



WEEKLY NEWS Friday 13th March 2020

Message from the Headteacher

Thank you to parents for being understanding at this difficult time- this week we have had to make changes due to staff shortages. As leaders we have daily **schools updates** about Corona Virus from the **Department for Education (DFE)**; the **Local Authority** also communicate the local updates regularly. I am sure that you will be watching the news and waiting for information about schools. We will keep you informed. Please make sure that you check the school website and that we have your up to date mobile phone numbers. Children will be anxious about what they are hearing and seeing on the news and on social media. Please make time to listen to and talk to your children about their worries. Please reassure them and help them to understand why we need to make changes at this time.

Proposed Strike Action

The **National Education Union** and **Unison** have proposed **Strike Action** on three dates: Tuesday 24th March, Wednesday 1st April & Thursday 2nd April. We will communicate with parents when we understand if strike action will effect children and families at William Davis. It is possible that there could be **partial or total closure**.

Whole School Attendance Attendance

Nursery -85%
Reception -80%
Yr 1—90%
Yr 2— 95%
Yr 3— 96%
Yr 4—91%
Yr 5—92%
Yr 6- 91%
Well done to Yr 3 -96%

Corona Virus

We understand that parents will be anxious about the current developments with Corona Virus. Children are washing hands according to DFE guidelines; and leaders are ensuring staff with colds etc stay off school to recover, following GP advice. We anticipate that the government and Tower Hamlets will provide new guidance in the next few weeks. We are preparing ourselves for a number of eventualities which may include closure. Please make sure that we have your up to date phone numbers so that we can communicate with all families.

Important Dates

Sun 15 Mar & 19 Apr; 10.30-12 noon Story Play Rich Mix

Mon 16th – taster session- Rich Mix Women's Photography and Philosophy

Tues 24th March Wed 1st April & Thurs 2nd April – proposed strike action days

Tue 31st March Parents Open Afternoon

Mon 6th April to Fri 17th April 2020 Easter holiday

Summer term Volunteering in Your Child's School course

Fri May 8th Bank Holiday

Mon 25th May- Fri 29th May 2020 half term holiday

Friday 17th July 2020 last day of term

Several children have **attendance below 95%** - please ensure your children are in every day!

WD Play

Please contact Florida on 0207 7391511 admin@williamdavis.towerhamlets.sch.uk if you would like to book your child/ren in to **WD Play** (After School Care)
Charges: £5 one hour; £8 two hours
3yr olds: £7 one hour, £10 two hours

Easy Funding Donations

Make sure that you are registered for Easy Funding Donations:
<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/williamdavisps/>

Our New Communication Targets
-To be a Successful Communicator you need to:

- use talk to solve problems
- be good at explaining how we are feeling



Share a Story

We are supporting a national event to share a million stories- but we need your help!

Your task:

Make sure that your child records every story that is read to/ told to them on their chart in their book bag.
Make sure you share a story or two every day.

Rich Mix Activities

Story Play (for 2-5s) Sun 15 Mar, 19 Apr; 10.30-12noon

Rich Mix Bookswap (all ages) Sat 7 March 12-3pm offsite at the Roman Road. E2 5NS

William Davis is working towards being a **Sugar Smart** school. Please think about your child's sugar intake. More info coming!

ESOL classes

Parents who are interested in **learning English** please come and see Charlotte + Annika as we have the possibility of starting a new class.