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School Newsletter

Issue 1

Friday 18th September

Message from Mrs Woods

What a busy start to the new school year! It is so nice to see Longshaw families once again and the children looking extremely smart in their new school uniforms.

I have seen lots of tired faces this morning – I think we are all getting used to the early starts and full days! Despite this, the children have continued to impress me. They have all adapted so well to the new routines and followed these carefully.

Attendance of pupils has also been impressive – I know that there is still much concern about COVID especially now that we are getting into the winter months and children are starting to catch common illnesses such as colds and runny noses. Please remember that if your child has a high temperature (37.8 °C or above), a new persistent cough, or a loss or change of smell / taste then please call NHS 111 and keep your child at home. Please also contact the school office on the first day of absence to let us know the reason.

If your child must self-isolate, we will provide home learning resources for you to use – we will send more information out to parents shortly. In the meantime, you can also access Oak Academy resources for home learning: www.thenational.academy

Please can I remind all parents not to arrive at school too early for morning drop off / end of day collections. Each class has been allocated a specific times to ensure that we are all able to socially distance and keep each other safe. Once you have collected your child, please do not block the entrances or pavements. Thank you.

Secondary School Applications – 2021

If your child is currently in Year 6 and due to start secondary school in September 2021, then you must apply for a school place.

You can access all information about how to apply on the Waltham Forest Admissions website page: www.walthamforest.gov.uk/content/applying-secondary-school-place

The closing date is 31 October 2020

The website also provides a 'Starting Secondary School 2021' brochure which contains all the information you need to know about applying.

Secondary School Open Evenings

Chingford Foundation: Thursday 15th October 6 – 8.30pm

Connaught School for Girls: Thursday 1st October 6 – 8.30pm

Frederick Bremner School: Wednesday 30 September 5.30 – 8pm

George Mitchell School: Tuesday 6 October 5.30 – 8pm

Heathcote School: Thursday 1 October 6 – 8pm

Highams Park: Thursday 15 October 5.30 – 8.30pm

Holy Family Catholic School: Thursday 24 September 6 – 8pm

South Chingford Foundation: Wednesday 23 September 6 – 8pm

Walthamstow Academy: Thursday 1 October 5.30 – 8pm

Please also refer to Starting Secondary School 2021 brochure for other schools not mentioned here.

Diary Dates

Friday 23 October	School breaks up for half term
Saturday 31 October	Deadline for Y6 secondary applications
Monday 2 November	Staff INSET day – school closed
Tuesday 4 November	Children return to school
Friday 18 December	School breaks up for Christmas
Monday 4 January	Staff INSET day – school closed
Tuesday 5 January	Children return to school
Friday 12 January	Children break up for half term
Monday 22 February	Staff INSET day – school closed
Tuesday 23 February	Children return to school
Wednesday 31 March	School closes for Easter
Thursday 1 April	Staff INSET day – school closed
Monday 19 April	Children return to school
Friday 28 May	Children break up for half term
Monday 7 June	Staff INSET day – school closed
Tuesday 8 June	Children return to school
Friday 23 July	Children break up for summer holidays

School Parking

Please can I ask all parents driving children to school, to park safely and thoughtfully to others.

Please do not park across resident driveways.

Wherever possible, why not substitute the car and walk to school or ride your bike / scooter.

Thank you for your cooperation.



TT Rock Stars



Please don't forget to encourage your child to practise their times tables every day using TTRs.

Every child in Y2 – Y6 has got their own password to access (if you have lost or forgotten it, please speak to your child's class teacher or send an email to the school office. Thank you.

Nursery Admissions

We still have a number of places in our Nursery for pupils aged 3 and have both 15 hour and 30 hours provision available.

Did you know that you may be entitled to Free 30 hours Government funding? To check, please visit www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

If your child's birthday falls between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018 and you would like your child to attend Longshaw Nursery, then please contact the school office:

office@longshawprimaryacademy.org.uk

