

SchoolPing-New Communication Tool



As you know, we try our hardest to keep you informed about what is going on in school. However, sending out paper letters is not always reliable due to them being mislaid, crumpled or lost. We are also increasingly aware of the environmental impact associated with printing and photocopying hundreds of letters every week. Letters are expensive and rather than the money being spent on paper and ink, it would be much better spent on your child's learning.

To help improve communication we have signed up to a service called **SchoolPing**, which is already used by hundreds of schools across the country to communicate with parents and carers. This system will replace Groupcall which is the current text messaging/email service that we use.

SchoolPing is a free app which sends instant messages straight to your smartphone, wherever you are. If you do not have access to a smartphone, you can also receive messages via email or by logging in to your account on the web. Whether you're at work, at home or on the go, all you need is an internet connection to stay up to date with all of the school's news.

Attached with this newsletter is information about how to download the SchoolPing app. A separate letter was sent home to you today with more information about how the app works and with a form that we need you to complete providing us with your current email address.

Please be assured that SchoolPing is registered with the Data Protection Registrar and guarantees that all information provided by yourself will be kept private and will not be passed on to any of organisations. We recognise that not all parents/ carers have access to a smartphone or email and so hard copies will still be available on request.

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School Photographer

Unfortunately our school photographer, Van Cols have had to change the date of the individual pupil school photos. The new date will now be **Mon 12th October**.



Booster Classes



Booster classes started this week and were very well attended. In Willow class, every single child was there! Well done! The booster classes are all part of our catch up provision based on the amount of school all of the children have missed out on. If you sent a reply slip in then your child's place is automatic and your child should attend. If you haven't yet signed up, you still can by calling the school office. Year 6 children who usual walk home alone are **not** allowed to walk home alone after boosters.

To confirm, the boosters will end on **Thursday 10th December**.

Hot Lunches

Yesterday, we trialled hot lunches in the classrooms. You may have heard from the children that there was some waiting as it proved to be quite a challenge!



We are very pleased to say that everyone who ordered a hot meal did receive one. As we get deeper in to the autumn and closer to winter it is essential that we provide hot meals as many families rely on this for their children.

Our aim is to have this up and running for when we return after half term, Monday 2nd November. With this in mind, we will be having another trial run for hot meals. The date of this is yet to be confirmed but it will enable the school to address a couple of problems in organisation and logistics.

Attendance w/c 21st September 2020

Congratulations to the following classes for achieving the highest attendance percentage in their Year groups:- over 96%.



Year Group	Class	Attendance %
Reception	Maple	98.2
Year 1	Cherry	98
Year 2	Beech	100
Year 3	Hazel	99.3
Year 5	Acacia	97.3
Year 6	Olive	97.2

The minimum target for attendance each week as set by the Government is 96%. During the above period our overall school attendance below 96.3%.

Well done to **Beech** class for achieving 100% attendance last week. Keep up the good work.

Punctuality Matters

Arriving to school on time is very important. When children arrive late, they miss out on essential instructions given at the beginning of the lesson. This can significantly reduce achievement, regardless of their academic ability. Your child may also feel awkward arriving to the classroom when everyone else is settled. Furthermore, when one pupil arrives late, it disrupts the entire class and the teacher; everyone's education is compromised.



You may think that your child is only missing a few minutes in the morning but a pupil who is even 5 minutes late every day, will miss 15 hours of teaching during the year. That's a large number of teaching hours that cannot be replaced.

Parents are reminded of the following start times:

Nursery	8.55am	Rec	9.05am	Year 1	8.55am
Year 2	8.45am	Year 3	9.05am	Year 4	9.15am
Year 5	8.55am	Year 6	8.45am		

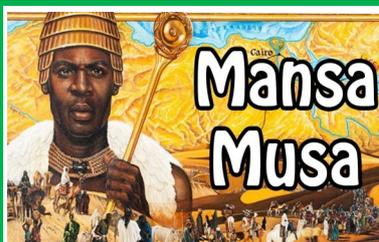
Changes in Weather & Arriving at School

From Monday 5th October we will be trialling a new arrangement due to the autumn/winter weather starting to set in.

To start with, we are going to trial a new arrangement in our Reception classes for when the children arrive at school. To help settle and get the children in class more quickly, the class teachers will be welcoming the children in the playground. Support staff will then accompany the children as they walk along the corridor to their classroom and stay with them until the class teacher re-joins the class at 9:05am. Children in **Maple** class will also be greeted by their teacher and they will be lined up just inside the corridor again with support staff.

These arrangements will help to keep the children warm and dry and provide parents with piece of mind knowing that the children are safely in school.

Interesting Facts



Mansa Musa was a 14th Century West African ruler (1280-1337, king of the Mali empire) and is the richest man that ever lived. It is said he had a fortune of £365 billion!!!

Year 6 Secondary School Applications

Year 6 parents can apply for a secondary school place for the academic year starting September 2021 online at:

www.walthamforest.gov.uk/content/applying-secondary-school-place

If you are unable to apply online you can download the secondary common application form from the website. Instructions for how to submit your paper application are on the back of the application form. The closing date for applications is **31st October 2020**. If you apply after this date, your application will be considered as late.



The online Starting Secondary School Booklet Page 7 of the guide provides full details of Waltham Forest Secondary school Open Evenings. As you will be making a very important decision about your child's education I would urge you to take advantage of the Waltham Forest Secondary Open Evenings available as listed in the booklet. Please note, some schools will be holding their open evening virtually, therefore please see the school websites for more information.

If your child lives outside the London Borough of Waltham Forest but you still wish to make an application for any of its schools you will need to apply to the local authority in which you live.

Please note: The parents of children who have an Education Health Care Plan and live in the London Borough of Waltham Forest will be contacted by Special Needs Services regarding your choice of school.

Reception Admissions 2021-2022

Reminder to all parents/carers with children born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017, who will be due to start Reception in September 2021. The deadline to apply for a Reception place is on Friday 15th January 2021.

You must apply via the e-admissions portal www.eadmissions.org.uk. This year we will not be doing the usual tours of the school but Mr Jeffery will be meeting prospective parents in the school hall on the dates listed on the calendar below. Only 2 adults are allowed to attend the meeting, children are not allowed to attend.

Joke of the Week

Q. Why was Cinderella no good at football?

A. Because her coach was a pumpkin!



Flu Nasal Spray Vaccine



Consent forms for the Flu Nasal Spray vaccine, were given out earlier this week. The school nurses will be coming in on the Wednesday 21st October at 9.00am. You must complete and return the consent form **even** if you do not want your child to have it done. The school nurses have recommended parents watch 'Flu Hero' which is a cartoon on YouTube that gives child friendly information about the vaccine.

NHS Track & Trace



Please see the link below for details on how to download the NHS COVID-19 app and a supporting fact sheet with information on how the app works.

<https://www.covid19.nhs.uk/pdf/parents-carers-over16s-factsheet.pdf>

Music Lesson

A small number of places have become available for Woodwind and string instruments (Violin/Viola) for children in Years 4 & 5 for.

Lessons cost £30 per term. Should your child wish to start learning, please contact Mrs Rockett in the school office for more information.



Viola



Violin

School Office



A polite reminder, the School Office is open from 7.45am until 5.00pm Monday - Thursday and 7.45am until 4.00pm on Fridays.

However, parents are asked to **only** come to the reception area in medical emergencies. All other messages for teachers or queries must be made by calling the school number 0208 529-6827 between the times above.

Alternatively, you can email chaselanepr@cpwaltham.org.uk.

Please note, parents must please make sure packed lunches come to school with their child and are not brought to the office later in the morning.

Health Plans/Asthma Card

Parents/carers of children who have a Health Plans/Asthma card are kindly reminded to please return them the school office. Thank you in advance.



Important Dates for Autumn Term 1 2020

Please note, additional items added to the Autumn calendar or any amendments made each week will always be entered in **BOLD**.

Wednesday 7th October 2020	9.10am Virtual Harvest Assembly
Monday 12th October 2020	Van Cols Individual Pupil photos
Wednesday 21st October	Reception - Year 6 Flu Nasal Spray
Friday 23rd October 2020	Reception Golden Rule Dress - Up Day. Details to follow
Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October	HALF-TERM
Wednesday 4th November 2020	9.30am-10.30am Reception Admissions 2021-2022 Parent meeting
Thursday 6th November 2020	9.30am-10.30am Reception Admissions 2021-2022 Parent meeting
Monday 16th November 2020	3.45pm - 6.00pm Parent Consultations Evening Nursery - Yr6. Details to follow
Tuesday 17th November 2020	3.45pm - 5.30pm Nursery Parent Consultations Evening. Details to follow
Wednesday 18th November 2020	9.30am-10.30am Reception Admissions 2021-2022 Parent meeting
Wednesday 18th November 2020	3.45pm - 5.30pm Nursery Parent Consultations Evening. Details to follow
Thursday 19th November 2020	3.45pm - 6.00pm Parent Consultations Evening Nursery - Yr6. Details to follow
Wednesday 2nd December 2020	9.30am-10.30am Reception Admissions 2021-2022 Parent meeting
Friday 4th December 2020	9.30am-10.30am Reception Admissions 2021-2022 Parent meeting
Friday 18th December 2020	End of Term: School closes 2.25pm/2.30pm/2.35pm