



West Thurrock Academy

Newsletter No 7 - 20th October 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 6th November 2023 - Friday 10th November 2023 - Poppy Sale

Tuesday 7th November 2023 - Criminal Exploitation Assembly (Year 5 / 6)

Wednesday 8th November 2023 - School Photos - Individuals

Thursday 9th November 2023 - Year 1 Trip - Weald Country Park

Thursday 9th November 2023 - Year 6 Trip - High House Production Park

Friday 10th November 2023 - Whole School Remembrance Service

Monday 13th November 2023 - Odd Socks Day

Friday 17th November 2023 - Children in Need

Wednesday 22nd November 2023 - Walk Online Workshop - Year 5

Monday 27th November 2023 - Year 5 Sharing Assembly

Tuesday 28th November 2023 - Year 3 Sharing Assembly

Thursday 30th November 2023 - Panto

Friday 1st December 2023 - Ice Skating Experience

This week's attendance levels -

Lynx - 94.3%

Leopard - 91.5%

Panther - 91.6%

Lion - 99.7% (Key Stage 2 Winner)

Bobcat - 91.2%

Marozi - 97.9% (Key Stage 1 Winner)

Bengal - 98.6%

Cougar - 87.7%

Liger - 87.3%

Ocelot - 91%

Jaguar - 94%

Puma - 90%

Tigon - 92.7%

LUNCH MENU – WEEK BEGINNING 6TH NOVEMBER 2023

Monday	Tuna Pasta Bake with Fresh Broccoli and Mixed Vegetables	Macaroni Cheese with Fresh Broccoli and Mixed Vegetables	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Cocoa Rice Crispy Cake
Tuesday	Beef Chilli Con Carne, Rice, Green Beans and Bread	Quorn Chilli, Rice, Green Beans and Bread	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Fruit Cocktail
Wednesday	Pork Sausage 'Toad In The Hole', Mashed Potato, Fresh Cauliflower and Peas	Quorn Sausage 'Toad In The Hole', Mashed Potato, Fresh Cauliflower and Peas	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling	Ice Cream Roll
Thursday	BBQ Chicken Pizza, Garlic Bread, Potato Crispers and Sweetcorn	Cheese and Tomato Pizza, Garlic Bread, Potato Crispers and Sweetcorn	Ham Baguette, Tuna Baguette or Cheese Baguette with Potato Crispers	Apple Crumble with Custard
Friday	Plant Based Burger in a Bun, Chips, Baked Beans and Sweetcorn	Meat Free Sausage Roll, Chips, Baked Beans and Sweetcorn	Ham Baguette, Tuna Baguette or Cheese Baguette with Chips	Angel Delight

Black History Museum Exhibition -

It was great to see so many of you were able to attend our Black History Month Museum Exhibition today. During the past few weeks, the children have been completing a range of activities linked to celebrating Black History Month. Each year group created a fantastic display! As well as the parents being invited to look at the displays, every child had the chance to look around the exhibition too. It has been amazing to speak to the children and listen to the facts and information they have learnt during this period. On behalf of the children and staff, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for supporting this event.

Non-School Uniform Day - In aid of the Morocco Earthquake -

As part of their literacy work and completely self driven, Year 5 arranged today's non-school uniform day to raise money in aid of the Red Cross appeal for the survivors of the Moroccan earthquake. It was great to see so many children taking part in today's event and raising money for a fantastic cause. Collectively, the children have raised £350. On behalf of the children in Year 5, I would like to thank everyone for taking part and supporting them.

Individual School Photos -

On Wednesday 8th November 2023, the school's photographer will be in school taking the children's annual individual photo. As soon as we have further details about how you can purchase your child's school photo, we will publish this information.

Poppy Sale -

The children in Reception will be selling a range of items to raise money for The Royal British Legion from Monday 6th November 2023. The children will be selling the following items: Snap bands - £1.50, Wristbands - £1, Zip pulls - 50p, Poppy reflector - 50p and Poppies for a donation. Due to the amount of stock we have been supplied, we are limiting the number of items each child can buy to 1 to ensure everyone has a chance to purchase an item. If your child would like to buy an item, please ensure that they bring the correct amount for their item.

School Dinner Menu-

The school's dinner menu will be changing after half term. When we return, we will be on Week 2. A full copy of the menu has been sent out to you today and the menu for the week beginning Monday 6th November can be found on the front of this newsletter.

Seesaw -

After a successful roll out of the Seesaw App in Reception, I am pleased to inform parents that the app will be rolled out across the school during the first week back. If you have completed the consent form, your child will receive a document with instructions linked to the next steps required to create and activate your account. If you have not yet accessed the online consent form, please do so as soon as possible using the link below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf_3IOxv5GMsdpLQBUrPlovl7qRXWYHTQwIarn15khG_7tSGA/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0

Photo Permissions -

Thank you to everyone who has filled in the school's Photo Permission Form. As stated previously, the school has commissioned a photographer to take a range of pictures which may be used by the school in a range of ways such as on the school's website, on social media or in any future prospectus. During the first week back, the photographer will be in school taking pictures of children as they undertake a variety of activities. No child will be photographed without your consent. If you are yet to complete the recent photo permission form, please do so using the link below:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfCJ8QEKbpfr40xbAuT7M6E8TqW8PfauXdTKwKjQgIGY378cg/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0>