



West Thurrock Academy

Newsletter No 19 - 23rd February 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 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

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 - Sport Relief 2024 (Year 3 to lead)

Monday 18th March 2024 - Year 1 - Sharing Assembly

Monday 19th March 2024 - Year 2 - 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 - 95.7%

Leopard - 94.3%

Panther - 95%

Lion - 94.3%

Bobcat - 96%

Marozi - 91.7%

Bengal - 84.6%

Liger - 94.3%

Ocelot - 98.7% Key Stage 1 Winner

Jaguar - 96%

Puma - 97.8%

Tigon - 97.3%

Cougar - 98% Key Stage 2 Winner

LUNCH MENU – WEEK BEGINNING 19TH FEBRUARY 2024

Monday	Spaghetti Bolognese	Tomato Vegetable Pasta	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Syrup Sponge with Custard
Tuesday	Sausage with Chips, Beans or Peas	Vegan Sausage with Chips, Beans or Peas	Ham Baguette, Tuna Baguette or Cheese Baguette with Chips	Chocolate Cookie
Wednesday	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables and Cauliflower	Roast Quorn with Roast Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables and Cauliflower	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Mixed Berries & Cream
Thursday	Pepperoni 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	Ice Cream Roll
Friday	Fish Fingers with Mash, Peas or Beans	Vegetable Fingers with Mash, Peas or Beans	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Fruit Cocktail

World Book Day £1 Tokens

Today, your child should have brought home a World Book Day £1 token. These tokens can be redeemed from Thursday 15th February until Sunday 31st March 2024 in stores. It is our hope that by providing these to children before World Book Day, they will have more chance of getting the book that they want. This year's special World Book Day books can be found below.

Stores who will accept the vouchers:

- Your local independent bookseller
- Asda
- Blackwell's (selected stores only)
- Sainsburys
- Tesco
- The Works
- Waterstones
- WHSmith



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.