



West Thurrock Academy

Newsletter No 3 - 22nd 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 25th September 2023 - Year 2 Curriculum Meeting (9am or 6pm)

Tuesday 26th September 2023 - Nursery Curriculum Meeting (8:40am or 2:50pm)

Tuesday 26th September 2023 - European Day of Languages

Wednesday 27th September 2023 - Year 5 Curriculum Meeting (9am or 6pm)

Thursday 28th September 2023 - Year 4 Curriculum Meeting (9am or 6pm)

Wednesday 4th October 2023 - Year 5 Trip - Vincent Van Gogh Exhibit

Thursday 5th October 2023 - Teddy Bear's Picnic (Nursery)

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

Monday 6th November 2023 - Friday 10th November 2023 - Poppy Sale

Wednesday 8th November 2023 - School Photos - Individuals

Friday 10th November 2023 - Whole School Remembrance Service

This week's attendance levels -

Bobcat - 95.9%

Ocelot - 90.6%

Lynx - 98.7%(KS1 Weekly Winner)

Marozi - 92.6%

Jaguar - 93.9%

Leopard - 94%

Puma - 93.2%

Panther - 94.5%

Cougar - 96% (KS2 Weekly Winner)

Tigon - 97.7%

Lion - 95.2%

Liger - 93.3%

LUNCH MENU – WEEK BEGINNING 25th SEPTEMBER 2023

Monday Menu Change	Pork Sausage with Mash Potato and Baked Beans	Meat Free Sausage with Mash Potato and Baked Beans	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Ice Cream Tub
Tuesday Special Menu	Italian - Spaghetti Bolognese and Garlic Bread	Greek - Vegetarian Moussaka	French - Baguette (Ham, Cheese or Tuna)	Belgium - Waffles, Cream and Chocolate Sauce
Wednesday	Sweet & Sour Chicken with Rice and Mixed Vegetables	Sweet & Sour Quorn Bites with Rice and Mixed Vegetables	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Carrot Cake
Thursday	Pepperoni Pizza with Potato Wedges, Sweetcorn & Broccoli	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges, Sweetcorn & Broccoli	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Frozen Yoghurt
Friday	Breaded Lemon Fish Bites with Chips, Peas	Vegetable Fingers with Chips, Peas	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Fruit Cocktail

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Curriculum Meetings -

During the past week, teachers from Reception, Year 1, Year 3 and Year 6 have held Curriculum Meetings. The meetings have allowed the teachers to provide all the information linked to their year group's curriculum, homework and expectations. I have also attended these meetings to discuss a range of matters linked to the school including our new behaviour approach, rewards, Seesaw and communication. Next week, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 5 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. An electronic copy of the meeting materials will also be sent out via email. Please find the dates for your child's year group meeting below:

Year 2	Monday 25th September 2023	Nursery	Tuesday 26th September 2023	Year 5	Wednesday 27th September 2023
Year 4	Thursday 28th September 2023				

European Day of Languages -

Next Tuesday, we will be celebrating European Day of Languages. Each year group has been given a country to explore - these can be found below:

Early Years - Bulgaria

Year 1 - Ukraine

Year 2 - Poland

Year 3 - France

Year 4 - Romania

Year 5 - Albania

Year 6 - Lithuania

The children are invited to come to school dressed in the colours of their countries flag or in traditional dress. There is no cost for this event. During the day, the children will have the opportunity to learn some information about their chosen country and learn some simple words. In addition to the activities planned, we are also providing the children with a special European Menu. The choices for the special lunch can be found on the first page of this newsletter.

Homework -

Last week, 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. If you would like to request some additional workbooks, please use the link below:

[Additional Homework Request Form 23-24 \(google.com\)](#)

It is our hope that we will be able to get the workbooks out to families by the end of the week.

Clubs -

Clubs will be starting next week. Mrs Brain has sent an email to those who have been given a place in each of the clubs with further details. If you are expecting to receive this email but have not, please contact Mrs Brain on this email: childwelfare@westthurrockacademy.co.uk