# William Davis Primary School To be the best you can be



# WEEKLY NEWS Friday 7th September 2018

# Message from the Headteacher

Welcome back to William Davis for the autumn term. We hope that you have had a fantastic holiday with opportunities to travel or explore somewhere new; and time to rest and relax with your family.

We have an exciting year ahead! Charlotte has helped to develop our new curriculum framework with two key drivers: Communication and Experiential learning. Do come to our Parents Forum (12<sup>th</sup> Sept) to find out more. A special welcome to our new families and our new staff: Chloe (Yr 3 teacher), Ella (Nursery teacher), Tamar and Sharma (Teaching Assistants).

#### **Garden Success**

Well done to Fateha and Colette who have successfully worked with children to grow an amazing crop of vegetables in the EYFS and main playground: potatoes, courgettes, herbs, tomatoes and beans.

#### **WD Play Afterschool Care**

To book a place contact Forida on admin@williamdavis.towerhamlets.sch.uk

Theme for wb 10.9.18 : bats and balls

#### A Successful Year at William Davis

2017-18 was a very successful year. The children at William Davis achieved excellent outcomes; and as school leaders we are very impressed with the teachers' commitment and high aspirations for the children. Here are some of our best achievements:

74% of Reception children achieved a Good Level of Development

91% Yr 1 achieved their Phonics Screening Check

25% Yr 2 children achieved Greater Depth in Reading, 20% in Writing and Maths.

83% Yr 6 children achieved Age Related Expectations in Maths and Reading; 80% achieved Age Related Expectations in Grammar Punctuation and Spelling; and 77% in Writing.

47% Yr 6 children achieved Greater Depth in Reading, 40% in SPAG and Maths, 27% in Writing.

Our attendance was excellent as well at 96.2%. Thank you to all parents who supported their children during 2017-18.

#### **Parent Events**

Tuesday—Toy Library

Tues 11<sup>th</sup> September Toy Library-**Gingerbread making- all toddlers** welcome!

Wednesday—Coffee Morning

We also have a Parent Support Worker Cecilia Robinson who is available - see Annika/ Charlotte .

# Fundraising for the PTA Well done Phil!

Our Chair of Governors, Phil Stein, completed a charity bike ride on the 29<sup>th</sup> July. He raised just under £1000! The money will be donated to the PTA, which is fundraising for the playground developments.

# Uniform reminder

Shoes: dark trainers/ shoes with good grip (for the Daily Mile and outdoor play) Boys: blue trousers + white polo shirt + yellow sweatshirt with logo **Girls** blue skirt/trousers/pinafore dress + white polo shirt + yellow gingham dress + yellow sweatshirt/cardigan with logo. PE

Shorts (above the knee) / leggings T-shirt **Plimsolls or trainers** 

#### Water

Please send your child to school with a labelled water bottle.

#### **Parent Forum**

#### Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2:45pm

All parents are welcome to our Parents Forum on Wednesday 12th September at 2:45 in the bottom hall. We will share our School Development Plan for 2018-19 and our new curriculum plans. We also want to hear parents' views on how we can improve and develop our communication with parents.

### **Important Dates**

Tues 11th Sept Toy Library- Gingerbread making- all toddlers welcome

Wed 12th Sept Parent Forum 2:45pm

Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Sept 4:00-5:00 Yr 7 tea party

Week beginning 1st Oct -Parent conferences

Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> Oct- Language Evening

Mon 22nd Oct - Fri 26th Oct 2018- Half term holiday

Mon 29th Oct- 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov- Yr 6 Gorsefield residential

Fri 21st Dec 2018 School finishes

Mon 24th Dec- Fri 4th Jan 2019 Christmas holiday

Mon 7th Jan 2019 School starts Mon 18th Feb- Fri 22nd Feb 2019-Half term holidav

Fri 5th April 2019 - School finishes Mon 8th April to Mon 22nd April 2019 Easter holidays

Tue 23rd April 2019 School starts

Mon 27th May- Fri 31st May 2019 Half term holidav

Fri 19th July 2019 School finishes

#### **PTA Facebook Page**

Thank you to Tracy for setting up the Facebook page for PTA for William Davis Primary School. The link is :

https://www.facebook.com/groups/24139980664 7492/