



### After School Club

Dear Parents/carers

We write to update you with regards to the after school club which is currently run by the YMCA. After the Easter holidays the club will continue but will be run by the school. School have decided that they wish to be solely responsible for all of the wrap around care at Chase Lane Primary School. Thankfully, all of the current staff will still have the opportunity to continue with us. It has been a pleasure working with the YMCA over the years and we continue to wish them all the best in the work that they do.

Further details will be shared after Christmas with all parents so that you understand how the booking and payment systems will all work. Please note daily charges will remain at £12.50 per day.

In the meantime, may we all thank the YMCA team for all of their dedication over the years.



### Chase Lane Park - Levelling Up Project

This week Sassafras and Elm visited Chase Lane Park as part of our school's involvement in the Borough's Levelling Up Project. Waltham Forest has received some funding that is being used to develop and enhance the park and they are keen to gain the children's opinions and views on the matter.

The children rated each piece of play equipment out of 5 stars. The two project leads were in awe of the children's understanding and considered opinions. They said the children "were like mini consultants" and had ideas that they, as adults, would never have thought of.

The children behaved impeccably throughout the trip and are a credit to our school.

Well done **Sassafras** and **Elm** classes!



### Blossoms Christmas Party

On Wednesday Blossoms Stay & Play had their Christmas party. We would like to thank everyone that attended. Much fun was had by all, and there was a special visit from Santa! The next Stay & Play session for the New Year starts on **Monday 15th January 2024**



### Reading Books



From Monday 18th December, we will be collecting all school reading books. If you have any at home, please ensure that you send them in with your child next week. Thank you for your support

### Year 2 & 6 After School Boosters

Year 2 & 6 after school boosters ended yesterday. Spring term boosters sessions will restart on Thursday 11th January 2024.

### Thank You

We would like to extend a HUGHE Thank You to the Friends of Chase Lane PTA for putting on an amazing Christmas Fair.

I am very happy to inform you that they raised an impressive **£2970.71!**

We are truly blessed to have such an amazing PTA who dedicate their own time to host amazing events to raise money for the school.



### Christmas Activities

Yesterday our Reception parents/carers were treated to the performance of 'Our First Nativity'. The children were amazing. I would like to extend special thanks to the Reception teachers, support staff and of course the families that came along to support the children.

The next events to take place are:

**Year 3, 5 & 6 Festive Assembly - Monday 18th December**  
Please note this assembly **is for the children only**.

**Nursery concert - Tuesday 19th December.** AM performance at 11.00am, PM performance 2.30pm. These performances will be held in the Nursery.

#### Christmas Parties

All children in school and nursery will enjoy a Christmas party with their class and year group on **Wednesday 20th December**. Children may wear their own party clothes on that day. However, **this does not include:** coloured hair, high heels, make-up or football kits. Also please note children will need to wear warm clothes as they are in the playground at lunchtime for over an hour.



#### Christmas Jumper Day

On **Thursday 21st December**, our final day of term, all children are invited to come in to school wearing Christmas jumpers instead of their school jumper. Remember, the **best** Christmas jumpers are those that are reused or upcycled to become a Christmas jumper! Please **do not** buy a new jumper. Either make one or decorate one instead. There will be no cost to wear a Christmas jumper because we are doing this for fun, not for charity!



#### Staff Carol Singing

Please remember to come and support the staff on the **last day of term**, before school at **8.25am**, when we will be performing our traditional Christmas carol singing outside the main entrance. Everybody is welcome!



### Year 2 Enterprise Week

Last week Year 2 had their enterprise project.



During the Year 2 Enterprise project they transformed each classroom into a super toy store with hundreds of handmade puppets to sell to the Year 1 children.

The children did very well to stick to their budget and work out how to maximise profit.



## Coughs and Colds

It seems that there is a lot of illness in and around school at the moment. At this time of year, it does happen.



Send me to school if...  
I have a runny nose or just a little cough,  
but no other symptoms.

Please be aware that for coughs and colds children should still be in school. You may wish to provide them with a small pack of tissues or a mini hand sanitiser but the children should be in school.

Children should not come in to school if they have a high temperature.

## Edenred Free School Meal Holiday Vouchers

Edenred vouchers of £15 per child per week for the Christmas holidays, will be issued next week to all families in receipt of benefit related Free School Meals (FSM).



Families will receive an email from Edenred and not from Chase Lane Primary, so please check your junk/spam mail in case it appears in there. If you have recently changed your email, please make sure you have notified the school because the vouchers will be sent to the email address that we have on our system.

Please be aware that the vouchers expire after 2 months and cannot be reissued if they are redeemed by then.

## Tribute to The Late Poet Benjamin Zephaniah

Benjamin Obadiah Iqbal Zephaniah was born on 15th April 1958, near Birmingham, England. He was a British writer known for his poetry as well as novels, plays, and other works. The type of poetry he wrote is called "dub poetry," which means it is poetry that is performed and the words are recited over the beat of reggae music.

Sadly, Benjamin passed away last week.

In honour of Benjamin, this week we share one of his poems that celebrates diversity, which is something that we actively try to do here at Chase Lane Primary school.

### THE BRITISH

Take some Picts, Celts and Silures  
And let them settle,  
Then overrun them with Roman  
conquerors.

Remove the Romans after  
approximately 400 years  
Add lots of Norman French to some  
Angles, Saxons, Jutes and Vikings,  
then stir vigorously.

Mix some hot Chileans, cool  
Jamaicans, Dominicans,  
Trinidadians and Bajans with some  
Ethiopians, Chinese,  
Vietnamese and Sudanese.

Then take a blend of Somalians, Sri  
Lankans, Nigerians  
And Pakistanis,  
Combine with some Guyanese  
And turn up the heat.

Sprinkle some fresh Indians,  
Malaysians, Bosnians,  
Iraqis and Bangladeshis together  
with some

Afghans, Spanish, Turkish, Kurdish,  
Japanese  
And Palestinians  
Then add to the melting pot.

Leave the ingredients to simmer.

As they mix and blend allow their  
languages to flourish  
Binding them together with English.

Allow time to be cool.

Add some unity, understanding, and  
respect for the future,  
Serve with justice  
And enjoy.

Note: All the ingredients are equally  
important. Treating one ingredient  
better than another will leave a bitter  
unpleasant taste.

Warning: An unequal spread of  
justice will damage the people and  
cause pain. Give justice and equality  
to all.

WRITTEN BY  
BENJAMIN ZEPHANIAH

## Waltham Forest Residents News

Click the links below to view the latest Waltham Forest Residents news:  
<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKWALTHAM/bulletins/37f6414>

## Attendance 4th December - 8th December

Very 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	Pine	98.7%
Year 2	Acacia	95.9%
Year 3	Willow	97.2%
Year 4	Hawthorn	98%
Year 5	Beech	95.5%
Year 6	Olive	99%

During the above period our overall school attendance was **94.8%**.

## Reception 2024 Applications

If your child was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 they are due to start primary school from September 2024.

Parents/Carers are politely reminded that the **closing date** for applications is **15th January 2024**. All applications are carried out online for Waltham Forest Schools. The following link will take you directly to the admissions website: <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk>

## Girls Socks & Tights

We are in need of spare unwanted girls socks and tights for ages 5-6 and 7-8. We also need plastic bags to use to put the children's wet things in.

Thank you in advance

School Office staff



## Parent Governor Voting

Polite reminder that the parent governor vote closes at midday on Thursday 21st December 2023. Votes will be counted when we return on Monday 8th January 2024.

If you have not already voted, click the link below to cast your vote:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oQ3SUDy46EWOufbiq9KI5sh4Yfy3kntEofPFpsIB8tJUNTVDSEFZSkJaV1pZMzYwQ0IzUzc2QzBEOC4u>



## Christmas Dinner Menu Tuesday 19th December

On Tuesday 19th December, Christmas dinner will be served to all children who currently have a school dinner.

### Mains

Roast Turkey with  
Chipolata Sausage,  
Stuffing and Gravy  
Spicy Chicken  
and Savoury Rice  
Roasted Vegetable Loaf (ve)

### Sides

Crispy Roast Potatoes

### Unlimited

Minted Garden Peas  
Fresh Seasonal Carrots  
Sweetcorn

### Desserts

Santa's Sleigh Selection  
Fresh Fruit Platter

Menus are subject to change based on availability of ingredients

## Fun Fact

Did you know?

It is physically impossible to lick your own elbow.





## Diary Dates 2023-2024

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

### Autumn Term

Monday 18th December	9.00am Year 3, 5 & 6 Festive Assembly - <b>children only</b>
Tuesday 19th December	Nursery Concert 11.00am AM Performance 2.30pm PM Performance
Wednesday 20th December	Christmas Parties for ALL year groups
Thursday 21st December	8.20am Staff Carol Singing & Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 21st December	School closes 1 hour earlier than usual for Christmas holidays



**Friday 22nd December 2023 - Friday 5th January 2024 school closed for Christmas Holidays**

### Spring Term 1 - 2024

Monday 8th January - Friday 9th February 2024

Monday 8th January	8.45am School reopens
<b>Tuesday 9th January</b>	<b>Year 5 North America Dress-Up Day</b>
Thursday 11th January	Year 2 & 6 After School Boosters restart
Monday 15th January	Spring term clubs start
<b>Wednesday 17th January</b>	<b>9.00am PTA meeting in the canteen hall</b>

**Half-Term Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February**

### Spring Term 2 - 2024

Monday 19th February - Thursday 28th March (School closes 1 hour earlier than usual for Easter)

Monday 19th February	Inset Day - Staff training day. School closed to children
Friday 15th March	6.30pm - 8.30pm PTA Family Bingo night

### Summer Term 1 2024

Monday 15th April - Friday 24th May 2024

**Half-Term Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May**

### Summer Term 2 2024

Monday 3rd June - Wednesday 24th July 2024 (School closes 1 hour earlier than usual for Summer)

Monday 1st July	Inset Day - Staff training day. School closed to children
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## Week 1 Monday 18th December - Thursday 21st December 2023

MONDAY	ALLERGEN FRIENDLY WEDNESDAY (FDA)	CLIMATE CHANGE THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>CHOOSE FROM</b> Tomato and Basil Pasta 🍅🍅 Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (FDA) 🍅🍅, Cheese 🍅 or Tuna 🍅 Cottage Pie 🍅 served with Gravy 🍅	<b>CHOOSE FROM</b> Red Vegetable Chilli (FDA) 🍅🍅 Jollof Rice (FDA) 🍅🍅 Lemon and Garlic Chicken (FDA)	<b>CHOOSE FROM</b> Jackfruit Pasta Bake 🍅🍅 Sizzling Stir Fry 🍅 Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (FDA) 🍅🍅, Cheese 🍅 or Tuna 🍅	<b>CHOOSE FROM</b> Spiced Chickpea and Sweet Potato Pilaf (FDA) 🍅🍅 MSC Golden Crumb Fish Fingers 🍅 with Lemon Slice Homemade Chicken and Sweetcorn Pie with Gravy
<b>SIDES</b> Creamy Mashed Potato 🍅🍅	<b>SIDES</b> Roast Potatoes 🍅🍅 Mixed Rice 🍅🍅	<b>SIDES</b> Noodles 🍅🍅	<b>SIDES</b> Oven Baked Chips 🍅🍅
<b>UNLIMITED</b> Sweetcorn 🍅🍅 Green Beans 🍅🍅 Salad Selection 🍅🍅 Homemade Bread 🍅	<b>UNLIMITED</b> Fresh Seasonal Broccoli 🍅🍅 Sweetcorn Cobs 🍅🍅 Salad Selection 🍅🍅 Homemade Bread 🍅🍅	<b>UNLIMITED</b> Mixed Vegetables 🍅🍅 Fresh Season Green Cabbage 🍅🍅 Salad Selection 🍅🍅 Homemade Bread 🍅	<b>UNLIMITED</b> Baked Beans 🍅🍅 Minted Garden Peas 🍅🍅 Salad Selection 🍅🍅 Homemade Bread 🍅
<b>DESSERTS</b> Cheese and Crackers 🍅 with Fresh Apple Slice 🍅 Organic Fruit Yogurt 🍅 with Seasonal Fresh Fruit 🍅 Seasonal Fresh Fruit (FDA) 🍅🍅	<b>DESSERTS</b> Caramelised Pineapple (FDA) 🍅🍅 Fresh Fruit Salad (FDA) 🍅🍅 Seasonal Fresh Fruit (FDA) 🍅🍅	<b>DESSERTS</b> Creamy Rice Pudding 🍅 with a Fruit Compote Organic Fruit Yogurt 🍅 with Seasonal Fresh Fruit 🍅 Seasonal Fresh Fruit (FDA) 🍅🍅	<b>DESSERTS</b> Fruit and Ice Cream 🍅🍅 Organic Fruit Yogurt 🍅 with Seasonal Fresh Fruit 🍅 Seasonal Fresh Fruit (FDA) 🍅🍅
	Milk 🍅🍅 will be available after lunch.		





**THE MAKING IT MINDFUL Christmas PARTY**

DISCO, SNOW MACHINE, ENTERTAINERS, GIANT SLIDE, BOUNCY CASTLES, CRAFTS, SENSORY PLAY, FACEPAINTING, GINGERBREAD DECORATION AND A DESSERT WITH EVERY TICKET.

**FRIDAY 29TH DECEMBER**  
11AM - 1.30PM & 3PM - 5.30PM  
GEORGE MITCHELL SCHOOL  
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£10 CHILD  
£6 ADULT  
UNDER 3'S, FREE

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**THE MAKING IT MINDFUL New years PARTY**

DISCO, SNOW MACHINE, ENTERTAINERS, GIANT SLIDE, BOUNCY CASTLES, CRAFTS, SENSORY PLAY, FACEPAINTING, SNACK MAKING WORKSHOPS AND A DESSERT WITH EVERY TICKET.

**Thursday 4th January**  
10.30am - 1pm & 2pm - 4.30pm  
FREDERICK BREMER SCHOOL  
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