



# West Thurrock Academy

## Newsletter No 21 - 8th March 2024

**The next school holiday is -**

**Easter Holidays -**

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

**Future Holiday dates -**

**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 -**

Monday 11th March 2024 - Nursery will be closed for the day

Tuesday 12th March 2024 - Author Visit - Rashmi Sirdeshpande (Year 5)

Friday 15th March 2024 - Comic Relief 2024 (Year 3 to lead)

Monday 18th March 2024 - Library Visit (Jungle Cat)

Monday 18th March 2024 - Year 1 - Sharing Assembly

Monday 19th March 2024 - Year 2 - Sharing Assembly

Monday 25th March 2024 - Library Visit (Wildcat)

Thursday 28th March 2024 - Easter Raffle (Year 5 to lead)

Thursday 28th March 2024 - Year 4 - Selling items to school

Wednesday 17th April 2024 - Circus Skills Workshop (Year 2/3/4)

Monday 22nd April 2024 - Earth Day - Eco in VR workshop (Year 4/5/6)

Tuesday 23rd and Thursday 25th April 2024 - Parents Consultations (N - Yr 6)

Thursday 25th April 2024 - William Shakespeare Workshop (Year 2)

**This week's attendance levels -**

Lynx - 98%

Leopard - 98.3%

Panther - 97.3%

Lion - 96.7%

Bobcat - 97.7%

Marozi - 95%

Bengal - 89.2%

Liger - 98.7%

**Ocelot - 98.3% Key Stage 1 Winner**

Jaguar - 91.7%

Puma - 93.7%

Tigon - 94%

**Cougar - 99.3% Key Stage 2 Winner**

### **LUNCH MENU – WEEK BEGINNING 11TH MARCH 2024**

<b>Monday</b>	Tuna Pasta Bake with Mixed Vegetables and Broccoli	Macaroni Cheese with Mixed Vegetables and Broccoli	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Ice Cream Tub
<b>Tuesday</b>	Beef Chilli Con Carne with Rice, Green Beans and Bread	Quorn Chilli Con Carne with Rice, Green Beans and Bread	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Fruit Cocktail
<b>Wednesday</b>	Toad in the Hole with Mash, Peas and Cauliflower	Quorn Toad in the Hole with Mash, Peas and Cauliflower	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Ice Cream Roll
<b>Thursday</b>	BBQ Chicken 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	Apple Crumble & Custard
<b>Friday</b>	Plant Burger in a Bun with Chips, Beans and Sweetcorn	Meat Free Sausage Roll with Chips, Beans and Sweetcorn	Ham Baguette, Tuna Baguette or Cheese Baguette with Chips	Angel Delight

## **Nursery Closure**

Unfortunately, the Nursery will be closed on **Monday 11th March 2024**. There will be no session taking place either in the morning or afternoon. The rest of the school will remain open as normal. I would like to apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause.

## **Comic Relief**

As with previous charity events, a year group is chosen to arrange a theme and incentive as well as advertise their upcoming event. The next charity event will be Comic Relief and Year 3 will be organising the event. Please find a message from Year 3 below:

Year 3 would love for everyone to come into school dressed as either your sporting hero, wearing something from a sport you lover or something red on Friday 15th March 2024. We are asking for a donation of £1 per child for this event, which we will send to the Comic Relief charity. On the day, each class will take part in an adults vs children challenge. The results from these challenges will be collated and the winning team will receive a special treat! Mr Proctor has also challenged one person from each class to play him at Connect 4 - every time he loses he will donate £20 to the charity.

## **Year 5 Charity Event**

The children in Year 5 will be raising money for the school in an upcoming charity event. The children will be organising and running an Easter Egg Raffle. As part of the event, the children are asking for Easter Egg donations. Any chocolate egg donations will be welcome. As a school, we are guaranteeing at least 100 prizes will be won during the raffle; however, the more donations we receive, the more prizes there will be to be won. All egg donations will be collected from classes and stored until the event. From Monday 18th March, children will be able to buy individual raffle tickets for 20p each. All tickets sold will be put into the draw. On Thursday 28th March, the children from Year 5 will run a whole school assembly to draw the winners.

## **Internet Safety - Zoom Parent Session**

On Monday 26th February 2024, all parents and carers were invited to attend an online session which focused on Internet Safety, Criminal Exploitation and Online Child Sexual Exploitation of Children. The session was led by John Woodley and John Staines also known as 'The 2 Johns'. As expected, the session was hard hitting and informative. If you were not able to attend the session, you can watch it using the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/vpmkh4vqxapirmjXc99SC7FcpBSVnlRisgCRI-5Gj6nJFzRAZ7jfx2kE8TcppGW-.cy1ErZmHK-7jwubb>

This link will be accessible until 24th March 2024. We have been asked to inform parents that this video should not be downloaded, stored or accessed beyond the 24th March 2024. As stated before, I would encourage everyone to watch this video. Every parent and member of staff who has attended the training sessions before have always found the sessions extremely useful and informative. If you have any questions linked to your child's safety whilst using technology, please do not hesitate to contact the school. Alternatively, you could access the parent section on the 'The 2 Johns' website using the link below which has lots of information and tips for parents.

[Parent/Carer Area - eSafety Training](#)

## **World Book Day 2024**

It was fantastic to see so many children taking part in our World Book Day celebrations yesterday. The assembly was one of the loudest I have heard for a long time. Pupils chose three children from each year group to win prizes for the best costumes. These prizes will be given out in our weekly Reading Assembly on Monday. The best costume will win book vouchers (to spend on a book of their choosing) and sweets whilst those who came second and third will receive a sweet treat and a book.