



West Thurrock Academy

Newsletter No 8 - 10th November 2023

Holiday Dates -

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 13th November 2023 - Odd Socks Day

Tuesday 14th November 2023 - Criminal Exploitation Assembly (Year 5 / 6)

Tuesday 14th November 2023 and Thursday 16th November 2023 - Parent Consultations

Friday 17th November 2023 - Children in Need

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

Friday 24th November 2023 - Year 3 Police Workshop - Home Safety

Friday 24th November 2023 - Year 6 Police Workshop - Anti-bullying

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

Tuesday 5th December 2023 - Bedtime Stories Event

Wednesday 6th December 2023- Nutcracker - Royal Opera House (Year 3/5)

This week's attendance levels -

Lynx - 97.3%

Leopard - 94.7%

Panther - 93.2%

Lion - 92.1%

Bobcat - 92.9%

Marozi - 98% (Key Stage 1 Winner)

Bengal - 97.4% (Key Stage 2 Winner)

Cougar - 95%

Liger - 90.2%

Ocelot - 94.4%

Jaguar - 93%

Puma - 93.3%

Tigon - 96%

LUNCH MENU – WEEK BEGINNING 13TH NOVEMBER 2023

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| 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 |

Odd Socks Day - We will be celebrating Odd Socks Day on Monday 13th November. Odd Socks Day is an annual event that encourages people to wear mismatched socks as a way of celebrating diversity and promoting inclusion. It is a light-hearted and symbolic gesture that serves as a reminder that being different is something to be proud of. Participants are encouraged to embrace their individuality and support others in doing the same.

Children in Need - As you may already know, Friday 17th November 2023 is the start of this year's BBC Children in Need Appeal. Our school is excited to be joining with many others around the UK to participate in the fundraising programme, but this is where we need your help!

This year, pupils in Year 2 have been given the responsibility of designing an exciting event to raise as much money as possible for this charity. To do this, pupils have decided to organise a non-uniform day – following the 'SPOTacular' theme – and set a range of daring challenges for staff members to complete.

For every £50 raised, a staff member will be randomly chosen to complete one of the following challenges:

- Eat Toxic Waste (sour sweets).
- Drink a spoonful of hot sauce.
- Be showered with water balloons.
- Have whipped cream pies tossed at them.
- Complete the ice bucket challenge.

Each challenge will be recorded and placed on the school's Facebook Page for all to view. To help us make this a memorable event, we ask that parents donate £1. This can be sent to school with your child on Friday 17th November.

Poppy Sale and Remembrance - The children in Reception have done a fantastic job of selling poppies this week. The money raised will be collected by the British Royal Legion in the coming days. I would like to thank the children and staff in Reception for arranging the event. Those who arranged the event will receive a certificate today to recognise their contribution. The full school gathered today to remember those who have given the ultimate sacrifice to protect our country and its values. After the school observed a moment to reflect, representatives from each class laid a wreath from their class. Pictures of the wreaths can be found on either the school's Twitter or Facebook page.

Parent consultations - The booking system for the first parent consultations of the year opened on Tuesday. The consultation meetings will take place on Tuesday 14th November and Thursday 16th November for all pupils in Nursery to Year 6 and will be held in person at the school within your child's classroom. When arriving for your meeting, please enter the school via the main office and someone will direct you to a designated waiting area that you can use before your meeting takes place. If you have not yet booked your appointment, please log onto the Arbor App and click on the Guardian Consultation section. If you are having difficulties with this, please call the school and we will help you make an appointment.

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 from Monday. 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. Without your consent, your child will not be given a Seesaw Account.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf_3IOxv5GMsdpLQBUrPlovi7qRXWYHTQwlarn15khG_7tSGA/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0

Individual School Photos - On Wednesday 8th November 2023, the school's photographer was 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