity to enjoy increased social interaction. During your walk, take a look at your surroundings and what you can see on your route to school. The week long challenge is not just about walking, any type of exercise is encouraged, including cycling, riding your scooter or even running!

Although it may not be possible for every child to walk the distance from their house to their school, parents are encouraged to 'drive and stride,' parking further than they normally would (the community centre would be a great place to park) and walking the rest of the way. This also means that traffic congestion and pollution is reduced around school gates.

Children are rewarded every day that they walk all the way or part of the way to school and if they have walked every day, they are also rewarded with a special Walk to School badge at the end of next week.



Thank you

Thank you to all the parents, carers, grandparents and family members who have supported the school community by wearing a face mask on school site this week. We really appreciate your support. Please continue to wear your masks.

Holiday Club

Recently, we have asked you whether you would be requiring the holiday club to run in October half term. Thank you for those of you who responded. However, unfortunately, there just isn't enough parents who require the club this half term and so therefore we are unable to offer the club for child care as it isn't financially viable and we would be running the club at a loss. Thank you for your understanding.

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: Rory F - has settled into Preschool brilliantly and has been a kind friend.

George A - has had some brilliant creative ideas and has shown us his great investigation skills. Well done boys we are very proud of you both.

Nursery: Theo JdS - for being a kind friend and looking after others without being asked.

Nathan A - for lovely manners and trying really hard to listen to grown-ups.

Reception: Logan T - for his positive attitude to learning and his great number knowledge

Sam C - for trying his hardest when writing new words

Lily H - for her amazing attitude to learning this week - she has been writing and writing and writing

Charlie O'N - for the engagement when playing a number game with Miss Wallace. Super attitude!

Year 1: Seren - for always trying her best and working to the best of her ability.

Poppy - for her love for learning and enthusiasm about writing.

Year 2: Ronny and Monty for both working so hard and trying their best this week.

Charlie for his amazing homework.

Year 3: Theo C - for his love of learning in all subjects

Alfie M - for constantly making the right choices

Summer AH- for having good manners.

Year 4: Riley - independent work and quick thinking in maths

Bella - wonderful presentation and always working hard, super role model

Lucy - kind and supportive to others

Year 5 (Wonders): Eva M - she would make a super anti bullying ambassador as she is so caring and very supportive towards others.

Corrine - for showing great resilience in her class work this week.

Year 5 (Beckhams) - Harry O'B and Sophie I both for working to the best of their ability in maths.

Year 6: Anna S, Jamie H and Willow S - for consistently producing their very best work this week, challenging themselves to attain new standards in their writing and maths and demonstrating what they are really capable of.

Reception and Year 1 phonic meetings

At the beginning of the school year, we normally 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 6th October at 1.30pm or 6pm and a Year 1 Zoom meeting for parents on Wednesday 7th October at 10am or 6pm. We have sent you a letter with the Zoom login details this week. 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 website.

Remote Learning

If your child is self isolating and waiting the results of a COVID 19 test or your child has had a positive COVID 19 test result and so therefore also self isolating, we have class work prepared and uploaded to the website so the impact on your children's learning is minimized.

Teachers have prepared a daily maths, English and topic activity which is in line with what learning is happening in class. Don't forget also that the children will have homework to complete, daily reading and access to any Purple Mash activities. KS2 children also have access to Times Table Rock Stars. The learning is accessible on the children's page of the website.

<https://www.wattonatstone.herts.sch.uk/children/remote-learning-autumn-2020>

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 5th 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

Attendance

Congratulations this week to the Darlings, Donaldsons and Beckhams for 100% attendance. Overall attendance for the school this week is 96.3%.

House Points

Yellow team - 343

Red team - 312

Green team - 354

Blue team - 314

Year 5 follow up work for the Big Anti Bullying Assembly 2020

1/10/20

Anti-bullying

We discussed bullying and the importance of doing something about it.

Five people I can speak to if I am worried about bullying are:

1. Mum/Dad
2. Grandparents
3. Teacher/Headteacher
4. Friend
5. Lunchtime NSA

The role of an anti-bullying ambassador

- Educate their peers on bullying.
- Lead ~~of~~ anti-bullying campaigns.
- Teach people to be tolerant and respectful, celebrate differences.
- Share strategies for how to keep safe online.

The Big Anti-Bullying Assembly

The five people I would talk to are:

- Mum
- Dad
- Teacher
- Brother
- Friend

The qualities an Anti-Bullying ambassador would need are good listener and a good communicator because people need to know what to do to stop bullying. They need to be confident to be able to speak to adults and, be aware of what bullying is. They also have to think of ways to make people feel safe and to help them. Honesty and being trustworthy are good for an Anti-Bullying ambassador because they need to be honest who is a bully.

The Big Anti Bullying Assembly 2020

On Monday, we were proud to join primary schools across the UK in taking a stand against bullying by signing up to @AntiBullyingPro's first ever #AntiBullyingAssembly.

Censuswide poll, commissioned by The Diana Award and Nationwide Building Society, reveals:

One in three (33%) parents feel their child will struggle to integrate into social groups when they return to school after lockdown

Half (51%) of young people have worried about going back to school after a holiday because of bullying and over a third (34%) are more worried about returning to school after lockdown

Almost half (45%) of parents said lockdown had impacted their child's mental health and well-being

Almost half (46%) of young people have been bullied at school at some point in their life, with over half (54%) saying it negatively affected their mental health and well-being, more than three quarters (78%) saying it caused them to feel anxious, almost half (44%) saying it affected their ability to sleep and night, 14% wanting to self-harm and 9% feeling suicidal

Almost three quarters (67%) of young people have seen or heard bullying behaviour in their school in the last year.

Headteachers Awards

Well done to Ronnie and Monty in Year 2 who have worked so hard at increasing the amount of writing they have produced in English this week.

Also well done to Charlie B in Year 5 who has produced an excellent piece of writing in Geography this week.

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

Happiness

Equality

Achieve
Potential

Resilience

Teamwork

Healthy

Excellence

Aspirations

Respectful &
Responsible

Truthfulness

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Dates for your Diary

October

5th - 9th - Walk to school week

5th - whole school harvest assembly

5th - Mini reports sent home to read before parent/teacher Zoom meetings

6th - Reception parent phonic Zoom meeting 1.30pm or 6pm

7th - Year 1 parent phonics Zoom meeting 10am or 6pm

8th - No Pens Day

13th - Parent consultations 4pm - 7pm via Zoom

14th - Parent consultations 3.45 - 5.45 via Zoom

19th - 23rd - Black History Week

Week beg 19th - Pupil Parliament Week

21st - Science Day - Science Boffins workshops

22nd - Individual school photographs

26th - 30th Half term

November

2nd - children return to school

5th - Flu vaccinations

11th - Remembrance Day

16th - 20th - Anti bullying week/well being week

24th - No Pens Day

25th Book fair arrives for 1 week

27th - Enterprise Day

30th - 4th Dec - Assessment week

December

16th - Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day (depending if mass gatherings are permitted by this date)

17th - Last Day of autumn term

January

4th - INSET Day 2

5th - Children return to school

18th - 22nd - Creative Arts Week

February

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Deputy Headteacher: Mrs S. Gill

3rd - No Pens Day
9th - Internet safety day
15th - 19th - Half term

March

4th - World Book Day
5th - 9th - Science week
12th - Comic relief/sports relief
15th - 19th - Assessment Week
16th - Parent consultations 4pm - 7pm
17th - Parent Consultations 3.45 - 5.45pm
22nd - No Pens Day
26th - Last day of spring term

April

12th - INSET Day 3
13th - Children return to school
23rd - St. George's day

May

3rd - 7th - Geography fieldwork week
21st - No Pens Day
31st - 4th June - Half term

June

7th - INSET Day 4
10th - Sports Day
17th - Reserve sports Day
30th - Book fair arrives for 1 week

July

2nd - Enterprise Day
5th - 9th - Assessment Week
12th - No Pens Day
14th - End of Year reports to parents/carers
21st - Last day of summer term
22nd - INSET Day

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