



Weekly Newsletter Friday October 20th 2023

Message from the Headteacher

We wish you all a very restful holiday. We are very proud of how children have settled back into their new classes; we are especially proud of their attendance- what an improvement! Please take time to do activities from the Family Homework together & tell us all about your shared learning when you come back 30th October.

Attendance

N- 88%
R- 100%
1- 98%
2- 99%
3- 98%
4- 97%
5- 95%
6- 99%

Well done to **Reception** for achieving 100% attendance last week. Well done as well to Yr 2 and Yr 6 too!

Parent Reader Needed

We have one volunteer ready to start after half term. Thank you!
We need another volunteer reader to work with a KS 2 child new to the country. Ideally this volunteer would read with the child daily 9:00-9:30. See Annika or Siobhan.

WhatsApp

School will be making the move to messaging being delivered via WhatsApp after half term instead of via text. Messaging will be purely to communicate information; there will be no reply facility. Please see the office if you don't use WhatsApp.

Oracy Target

This week children have been working on: *I can speak in full, clear sentences.*

Please celebrate children when they communicate in full and clear sentences.

Evolving situation in the Middle East

The evolving situation in the Middle East is extremely concerning to all of us but especially for those **working directly with or living with children**. Please talk to us if you are concerned about the wellbeing of your child.

Parent Sessions

Coffee Morning on Wednesdays 9-10 am in the Parents Rm run by Yasmin- all welcome
Toy Library Thursdays Hoyam and Dilara
Felix Food Project Friday 2:30-3:30 run by Yasmin, Hoyan, Muna.
We are very grateful for the time and energy that our parent volunteers offer the school.

Family Homework



Please make time to complete a couple of activities from the half term Family Homework. The theme is Wellbeing.

PSHE Parent Sessions

Thank you to all of our parents who attended the Yr Gp PSHE sessions this week. I am happy to talk to parents who missed the sessions briefly, if this is helpful. I will reorganise the Yr 4 session. The film that we watched on Online Safety was: [Capture, who's looking after the children? | FT Film Standpoint](#) I would recommend this for all parents in KS1 and 2, especially if your children are active online.

Online Safety Session

Please come along to the Online Safety session led by the Parental Engagement Team on

Tuesday 31st October 9:00 am.

Topics to be Covered:

- ★ Managing screen time conflict
- ★ Supporting children's online learning
- ★ Understanding school learning platforms
- ★ Learn about online dangers
- ★ Keep your child safe online.

Uniform

We have noticed that lots of children are coming to school in the wrong uniform. Please check the website and ensure that your child is dressed in the correct uniform and PE kit. <http://www.williamdavis.org.uk/uniform.html>

Stars of the Week



Kayden and Zachariah Yr 6 for pushing themselves to be well prepared for the THs Book Awards. They read at home and come in early to read before school.
Zahir Yr 5 for being an excellent and enthusiastic researcher.
Mahi Yr 2 for being a star during the trip to Epping Forest. She asked so many interesting questions and spoke in a clear and loud voice.
Abdurahman and Ayan Reception for following rules and making good choices.

Important dates

Autumn term 2023

Mon 23rd Oct half term holiday

Mon Oct 30th school starts

Mon Oct 30th - Fri Nov 3rd Magdalen Farm Yr 4 & 5

Tue 31st October 9:00 am Online Safety session for all parents
Nov 20th Open afternoon EYFS
Nov 23rd Open morning EYFS

Thur 14th Dec - Winter Fayre/ Festival of Triangles

Fri 22nd Dec last day of term close 1:30 pm

Autumn Trips

Several classes have been out in the local area this last week: Nursery and Year 1 visited Haggerston Park, Reception visited St Matthews Gardens and Yr 2 visited Epping Forest. Thank you to all parents who attended these trips. Children enjoyed being out of school to learn.



Online Safety

Keeping children safe online is our joint responsibility. Make sure that you have parental controls in place; and that you know the sites and Apps that your children use. Check the school's online safety policy on the website. [Safeguarding and Child Protection - WILLIAM DAVIS PRIMARY SCHOOL](#)

Book Amnesty

Please return all school books to the class next week so that the book corners can be stored. There are lots of books missing.

Is My Child Too Ill for School?

Please refer to these NHS guidelines when thinking about whether your child can go to school.

We need to reduce unnecessary absences from school.

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)

Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Team

The VAWG team have asked parents to complete this survey to inform their strategy: Here is the link to the online survey:

<https://forms.office.com/e/TUg7NsuNMZ>

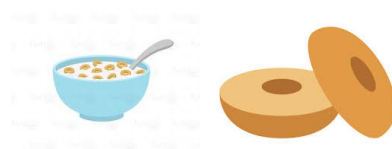
Please complete by October 10th.

Birthday Celebrations

Although we have stopped our custom of parents sharing birthday sweets in the playground at hometime, please be reassured that we still sing and give children a sticker and pencil when they celebrate their birthday.

Magic Breakfast

Children are welcome to come into school for breakfast on a daily basis. Staff prepare toasted bagels or cereal and milk. Children must be in between 8:00 and 8:30 to be served breakfast.



EYFS Open Morning and Open Afternoon

Do you have a child ready to start Nursery or Reception in September 2024?

Monday Nov 20th 3:45-4:45 Open Afternoon EYFS

Thursday Nov 23rd 10:00-11:00 Open morning EYFS

Please come and visit !

WD Wrap Around Care

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

[William Davis' Wraparound Care](#)

Sight and Hearing Tests

Please get your child's hearing and sight checked if you have concerns about them. Unfortunately our school nurse does not routinely screen children. School and parents need to work together to identify when a child can't see the board or hear class instructions. Please talk to your child and contact your GP or optician if you need to book a screening.

You will have an opportunity to discuss this when you meet your child's teacher on October 17th.



CHARGES

Reminders:

In order to replace books lost at home we will charge £5 for lost books. EYFS parents will be charged £3 / term for perishable items. Repeated late pick ups from ASC will incur an increased fine- see the **Charging and Remissions Policy** on the website.

Fathers and Male Carers

Fathers Football at Thomas Buxton Thursday mornings - see Russell. See poster below.

Sweets and Snacks

Please can I ask parents to help us promote healthy eating habits. If you want your children to have a snack at home time - **bring some fruit or a bagel**. Please avoid sweets, crisp etc that are high in sugar and fat. Please encourage water or milk.

Reading for Pleasure

Are you a member at the Whitechapel Ideas Store? Why not join this weekend and be a regular visitor to borrow books for you and your children.

Check out the website: [Idea Store Whitechapel](#)

Uniform Stall

Look out for the monthly uniform stall on a Friday afternoon run by parents, Hoyam and Dilara

Keeping Children Safe Online

Free online safety session for parents, delivered in school by the Parental Engagement Team

The internet is amazing. Children can play, learn create and connect, opening up a world of exciting possibilities, but do you worry about the amount of time your child is spending online, using social media or playing computer games? Would you like to find out about your child's on-line world and pick up useful tips to help keep them safe?

William Davis Primary School

Tuesday 31st October

9.00 am

Venue: Hall





The ZONES of Regulation®

BLUE ZONE Sad Sick Tired Bored Moving Slowly	GREEN ZONE Happy Calm Feeling Okay Focused Ready to Learn	YELLOW ZONE Frustrated Worried Silly/Wiggly Excited Loss of Some Control	RED ZONE Mad/Angry Terrified Yelling/Hitting Elated Out of Control

What zone am I in?



sad tired 	calm I'm ready to work 	silly or wiggly upset 	frustrated mad
sick bored 	happy I'm okay 	hyper confused 	yelling hitting

Use tools to get in the green zone

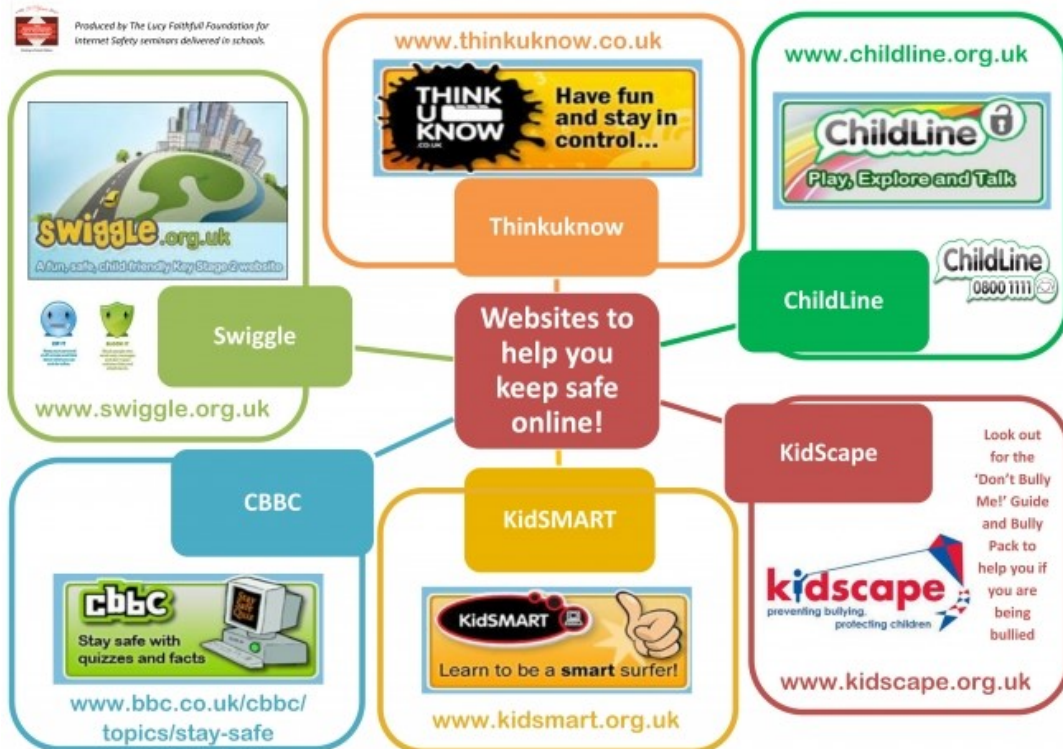
drink of water 	count 	deep breaths 	squeeze and release 	wall push ups 	use fidgets 	draw 	write this 	talk with adults
take a break 	self talk 	take a walk 	stretch 	volcano breath 	lift something heavy 	ask for a snack 	think of a calm place 	listen to music



10 INTERNET SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS

- 1** Don't block all access to technology. Help your child learn to use tech **safely** and **positively**.
- 2** Take an **interest** in your child's favourite apps or sites. Co-view or co-create at times.
- 3** Be the parent. You're in charge. Set **boundaries** and consider using filtering software.
- 4** Create a family media **agreement** with tech free zones such as cars, bedrooms, and meals.
- 5** Teach your child what **personal information** they should not reveal online (YAPPY acronym).
- 6** Help your child learn to **filter** information online and navigate fact from fiction.
- 7** Navigate digital **dilemmas** with your child. Avoid using devices as rewards or punishments.
- 8** **Balance** green time and screen time at home. Focus on basic developmental needs.
- 9** Don't support your child to sign up for sites with **age restrictions** (e.g. 13+) if they're underage.
- 10** **Learn more:** Explore reliable resources for parents so you can educate yourself.

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SCHOOL EACS PARTNER

E1 Schools Partnership
FUDGE Football
(Father Figures, Uncles, Dads, Grandads Excellence)
Friendly game for all skill levels

Every Thursday Morning
9.00am—10.45am
(Come to main school entrance)

Thomas Buxton Primary School
Buxton Street E1 5AR

Name:

Autumn 1 Spy

Can you find.....

Shiny conkers?



Colourful autumn leaves?



Acorns?



Sycamore (helicopter) seeds



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To be the best you can be

