



West Thurrock Academy

Newsletter No 18 - 9th February 2024

The next school holiday is -

February Half Term -

Monday 12th Feb 2024 - Friday 16th Feb 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 -

Wednesday 21st February 2024 - Class Photos being taken

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

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

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

Monday 18th March 2024 - Year 1 – Sharing Assembly

Monday 25th March 2024 - Library Visit (Reception)

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

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

This week's attendance levels -

Lynx - 95.3%

Leopard - 94%

Panther - 91.3%

Lion - 96%

Bobcat - 98.7% - Key Stage 1 Winner

Marozi - 96.7%

Bengal - 96.2%

Cougar - 99.3%

Liger - 97.3%

Ocelot - 96%

Jaguar - 92%

Puma - 96.7%

Tigon - 99.7% - Key Stage 2 Winner

LUNCH MENU – WEEK BEGINNING 19TH FEBRUARY 2024

Monday	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
Tuesday	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
Wednesday	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
Thursday	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
Friday	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

Half Term

Today was the last day before half term. The Half Term dates can be found on the front of this newsletter. **School will reopen Monday 19th February 2024.**

Reports

Yesterday, all parents should have received a copy of their child's mid-year report. We hope that this report will give you a quick snapshot of how your child is doing academically as well as their attitudes towards school. This report is designed to fill in the gaps between the 2 parents' evening meetings and the end of year report. We have tried to ensure that, as parents, you have information available every 8 -10 weeks during the academic year. We are hoping that the mid-year report will keep you informed of your child's progress in all aspects of school life. If you require an additional copy of your child's report, please ask your child's teacher. If you have any questions about the report, please do not hesitate to ask your child's class teacher. The next parents' evening sessions will take place during the week beginning Monday 22nd April 2024.

Class Photos

On **Wednesday 21st February 2024**, the school's photographer will be in school. The photographer will be taking picture of the children in their classes. **If your child has PE on Wednesday, please ensure they wear normal uniform and not their PE kits.** Details about how you can purchase the photos will be sent out in the weeks that follow.

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.

World Book Day 2024

We are delighted to announce our plans for World Book Day this year; our theme will be a celebration of Lewis Carroll's Alice in Wonderland and will take place on **7th March 2024**. As part of our efforts to improve the children's engagement with the arts and increase their cultural capital, we are taking part in the 'Thurrock Trailblazer' programme. Each year group is currently taking part in different creative, cultural and artistic projects. One of these projects is 'Create and Dance' where the children in Year 3 and 4 are learning about the artists, dancers and set designers for the ballet 'Mad Hatter Alice in Wonderland'.

On Thursday 7th March 2024, the children are invited to dress up as a character of their choice from Alice in Wonderland or come in wearing their very own hat inspired by the Mad Hatter and to take part in our Mad Hatter's Fancy Dress and Hat Parade. There will be prizes for the Most Creative Costume and Maddest Hat!

Internet Safety - Zoom Parent Session

On Monday 26th February 2024, all parents and carers are invited to attend an online session which will focus on Internet Safety, Criminal Exploitation and Online Child Sexual Exploitation of Children. The session will be led by John Woodley and John Staines also known as 'The 2 Johns'. These sessions are hard hitting and so informative. I encourage anyone who is free from 8pm to join the session. Every parent and member of staff who has attended their training sessions before have always found the sessions extremely useful.