

Seasons Greetings

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have reached the end of another busy term. There have been trips to museums, visitors in school and discos galore. This term has also been a very long one and I have seen first hand how tired everyone is this December. The children and staff have worked incredibly hard to continue to do their best all term long, well done!

On Tuesday, the Nursery children treated us to their Christmas concert. It was great to see so many parents and relations coming to see the children perform. Well done to all our children and the Nursery staff for their hard work in preparing the performances.

The children also enjoyed their Christmas lunch on Tuesday.

Yesterday the whole school enjoyed their class parties and of course a visit from Santa for the younger children.

We hope you enjoyed the staff carol singing this morning and even managed to sing along with us!

Finally, I would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a safe and peaceful break. Whether or not you celebrate Christmas, I hope you have the opportunity to spend some quality time with your family and friends. Please remember that school reopens at the usual time of 8.45am on Monday 8th January 2024.

Best wishes
Mr Jeffery



Edenred Free School Meal Holiday Vouchers

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

Families should have received 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 not redeemed by then.



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**Free school meal
VOUCHERS**

Forest School - Years 1 and 4

From January, Years 1 and 4 will be taking part in Forest School sessions during the afternoon. Although we have a few spare wellies, it would be helpful if you could provide your child with welly boots and suitable clothing - it is going to be muddy!

Monday: Palm and Eucalyptus
Tuesday: Pine and Hawthorn
Wednesday: Cherry and Cedar

If you have any queries, please contact Mrs Field via the school office.

Thank you!



Christmas Around The World

This week, the children looked at how people celebrate Christmas in different places around the world.

Nursery, Reception and Year 1 looked at how Christmas is celebrated in the UK and Ireland. Year 2 looked at the Caribbean, Year 3 looked at traditions from Eastern Europe, Year 4 looked at Orthodox Christmas celebrations and Year 6 looked at how Christmas was celebrated in South Asia.

The children studied Christmas traditions from these regions, what food might be eaten and some special stories from these areas too.

Have a fantastic Christmas break everyone!



Year 5 North America Dress-Up Day 09/01/24

Next term, Year 5 will be learning all about North America. To introduce this topic we are inviting children to dress up in North American clothes and take part in a special afternoon of line-dancing and other activities. On **Tuesday 9th January**, your child can wear checked shirts, cowboy hats/ boots, frills or any other mid-western clothing to school.

Have a great Christmas break and remember **Tuesday 9th January!**

Year 5 Teachers



Year 2 Victorian Dress-Up Day 11/01/24



On **Thursday the 11th of January** (the first week back after Christmas break) Year 2 will be taking part in a Victorian day dress up for the start of our new topic. Please send your child in to school dressed as a Victorian on that day. You can find some examples below.

Thank you,
Year 2 Teachers

Food Bank Referrals



Any families that require a food bank referral over the Christmas and New Year period, can contact me, Mrs Canham on 07535 437609.

Stay & Play 2024



Stay & Play sessions will restart on **Monday 15th January 2024.**

Mrs Canham

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to everyone who has/will be celebrating their birthday during the month of **December**.



School Uniform

Polite reminder to ensure that all your child's items of school uniform are all clearly labelled.

If your child does happen to take home an item of uniform that belongs to another child by mistake, please ensure it is returned to school and given to its rightful owner.

Please also remember that children can only wear **BLACK** school shoes/trainers without any coloured stripes or sparkles.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



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>

Attendance

Please familiarise yourself with the term dates for spring and summer term 2024 on page 3 of this newsletter. The school will not authorise any holidays requested during term time.



Attendance 11th December - 15th 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 3	Hazel	97%
Year 4	Hawthorn	97.3%
Year 5	Beech	96.9%
Year 6	Olive	97%

During the above period our overall school attendance was **94.1%**.

Fun Fact



The only animal in the world that can not jump are elephants.

Week 2 8th January 2024 - 12th January 2024

MONDAY

CHOOSE FROM

Tomato & Vegetable Pasta Bake
Bubble Crumb Salmon Fillet
60/40 Burger (FDA) in a Bun

SIDES

Jacket Wedges

UNLIMITED

Fresh Seasonal Organic Carrots
Green Beans
Salad Selection
Homemade Bread

DESSERTS

Strawberry Mousse
Organic Fruit Yogurt with Seasonal Fresh Fruit
Seasonal Fresh Fruit (FDA)

SAVE THE PLANET TUESDAY

CHOOSE FROM

Vegetable and Chickpea Curry (FDA)
Cheese and Potato Whirls
Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (FDA), Cheese or Tuna

SIDES

Creamed Potatoes
Mixed Rice

UNLIMITED

Fresh Seasonal Broccoli
Sweetcorn
Salad Selection
Homemade Bread

DESSERTS

Carrot Cake and Custard
Organic Fruit Yogurt with Seasonal Fresh Fruit
Seasonal Fresh Fruit (FDA)

ALLERGEN FRIENDLY WEDNESDAY (FDA)

CHOOSE FROM

Cajun Bean Kebab (FDA)
Jacket Topped Bolognese (FDA)
Tangy Moroccan Chicken Tagine (FDA)

SIDES

Mixed Rice

UNLIMITED

Rainbow Roasted Veggies
Salad Selection
Homemade Bread

DESSERTS

Fruit Jelly Pot (FDA)
Fresh Fruit Salad (FDA)
Seasonal Fresh Fruit (FDA)

Milk will be available after lunch.



CLIMATE CHANGE THURSDAY

CHOOSE FROM

Roasted Vegetable Biryani
Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (FDA), Cheese or Tuna
Homemade Cheddar Cheese and Sweetcorn Quiche

SIDES

Parsley Steamed Potatoes

UNLIMITED

Garden Peas
Mixed Vegetables
Salad Selection
Homemade Bread

DESSERTS

Chocolate Cracknel and Custard
Organic Fruit Yogurt with Seasonal Fresh Fruit
Seasonal Fresh Fruit (FDA)

FRIDAY

CHOOSE FROM

Sticky Tofu with Rice Noodles
MSC Golden Crumb Fish Fingers with a Lemon Twist
Hot n Kickin Chicken (FDA)

SIDES

Oven Baked Chips

UNLIMITED

Baked Beans
Sweetcorn
Salad Selection
Homemade Bread

DESSERTS

Cheese and Crackers with Fresh Apple Slice
Organic Fruit Yogurt with Seasonal Fresh Fruit
Seasonal Fresh Fruit (FDA)

Diary Dates 2023-2024

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

Autumn Term

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

Tuesday 9th January Year 5 North America Dress-Up Day

Thursday 11th January Year 2 Victorian Dress-Up Day

Thursday 11th January Year 2 & 6 After School Boosters restart

Monday 15th January Spring term clubs start

Wednesday 17th January 9.00am PTA Meeting Canteen Hall

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

Spring Term 2 - 2024

Monday 19th February - Thursday 28th March

Monday 19th February Inset Day - Staff training day. School closed to children

Friday 15th March 6.30pm - 8.30pm PTA Family Bingo night

Thursday 28th March Last day of Spring term - school will close 1 hour earlier

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

Monday 1st July Inset Day - Staff training day. School closed to children

Wednesday 24th July Last day of term - school will close 1 hour earlier

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
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£6 ADULT
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Activity Programme

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WINTER SPORTS CAMP

FOR 8-14 YEAR OLDS IN RECIPT OF FREE SCHOOL MEALS

2ND - 5TH JANUARY
10:00AM - 3:00PM
SCORE CENTRE,
100 OLIVER ROAD
E10 5JY

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WALTHAM FOREST SEND WINTER HAF

2ND - 5TH JANUARY 2024
10AM - 3:00PM

@ WHITEFIELD SCHOOL, E17 4AZ

Holiday Activities & Food Programme for children and young people with SEND who are in receipt of benefits related free school meals.

play games
make friends
enjoy lunch
have fun

For more information please contact:
lake.ramshaw@sportworksLtd.co.uk



SUPER STAR SPORT

CHRISTMAS HAF CAMP

"BENEFIT RELATED FREE SCHOOL MEALS"

Handsworth Primary School
Handsworth Ave, London, E4 9PJ

2nd - 5th January
9AM - 3PM

80 free places available for children aged 5 - 12 who are in receipt of benefit related free school meals. Call 01992 766 707 for more information.

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