



West Thurrock Academy

Newsletter No 2 - 15th September 2023

Holiday Dates -

October Half Term - Monday 23rd October 2023 - Friday 3rd November 2023

Christmas Holidays - Monday 18th December 2023 - Friday 5th January 2024

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 -

Monday 18th September 2023 - Reception Curriculum Meeting

Tuesday 19th September 2023 - Year 3 Curriculum Meeting

Wednesday 20th September 2023 - Year 1 Curriculum Meeting

Thursday 21st September 2023 - Year 6 Curriculum Meeting

Monday 25th September 2023 - Year 2 Curriculum Meeting

Tuesday 26th September 2023 - Nursery Curriculum Meeting

Tuesday 26th September 2023 - European Day of Languages

Wednesday 27th September 2023 - Year 5 Curriculum Meeting

Thursday 28th September 2023 - Year 4 Curriculum Meeting

Friday 6th October 2023 - World Smile Day

Tuesday 17th October 2023 - Mobile Planetarium Experience (Year 5)

Friday 20th October 2023 - Black History Month Museum Exhibition

This week's attendance levels -

Bobcat - 98% (KS1 Weekly Winner)

Ocelot - 95.8%

Lynx - 97.2%

Marozi - 91.3%

Jaguar - 92.4%

Leopard - 96%

Puma - 92.2%

Panther - 99.6% (KS2 Weekly Winner)

Cougar - 92.6%

Tigon - 95.6%

Lion - 91.9%

Liger - 93.3%

LUNCH MENU – WEEK BEGINNING 18th SEPTEMBER 2023

Monday	Chicken Pasta Bake	Tomato & Vegetable Pasta Bake, Mixed Vegetables	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Frozen Yoghurt
Tuesday	BBQ Chicken with Rice, Sweetcorn & Green Beans	Quorn Vegetable Curry with Rice, Sweetcorn & Green Beans	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Fruit Jelly
Wednesday	All Day Breakfast - Sausage, Bacon, Beans, Scrambled Egg, Hashbrown and Slice of Bread	All Day Breakfast - Veggie Sausage, Veggie Bacon, Beans, Scrambled Egg, Hashbrown and Slice of Bread	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Fruit Cocktail
Thursday	Pepperoni Pizza with Potato Wedges, Sweetcorn & Broccoli	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges, Sweetcorn & Broccoli	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Cocoa Sponge and Cocoa Sauce
Friday	Fish Fingers with Chips & Peas	Omelette with Chips & Peas	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Ice Cream Roll

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Curriculum Meetings -

During the next two weeks (from Monday 18th September 2023 until Thursday 28th September 2023), the teachers from each year group will hold a Curriculum Meeting. The meetings will allow the teachers to explain all the information linked to curriculum, homework and the expectations for your child's new year group. I will also be at each of the meetings and will discuss a range of matters linked to the school including our new behaviour approach and rewards. Each year group will hold two meetings: one at 9am and one at 6pm. If you are unable to attend either meeting, you will be able to access all the paperwork and presentations on the school's website by Monday 9th October 2023. Please find the dates for your child's year group meeting below - meetings taking place next week are highlighted in [blue](#).

Nursery	Tuesday 26th September 2023	Reception	Monday 18th September 2023	Year 1	Wednesday 20th September 2023
Year 2	Monday 25th September 2023	Year 3	Tuesday 19th September 2023	Year 4	Thursday 28th September 2023
Year 5	Wednesday 27th September 2023	Year 6	Thursday 21st September 2023		

Homework -

This morning, I sent out a letter linked to the school's new approach to homework for the 23/24 academic year. This year, the children will be expected to read at home and learn their weekly spellings. In addition to this homework, parents will be able to choose if they would like any further homework. Parents will be able to request up to 3 homework books for their child to complete over the year. These books will be purchased by the school and sent home to parents at no cost. These books can then be used at home by the parents as they see fit through the year. The books do not need to be returned to school as they would be an additional extra. It is our hope that this approach allows for a compromise in approach that meets the needs for all. Parents who wish to have more homework will be provided materials free of charge and those who do not wish for more work and would like their children to focus on reading and spelling will not receive it. If you would like to request some additional workbooks, please use the link in the letter sent out. If you do not request homework books, your child will not receive them.

Clubs -

A letter about clubs will be sent out on Monday. Parents will be able to sign their child up to one of the clubs from 6pm on Monday night using the Arbor App. If you are struggling to use the Arbor App or have had difficulties before, please see Mrs Brain before Monday night to avoid any disappointment.

Local Secondary Schools Open Evenings -

Parents of Year 6 children will need to apply for a secondary school place by Tuesday 31st October 2023. We have received some information about two local school's open evening events which they have asked to be shared with our parents. Please find the details below:

Harris Academy Riverside

Harris Academy Riverside will be holding an open evening on Thursday 5th October 2023, 5pm-7pm.

Orsett Heath Academy

Orsett Heath Academy will be fully open from September 2024 and will be holding an open evening on Wednesday 4th October 2023 at 5:00pm, 5:30pm, 6:00pm, 6:30pm, 7:00pm, 7:30pm and 8:00pm.

If you require any support with the application process, please do not hesitate to call Mrs Picther who will be happy to offer any advice needed.

<https://www.thurrock.gov.uk/secondary-school-admissions/applying-for-secondary-school-place>