



# West Thurrock Academy

## Newsletter No 15 - 19th January 2024

### Holiday Dates -

**February Half Term** - Monday 12th February 2024 - Friday 16th February 2024

**Easter Holidays** - Friday 29th March 2024 - Friday 12th April 2024

**May Half-Term** - Monday 27th May 2024 - Friday 31st May 2024

**INSET Day - Friday 21st June 2024 and Monday 24th June 2024**

**Last Day of Summer Term** - Friday 19th July 2024 - 2pm Finish

### Dates for your Diary -

Wednesday 31st January 2024 - African Dance Workshop (Year 2/3/6)

Thursday 1st February 2024 - Whole School Poetry Competition

Friday 2nd February 2024 - Swimming Gala

Monday 5th February 2024 - Chinese Lion Dance (Year R/5)

Tuesday 6th February 2024 - Internet Safety Day

Thursday 8th February 2024 - Year 6 Gaming Trip - Liger

Friday 9th February 2024 - Year 6 Gaming Trip - Lion

Friday 23rd February 2024 - Maths Escape Room Experience (Year3 - 6)

Monday 26th February 2024 - Internet Safety Workshops

Monday 26th February 2024 - Internet Safety - Zoom Parent Session @ 8pm

Thursday 29th February 2024 - Author Visit - Anna Kemp

Friday 1st March 2024 - Author Visit - Anna Kemp

Thursday 7th March 2024 - World Book Day - Alice in Wonderland themed

### This week's attendance levels -

Lynx - 93%

Leopard - 97.8%

Panther - 95.2%

Lion - 97%

Bobcat - 95.8%

Marozi - 96.3%

Bengal - 98.4%

Liger - 96.7%

**Ocelot - 97% - Key Stage 1 Winner**

Jaguar - 90.7%

Puma - 95%

Tigon - 96.7%

**Cougar - 98.5% - Key Stage 2 Winner**

### LUNCH MENU – WEEK BEGINNING 22ND JANUARY 2024

<b>Monday</b>	Beef Meatballs with Pasta, Green Beans and Broccoli	Quorn Balls with Pasta, Green Beans and Broccoli	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Ice Cream Roll
<b>Tuesday</b>	Chicken Paella with Mixed Vegetables and Cauliflower	Spanish Quorn Fillet with Rice, Mixed Vegetables and Cauliflower	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Fruit Cocktail
<b>Wednesday</b>	All Day Breakfast	Vegetarian All Day Breakfast	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Jelly
<b>Thursday</b>	Ham & Pineapple Pizza with Crispers, Garlic Bread and Sweetcorn	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Crispers, Garlic Bread and Sweetcorn	Ham Baguette, Tuna Baguette or Cheese Baguette with Potato Crispers	Pineapple Upside Down Cake with Custard
<b>Friday</b>	Breaded Lemon Fish Bites with Chips, Peas and Sweetcorn	Vegetable Fingers with Chips, Peas and Sweetcorn	Ham Baguette, Tuna Baguette or Cheese Baguette with Chips	Coco Sponge with Cocoa Sauce

## **Future Key Dates -**

Please find the dates linked to key events which will take place later in the academic year below. Further information about each of the events will be provided nearer to them taking place.

Thursday 8th February 2024 - Mid-Year Reports to be sent home (Reception to Year 6)

Monday 26th February 2024 - Internet Safety Workshop for parents (8pm online)

Thursday 7th March 2024 - World Book Day - Alice in Wonderland themed

Monday 18th March 2024 - Sharing assembly (Year 1)

Tuesday 19th March 2024 - Sharing Assembly (Year 2)

Tuesday 23rd April and Thursday 25th April 2024 - Parent Consultations (Nursery to Year 6)

Friday 24th May 2024 - Sports Day (EYFS and Keys Stage 1 AM) / (Key Stage 2 PM)

Tuesday 9th July 2024 - End of Year Reports to be sent home (Nursery to Year 6)

Tuesday 16th July 2024 - Liger Class End of Year Performance

Wednesday 17th July 2024 - Lion Class End of Year Performance

## **Thurrock Council Childcare Reforms and Parent Entitlement Survey -**

As you may be aware, the government are introducing significant changes in childcare, with increased 15 and 30 hours childcare support for children from 9 months to 2 years and wraparound care for all primary aged children. In order to help the Council to identify a clearer understanding and need for the type and details of childcare parents require, we are asking parents to complete a survey of need.

### **What are the Childcare Reforms and Parent Entitlement**

Working parents will be supported through an extension of the current funded childcare offer. Currently, parents who work more than 16 hours a week and earn less than £100,000 are entitled to 30 hours free childcare a week for children aged three to four. The scheme is now expanding so that working parents of all children over the age of nine months will also be entitled to funded 30 hours of childcare. Before and after school childcare is also to be extended to provide more locally available places.

From April 2024 - working parents of two-year-olds will be able to access 15 hours of funded childcare.

From September 2024 - 15 hours of funded childcare will be extended to all children from the age of nine months.

From September 2025 - Working parents of children under the age of five will be entitled to 30 hours funded childcare per week.

From September 2024 - Thurrock are aiming to provide additional wraparound (from 8-9am / 3-6pm) childcare places for children from Reception to Year 6.

From September 2026 - All schools able to offer 8am to 6pm wraparound on their own or in partnership.

### **Key dates:**

Parent Survey for New Entitlement – Survey currently open, closes 31st January 2024.

**To complete the survey, please use the link below:**

[Parents survey for the new childcare entitlement | Have my say | Thurrock Council](#)