



### Weekly Newsletter Friday September 9th 2022

#### Message from the Headteacher

Welcome back to the autumn term. We hope that the summer has been restful and that you have managed to meet family and friends and enjoy time together. We want to make an excellent start to term and ensure that all children are in school ready to learn. Please ensure that you read the reminders about start times and attendance.

#### Stars of the Week



**Nour Yr 5** - has settled into Yr 5 really well and been a great role model to other children.

**Imana Yr 1** has settled into Yr 1 really well and been a great role model to other children.

**Elyass Yr 6** has been an excellent role model in reading lessons, focusing and giving reflective responses to the text.

#### Attendance and Punctuality

**Punctuality**- in order to be marked in on time children need to be in class and ready to learn by 9:00 am. This means children must be in school by 8:55 at the latest to get to their class. Please note we ideally want all parents to drop their children at 8:45 for the reading session.

#### Attendance

Children should be in school every day; if your child is unwell please phone school to explain what is wrong with them. We expect children to be in school if they are well enough to learn.

If they have an infectious condition we will need to agree to the period of absence.

If your family needs to take extended leave for personal reasons you will need to provide evidence to the school and to our AWA, Karla Hegarty.

If we are concerned about attendance or punctuality of children we will ask to meet with parents to discuss a plan for improvement. We want children in school on time everyday so that they do their very best.

#### Death of Queen Elizabeth

Children held a short silence in assembly today to remember the commitment and dedication Queen Elizabeth has shown to her role nationally and internationally. We will teach children more about her life in assemblies and class work. We will inform you as parents if there are any school closures when the government confirms arrangements.

#### Parent Sessions

**Coffee Morning** on Wednesdays 9-10 am in the Parents Rm run by Yasmin- all welcome

**Toy Library** Thursdays 9-10 am run by Rubina and Amina. All are welcome!

**Felix Food Project** Friday 2:30-3:30 run by Amina, Yasmin, Hoyan, Muna

#### 8:45 Start of the Day

School starts officially at 9:00 am but we want all children to be in for **8:45** in order to have **15 minutes of reading for pleasure**.

Last year we focused on physical fitness offering fitstart. This year we have made a decision to change the offer to reading as we have observed many children have lost the habit of reading for pleasure.

Please support school by ensuring all children are here for an 8:45 start. The playground gate will open at 8:40 and close at 8:50; all children who arrive after this time will have to come in through the office gate.

#### Class meetings

Class meetings will take place in the next fortnight. Please check **Important Dates** on the newsletter and check with your class teacher.

#### Important dates

2022-23

**Tues 13th Sept 9:00** Yr 3 parents class mtg

**Wed 14th Sept 1:30-6:00pm**

Lion King theatre trip AND 3:00 pm Yr 1 parents class mtg

**Thurs 15th Sept 3:00 pm** Yr 2 parents class mtg

**Mon 19th Sept** clubs start

**Fri 23rd Sept 9 am** Yr 6 parents class mtg

**Mon 26th Sept** Yr 7 teaparty

**Wed 28th Sept** Yr 6 Junior Citizenship

**Thurs 29th Sept** Yr 2 to Forty Farm (day visit)

**Wed 5th Oct** Parent Conferences 1:30pm- 7:00 School will close at 1:30.

**Oct 17th-19th** farm residential Yr 5

**Mon 24th Oct- Fri 28th Oct** half term holiday

**Thurs 8th Dec** 2:30 Winter Concert Yrs 4-6

**Fri 9th Dec** Winter Fayre 2:00 pm school will close at 2 pm

**12th- 16th Dec** Gorsefield Yr 6

**Wed 14th Dec** 9:30 Winter Concert EYU and Yrs 1-3

**Wed 21st Dec- Tue 3rd Jan** Christmas holiday

**Mon 13th Feb- Fri 17th Feb** half term holiday

#### Staff Changes at William Davis

We have three fantastic new members of our staff team.

- ★ Siddiqa is working in Reception
- ★ Shafia is working in Yr 2
- ★ Sabrina is working in Yr 4 and 5
- ★ Ella PPA in Rec +Yr 1
- ★ Sophie Speech therapist

#### Yr 5 Magdalen Farm Residential

Please return your consent slips by Friday 16th September. Spaces will then be offered to Yr 4. We want all Yr 5s to attend.



### Term Dates 2022-2023

#### Autumn term

School starts Mon 5th September 2022  
**Half term holiday Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Oct- Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Oct 2022**  
School starts Mon 31st October 2022  
School finishes Tues 20th December 2022  
**Christmas holiday Wed 21st Dec- Tue 3rd Jan 2023**

#### Spring term

**Staff INSET day Tuesday 3rd January**  
School starts Wed 4th Jan 2023  
**Half term holiday Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Feb- Fri 17th Feb 2023**  
School finishes Fri 31st March 2023  
**Easter holidays Mon 3rd April to Fri 14th April**

#### Summer term

**Mon 17th April 2023 INSET day for staff**  
School starts Tuesday 18th April  
**Half term holiday Mon 29th May- Fri 2nd June**  
School finishes Friday 21st July 2023

#### Eid (occasional dates) (2) tbc

*Suggested Eid Al-Fitr possible closure Fri/Sat 21/22 April\**  
*Suggested Eid Al-Adha possible closure Wed/Thurs 28/29 June\**

#### Parent Volunteer Reading Help

Please see Annika if you would like to volunteer to support early reading in classes. You must have strong English literacy skills.

#### Parent Volunteer Class Trips

Please see Annika if you would like to volunteer to support class trips. It is always helpful to have 2-3 additional adults to support.

#### Parent Conferences

On Wednesday 5th October you will have a chance to meet your child's teacher to discuss how they have settled and how you can support their learning at home. Most Parent Conferences will take place between 1:30pm- 7:00.

#### Water

Please send children to school with a labelled bottle of water so that they can keep drinking through the day.

#### WD Wrap Around Care

Wrap Around Care ( childcare) is available for all children. Contact Florida on the admin email if you want to book sessions. All information is on the website:

[William Davis' Wraparound Care](#)

The after school provision is also used by children from other local schools.

#### Hearing And Vision Tests

Please let us know if you are concerned about your child's vision or hearing. It may well be affecting their learning if undiagnosed. We will recommend that you make an appointment with the optician (sight) and the GP (hearing).

#### THs Families Matters Bulletin

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKTOWERHAMLETS/bulletins/329934f>

#### Secondary Transfer Year 6 -7 Transition

Please have a good read of the website page and transition booklet to be found at:

[https://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/ign/education\\_and\\_learning/schools/school\\_admissions/secondary\\_school\\_admissions.aspx](https://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/ign/education_and_learning/schools/school_admissions/secondary_school_admissions.aspx)

The Yr 6 team has organised a meeting for parents on **Friday 23rd September at 9:00am** to share this information and answer questions. Please organise visits to schools that your child is interested in so that you can choose the right school together. dates are in the transition booklet.

#### Clothing

Please ensure children have clothing for the weather; coats when it is potentially cold or wet; trainers or shoes they can run in for the playground.

#### We Need Your Help

Please nominate William Davis for a prize. Use the link below and we may win £1000 for new books.

[WIN £1,000/€1,000 to help your school rebuild their library](#)

#### Mon 3rd April to Fri 14th April

Easter holiday

#### Mon 29th May- Fri 2nd June

half term holiday

**Friday 21st July** date tbc last day of term

#### Working Parents

We will try to keep an up to date diary of events on the newsletter so that you are able to book dates in advance. Please note that when we advertise school is closing early for an event we can accommodate a small group of children in our Wrap Around Care.

We do note feedback regarding parties and dress up days. We will do our best to provide good notice and ensure they are organised on the same day for all classes.

Feedback is always welcomed!

#### Tescos

If you visit Tesco's please look out for their charity display and vote for William Davis Breakfast Club. With your support we may be funded to buy new equipment

#### School Website

Please check the website for updates and school information: <http://www.williamdavis.org.uk/> or speak to the school office.

#### Fundraising Support

We want to plan an exciting and rich experience based curriculum offer for our children. To do this we will need to fundraise. If you have expertise in fundraising or contacts who work for businesses that support community organisations like schools please contact Shahista or myself.

# William Davis Primary School

**To be the best you can be**

