

Welcome Back

Welcome back for an exciting Summer term. I hope you have all had a happy and peaceful break. It has been wonderful to see the children back in school with such enthusiasm and of course, the warmer weather really helps!

Strike action; Thursday 27th April & Tuesday 2nd May 2023. A national strike by the NEU has been called for **Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May 2023**. The union continue to call for better pay for teachers and greater funding for schools.

The governing body at the school have carefully assessed the likely impact of this strike action on Chase Lane Primary school.



Parents/carers are advised to make alternative childcare provision for the Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May 2023.

If you have any questions regarding this then please contact the school at chaselanepri@clpwaltham.org.uk

This weekend many of our Muslim families will be celebrating **Eid al-Fitr** to mark end of Ramadan. We wish Eid Mubarak to all our families who will be celebrating.

Kind regards
Mr Jeffery



Parenting Programme Summer Term 2023

Our 10 week Parent Nurturing programme run by Mrs Mara & Mrs Canham, starts next week on **Tuesday 25th April**. Spaces are filling up but we do still have 6 spaces left. If you are interested in taking part, please email the school at chaselanepri@clpwaltham.org.uk with your name.



come and find out
how to get the best out
of family life



We will be running the 10-week Nurturing Programme for Parents next term.

To find out more about it, come to
Chase Lane School
on **Tuesday 25th April** at 9:00

We look forward to seeing you.

King's Coronation Celebration Friday 5th May

On **Friday 5th May**, the whole school will be celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III as he becomes our new monarch after a staggering 70 years of the reign of the late Queen Elizabeth II. Elizabeth II was Queen of the United Kingdom and other Commonwealth realms from 6 February 1952 until her death in 2022.

To celebrate, we are inviting children to come to school dressed in the colours **red, white and blue**. Please no football kits. Every child from Reception to Year 6 will enjoy a Coronation Picnic lunch on the field (weather permitting!). Children in the Nursery will also have a small picnic during their normal Nursery session. The children who usually receive a school meal will receive a royal packed lunch provided by the school kitchen. Details of that menu will be provided in next week's newsletter.



Summer Term Clubs



Summer term clubs start next week. If your child was given a club place for summer term, you will have received a SchoolPing message from Mrs Blackmore. Please make sure you make the club payment via ParentPay.

If your child did not get a club place, we still have spaces in the following clubs:

Year 3 & 4	Choir, Tuesdays, 3.40pm - 4.40pm	= 2 spaces
Rec & Year 1	Mini Tennis, Wednesdays, 8am 8.40am	= 1 space
Years 3 - 6	Golf, Thursdays, 8am 8.40am	= 5 spaces
Year 4 & 5	Netball, Thursdays, 3.40pm - 4.45pm	= 10 spaces
Year 2	PE, Thursdays 3.30pm - 4.30pm	= 2 spaces

If we do not have more uptake for Netball club we will not be able to run the club. In that event, those who already have places will be refunded.

Scooters & Bikes

This week there have been a number of scooters and bikes that have been left in the KS1 playground (Reception - Year 2).

Parents/carers are kindly reminded that scooters/bikes should not be left in the playground but should be stored away in the bike racks near the main office at the front of the school. If there is no space for your child's scooter/bike, you will need to take it home with you and bring it back at the end of the day.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



Reception September 2023

Monday 17th April was Primary Offers Day for September 2023 Reception school places.

If you applied online you should have received an email telling you which school your child has been offered (check your spam if you have not yet received it) If you applied with a paper copy, you should have received the offer in the post. If your child has been offered a place in our Reception class for September from the borough's Admissions department, you will soon be receiving further information from us.



PTA Year 2 & 3 Disco Friday 12th May 2023



IT'S DISCO TIME! YEAR 2 & 3

FRIDAY 12th MAY 2023
6.30PM TO 8.30PM

£5 ENTRY TO BE PAID ON ENTRY ON THE NIGHT
COME AND HAVE LOTS OF FUN WITH YOUR FRIENDS
ENJOY A LIVE DJ WITH LOTS OF GREAT MUSIC, FUN
AND GAMES!
CRISPS AND UNLIMITED DRINKS FOR ALL!

Free family trip to The Science Museum

Date: Saturday 22nd April 2023
Time: 10am to 4:30pm
Cost: Free

Waltham Forest have places for 94 of its residents to attend this trip. The trip is part of Waltham Forest Adult Learning Service's 'Multiply' Project.

To find out more and request places for your family on the trip, please email: multiply@walthamforest.gov.uk

The trip includes return coach travel from Walthamstow, admission to the Science Museum, and a packed lunch.

Suitable for families of adults and children aged between 7 to 16 years. One adult is required to attend the trip for every two children.



Waltham Forest Residents News

Click the link below to view this week's Waltham Forest Residents news:
<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKWALTHAM/bulletins/3558881>

Attendance 27th March - 31st March 2023

Well done to the following classes for achieving the highest attendance percentage in their Year Groups :- over 96%. The minimum target for attendance each week as set by the Government is 96%.

Year Group	Class	Attendance%
Year 1	Acacia	96.6
Year 2	Kapok	96
Year 4	Beech	97.3
Year 6	Olive	97



During the above period our overall school attendance was 94.7 %.

Lloyd Park Volunteer Gardening



Like gardening? Why not join the friendly volunteers and lend a hand to tend the beautiful William Morris Garden in Lloyd Park.

Every Thursday, 10.00am to 1.00pm. Meet at the William Morris Garden,

near the Forest Road Gate, Lloyd Park, E17.

Meet new people
Improve your health & wellbeing
Use (or improve) your gardening skills (no gardening experience necessary)
Be outdoors in nature
Get satisfaction from caring for your local community

Sign up by calling 07913 604 364 or emailing LloydPark.Vols@groundwork.org.uk

Joke of the Week

Q. Why is a piano so hard to open?

A. Because the keys are on the inside!



Hello, Parents & Guardians!

We are BeeZee Bodies, and we work with Waltham Forest Council to provide FREE (and FUN!) healthy lifestyle support for families.

We run [BeeZee Families](#) courses after school across Waltham Forest, and have new groups beginning in May.*

You can also enroll in the [BeeZee Academy](#), our FREE self-paced online learning platform full of useful information and tips on how to make your family healthier.

CLICK HERE OR SCAN THE QR CODE WITH YOUR SMARTPHONE CAMERA TO SIGN UP FOR YOUR FAMILY'S FREE PLACE



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
WALTHAMSTOW Peterhouse Community Centre E17 3PW 17:00 - 19:00	LEYTON Leyton Cricket Ground E10 6PY 17:30 - 19:30	CHINGFORD Chingford C of E Primary School E4 7BP 17:00 - 19:00	WALTHAMSTOW Walthamstow School for Girls E17 9RZ 17:30 - 19:30

*To be eligible for this awesome free service, your family must live/go to a school in Waltham Forest and include one child who is above their ideal healthy weight.



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April is... Stress Awareness Month



Stress is a very common human response when we are feeling overwhelmed by physical, mental or emotional pressure. It's important to try to manage our stress so that it doesn't build up and cause longer-term issues. This April is STRESS AWARENESS MONTH. We are encouraging everyone to #ACT (Action Changes Things). Choose one action that you and your family can do to support your physical, mental or emotional health and reduce your stress.

What can we do to help manage our stress?



Try taking a few deep breaths or follow a guided meditation



Enjoy a healthy, balanced diet including a wide variety of different foods



Connect with family and friends



Dance it out! Listen to your favourite music and have a boogie.



Go for a family walk



Take a social media break

Find out more at www.stress.org.uk/national-stress-awareness-month/

Diary Dates Spring Term 2023

Any additions/changes to the diary dates are highlighted in purple text

Summer Term

Monday 17th April 2023 - Friday 21st July

Monday 24th April	Clubs start
Thursday 27th April	National Teachers Strike
Friday 28th April	9.15am - 10.15am Nursery Intake Meeting
Monday 1st May	May Day Bank Holiday - school closed
Tuesday 2nd May	National Teachers Strike
Thursday 4th May	Last Year 6 After School Booster session
Thursday 4th May	Preloved Uniform Sale 3.00pm-3.20pm
Friday 5th May	King's Coronation Whole School Picnic & Non-Uniform Day
Monday 8th May	Bank Holiday for King Charles' Coronation - school closed
Tuesday 9th - Friday 12th May	Year 6 SATs week
Thursday 11th May	Last Year 2 After School Booster session
Friday 12th May	6.30pm - 8.30pm PTA event Year 2 & 3 Disco
Monday 15th May - Friday 26th May	2pm - 3pm Hazel Class Swimming Lessons begin
Wednesday 17th May	9.00am PTA meeting in the canteen hall
Friday 19th May	6.30pm - 8.30pm PTA event Year 4 & 5 Disco
Tuesday 23rd May	8.00am Year 6 Trip to Harry Potter Warner Bros Studios
Friday 26th May	9.00am - 2.30pm Year 6 trip to Leyton Orient Football ground - details to follow
Half-term Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June 2023	
Monday 5th June - Friday 16th June	2pm - 3pm Sycamore Class Swimming Lessons begin
Monday 19th June - Friday 30th June	2pm - 3pm Willow Class Swimming Lessons begin
Monday 19th June - Friday 23rd June	Last Word Project/Local Park Trips - full details to follow
Monday 26th June 2023	EYFS sports day - details to follow
Wednesday 28th June 2023	Year 5 & 6 sports day (afternoon) - full details to follow
Thursday 29th June 2023	Year 3 & 4 sports day - details to follow
Thursday 29th June 2023	Reception Intake meeting - details to follow
Friday 30th June 2023	Year 1 & 2 sports day - details to follow
Monday 3rd July 2023	INSET Day - school closed to children
Tuesday 4th July 2023	Natural History Museum trip -Willow Class. Full details to follow
Wednesday 5th July 2023	Natural History Museum trip - Sycamore class. Full details to follow
Friday 7th July 2023	Natural History Museum trip - Hazel class. Full details to follow
Sunday 9th July 2023	12.00pm - 3.30pm PTA Summer Fun Day
Friday 14th July 2023	6.30pm - 8.30pm Year 6 PTA Leavers Disco
Thursday 20th July 2023	9.00am Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Friday 21st July 2023	School closes 1 hour early for the Summer holidays

WEEK 2 School Dinner Menu for w/b 24th April 2023

Spring/Summer Menu 2023 week 2	Monday	Save The Planet Tuesday	Allergen Free Wednesday	Climate Change Thursday	Friday
CHOICE 1	Sri Lankan Sweet Potato & Coconut Curry (ve)	Smokey Jackfruit Jambalaya (ve)	Jollof Rice (ve)	Rosemary and Garlic Pan Fried Tofu (ve)	Crushed Chick Pea & Sweetcorn Wrap (ve)
CHOICE 2	Jacket Potato (ve)(v) with Various Fillings	Tomato & Basil Pasta (v)	Butternut Squash, Carrot & Chickpea Tagine (ve)	Mac n Cheese (v)	MSC Golden Crumb Fish Fingers
CHOICE 3	Beef Bolognaise	Homemade Cheese & Vegetable Puff	Roasted Lemon Chicken	Jacket Potato with Various Fillings	60/40 Beef Burger
Sides	Wholemeal Spaghetti (v) Mixed Rice(ve)	Homemade Bread (v)	Roasted New Potatoes (ve) Spicy Lemon Rice (ve)	Savoury Rice (ve)	Oven Baked Chips (v)
Vegetables	Sweetcorn (ve) Green Beans (ve)	Fresh Seasonal Broccoli (ve) Mixed Vegetables (ve)	Garden Peas (ve) Roasted Cauliflower Floret (ve)	Sweetcorn (ve) Spring Greens (ve)	Baked Beans (ve) Grilled Tomatoes (ve)
Salads	Salad Selection (v)	Salad Selection (ve)	Salad Selection (ve)	Salad Selection (ve)	Salad Selection (v)
Desserts	Mixed Fruit Crumble (ve) with Custard (v)(ve)	Fruity Flapjack (ve)	Coconut Jelly (ve)	Cookie with Milk (v)	Chocolate Cracknel (v) & Custard (v)(ve)
DAILY	Organic Fruit Yogurt (v) with Seasonal Fresh Fruit	Organic Fruit Yogurt (v) with Seasonal Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit Salad (ve)	Organic Fruit Yogurt (v) with Seasonal Fresh Fruit	Organic Fruit Yogurt (v) with Seasonal Fresh Fruit
DAILY	Seasonal Fresh Fruit (ve)	Seasonal Fresh Fruit (ve)	Seasonal Fresh Fruit (ve)	Seasonal Fresh Fruit (ve)	Seasonal Fresh Fruit (ve)
Bread	Homemade Bread (v)	Homemade Bread (v)	Homemade Bread (v)	Homemade Bread (v)	Homemade Bread (v)

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

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THE RISKS?

Fortnite may be something of a veteran in gaming terms (having launched back in 2017), but it remains massively popular – with more than 250 million people playing online every month. That's partially due to the competitive nature of its player-vs-player combat, its pop culture crossovers and its constantly shifting map. Significant updates are rolled out with each new version of the game – known as 'chapters' – and within these sit shorter 'seasons', which bring more subtle changes. The latest iteration, Chapter 4 Season 2, adds a cyberpunk-themed city and anime-style areas, for example, along with new weapons and characters.

ALWAYS ONLINE

There's no single-player offline mode in Fortnite: it can only be played online. Internet access can sometimes be an issue when you're out and about (both in terms of connectivity and using up data), so you may find that dedicated young Fortnite players are often less enthusiastic about trips away of a certain length – such as days out and holidays – than you might have expected.

IN-GAME COSTS

Fortnite is free to download and play, but it does offer various additional purchases – cosmetic skins, rare weapons and so on – which don't really impact on gameplay, but can cost quite a significant amount. These items are bought with game's currency, V-Bucks – which can be earned through playing, but are also often purchased from the game's store for real-world money.

POP CULTURE
REFERENCES

Part of Fortnite's appeal is its ongoing crossovers with other popular franchises, ranging from movies and TV shows like The Walking Dead to comic book characters including Batman to other games such as Street Fighter. This means you could find your child asking questions about the creature from Alien or who Geralt from The Witcher is a little sooner than you'd possibly anticipated.

CROSSPLAY AND
PARTY CHAT

Fortnite is popular with vast numbers of gamers... of various ages. Crossplay lets friends play with and against each other, regardless of whether they're on an Xbox, Playstation or PC – while party chat allows them to communicate during the game. This chat feature can also, therefore, put youngsters at risk of hearing inappropriate language from older players in the heat of virtual combat.

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

At its core, there's no avoiding that Fortnite is about shooting other players to eliminate them. That said, there's no blood or gore: the violence is generally rendered in a cartoonish style, and there are frequent comical touches to lighten the mood (fishing mini-games, for example). The machine guns, shotguns and other weapons often look and behave realistically, however, so discretion is advised.

FREQUENT UPDATES

The game's developers release content in 'seasons' that usually run for around ten weeks. Each fresh update sees items added to the in-game store, changes to the environment's map and a different over-arching theme (such as 'medieval', 'pirates' or 'party'). These regular renewals help to hold players' interest – but also give young gamers plenty of reasons to keep returning to their screens.

Advice for Parents & Carers

MATCH GAMING TIMES

Younger players tend to want to play Fortnite alongside their friends. With this in mind, it could be worth speaking to the parents and carers of your child's social group and trying to coordinate their gaming around certain hours of the day. Safety in numbers is obviously a factor here, but it will also help your child feel that they're getting adequate opportunity to socialise with their friends online.

SET SPENDING LIMITS

Fortnite's rotating store is a not-so-subtle mechanism for coaxing players into splashing out on those sought-after items before they disappear again for weeks. This could potentially lead to surprise outlays on your card if your child is tempted into an impulse purchase. You could consider setting up a prepaid card for them to use – or ensuring that any online purchases require adult authorisation.

USE UPDATES AS REWARDS

Fortnite's seasonal updates are free – but each also brings the option of a 'battle pass', unlocking exclusive rewards for playing the game and completing set challenges. The passes cost around £8 (and are available as part of larger bundles) and can be an effective reward to young Fortnite fans for good behaviour or academic performance, or as an incentive for chores like tidying their room.

BE WARY OF SCAMS

The immense popularity of Fortnite with more trusting younger audiences means that there's no shortage of scammers looking to fraudulently obtain passwords and other personal data through techniques like phishing. As the developers point out on many of Fortnite's loading screens, they never ask for a player's account password outside of the game: make sure your child knows this.

ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER

Fortnite also offers split-screen gameplay, meaning that two people can play simultaneously via the same TV or computer. That's ideal for siblings or when your child's friends visit – but it also offers you an opportunity to spend time doing something fun with your child, while also being able to make sure they're playing the game safely. Who knows, you might even teach them a thing or two!

Meet Our Expert

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