



# West Thurrock Academy

## Newsletter No 23 - 22nd 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 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

Tuesday 23rd April 2024 - Eco 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)

Thursday 25th April 2024 - Rock Up Trip (Year 4)

Thursday 9th May 2024 - Colchester Zoo Trip (Year 3)

Tuesday 21st May 2024 - Graffiti Workshop (Year 6)

Wednesday 22nd May 2024 - 'Back Packing' Around South America Event

Friday 24th May 2024 - Sports Day (Including Picnic Lunch)

**This week's attendance levels -**

Lynx - 97.3%

Leopard - 98%

Panther - 94.3%

**Lion - 98.1% Key Stage 2 Winner**

**Bobcat - 98% Key Stage 1 Winner**

Marozi - 97%

Bengal - 86.7%

Cougar - 94.7%

Liger - 95.9%

Ocelot - 97.9%

Jaguar - 97.3%

Puma - 91.1%

Tigon - 96%

### LUNCH MENU – WEEK BEGINNING 25TH MARCH 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 and 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>	No school on Friday			

## Year 5 Charity Event

The children in Year 5 will continue to raise money for the school in the coming week. The children have organised and are currently running this year's Easter Egg Raffle. As part of the event, the children are asking for Easter Egg donations. Any chocolate egg donations are welcomed. 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. Next week, the children will continue to 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.

## Year 1 and Year 2 Sharing Assemblies

I would like to congratulate the children in Year 1 and 2 for their successful performances which took place this week. The children all worked very hard to ensure that the performances were special. The staff in Year 1 and 2 are extremely proud of their children. We hope everyone who was able to attend enjoyed the opportunity to hear about and see some of the things the children have learnt so far this year.

## Internet Safety - Zoom Parent Session

I wanted to remind parents that the recording of the online session which focused on Internet Safety, Criminal Exploitation and Online Child Sexual Exploitation of Children **will expire on Sunday 24th March 2024**. As stated previously, the session was led by John Woodley and John Staines also known as 'The 2 Johns' who spoke for around 90 minutes. 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>

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. 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](#)

## Parents Evening

I am pleased to announce that the second round of parent consultations will take place in April. From next Tuesday, parents will have the chance to book a face-to-face meeting in school with their child's teacher. The consultations will take place on Tuesday 23rd April and Thursday 25th April. Each meeting will last for ten minutes. If you feel that you require more time, you will be able to make further arrangements with the class teacher. Further information linked to how to book an appointment will be sent out at the end of next week.

## Clubs / Boosters

Next week will be the final week of current clubs and booster. Information about new clubs will be released soon. The new clubs will begin during the week starting Monday 29th April 2024. If your child is chosen for a future booster, you will receive a letter from your child's teacher after half term.

## Sports Day

This year's Sports Day event will take place on Friday 24th May 2024. The event will be split into two sessions: one for Key Stage 1 and one for Key Stage 2. Between the sessions, all families (Nursery to Year 6) will have the chance to bring a picnic along with them and sit with their child(ren) and friends on the field. A letter will be sent out closer to the time to confirm arrangements.