

Wentworth Primary School
Newsletter No. 6 - 1st December 2017

OFSTED

As you are aware, we were inspected by OFSTED on 7th November. The Lead Inspector was very thorough, very challenging and quickly developed an accurate picture of our school. The lines of enquiry she followed matched the areas of development we had already identified in our School Improvement Plan. We are very pleased with the report which has already been forwarded to you. In her verbal feedback, the Lead Inspector described us a 'strongly good school, well on the way to outstanding'. This is testament to the hard work and commitment of all the Wentworth family.

Thank you to the 128 families who gave their feedback via the Parent View and to the 156 children who completed the pupil survey. The 128 responses compared to 69 responses in 2013 (at our last inspection) and each of the 12 areas surveyed show a significant improvement in satisfaction rates. Thank you for your support. We can now continue to work together to make our school the best it can be.

Admissions for Reception children starting September 2018

If you have a child who was born between 1.9.2013 and 31.8.2014 it is now time to start looking for Primary School places for starting school in September 2018. Please ensure that you make your application online via your home authority (who do you pay your Council Tax to - Bexley or Dartford?). Kent Admissions site goes live from 6th November 2017. If you will have a younger sibling starting school, would you please let the office know so we can keep a count of our sibling numbers. Applications must be made before 15th January 2018.

Young Mathematicians Award

Four members of our Year 6, Izyan Bashiruddin, Isabella Cuni, David Liu and Tushara Kalluri competed in the Young Mathematicians Award at Sainsbury's Crayford on 9th November. Having won through this first round, they then competed at Abbey Wood on 29th November in the regional finals. If successful they will go through to the National finals at Cambridge University. To have reached this stage they have already beaten 638 other schools. Well done, this is a fantastic achievement.

Dartford District Futsal tournament

Wentworth took part in the Year 5/6 Dartford District Futsal Tournament. The mixed squad of 10 children formed an excellent team and they were successful in the final, beating Craylands Primary School 3-0. Congratulations to the children involved!

Miss B Carrano Miss Carano joined us as a HLTA in September 2016 and has secured a post at her children's school, much closer to her home in Hoo. I would like to thank Miss Carrano for all her hard work and commitment since she has been with us and wish her all the best for the future.

Parking

Can I, once again, please ask parents to show due consideration to our neighbours and to each other at drop-off and collection times. Arguments between parents and neighbours does not send a positive message to our children. Please do not park or stop on the yellow zig-zag lines or across driveways.

Social Media

Can I please ask parents to show restraint when using social media. Often what is being spread is rumour that generates an enormous amount of unnecessary alarm.

In recent weeks, I am aware of posts being made relating to intruders on the school site. I can assure you that this did not happen. As a result, we were dealing with near hysteria with children scared to come to school - all over a non-event. If we had any issues relating to any safeguarding issue, the appropriate authorities would be informed and I would immediately contact parents.

If you require clarification regarding a rumour, please ask. The truth is generally much less dramatic.

Development Day - Thursday 4th January 2018

May I remind you that school will be shut on Thursday 4th January for a staff development day. Staff will be receiving training on Growth Mindsets, a philosophy we will be working with in the New Year.

School Club Activities

School clubs finish this week. My thanks to all the staff who give up their time to run so many varying activities for the benefit of the children. External clubs may finish at different times so please liaise with their instructors.

Christmas Dates

Friday 1 st December	PTA Christmas Fair
Wednesday 6 th & Thursday 7 th December	KS1 Christmas performance 2pm
Monday 11 th December AM	KS2 dress rehearsal at Christchurch
Tuesday 12 th December	KS2 Carol Concert at Christchurch 1.45pm
Wednesday 13 th December	Foundation Stage Christmas performance 10.00am KS1 Christmas dinner day
Thursday 14 th December	KS2 Christmas dinner day
Monday 18 th December AM	Hobgoblin Theatre Company pantomime to KS1 & KS2 Parents' Christmas lunch 4.30pm - PTA Carol Singing evening
Tuesday 19 th December AM	Father Christmas visits KS1 PM - all year groups to have their Christmas parties - details will Be sent out by the different year groups
Wednesday 20 th December	Break up

May I thank you all for your continued support and wish you a healthy, happy and peaceful Christmas.

P Langridge
Headteacher