



**WATFORD FIELD SCHOOL
INFANT AND NURSERY
NEWSLETTER**

**Being Kind, Confident Minds,
Ready for Life Long Learning
Autumn Term Issue 7
Friday 20 October 2023**



Next week school and nursery are closed for the half term holiday - enjoy the break, we will see you all again on Monday 30th October

Opportunity to support SEND provision in Watford, Three Rivers, Bushey and Radlett

DSPL 9 (<http://dsplarea9.org.uk/>) brings together parents/carers, staff from early years settings, schools and colleges, local authority officers, and representatives from other agencies, to make sure that there is a range of services available in their local community that meets the needs of children and young people with SEND, aged 0-25, as close to home as possible.

An opportunity has come up for **a new parent or carer to join DSPL9** in order to share the views of families in the area and be part of the decision-making process for the services that are put in place locally.

HPCI (Herts Parent Carer Involvement (hertsparentcarers.org.uk)) will provide support through training and regular meetings for parents/carers to share their experiences.

If you would be interested in taking up this role (which would likely mean attending at least one meeting every half term), please contact Gemma Hall at gemmahall@dsplarea9.org.uk

Thank you for all the wonderful donations to our harvest festival collection. These will be passed to the Watford Foodbank.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Nursery Parent Consultations
Wednesday 1st November 9am-3pm

Half Term
23rd October - 27th October
School & Nursery Closed

This Week's Learnersaurus Awards

Nursery	Ula	Zara
Nursery	Mila	
Owls	Daria	Hannah
Robins	Rumi	Ibrahim
Squirrels	Alex	Adyita
Foxes	Jacob	Maryam
Kingfishers	Nour	Hibba
Otters	Ayila	Lucas


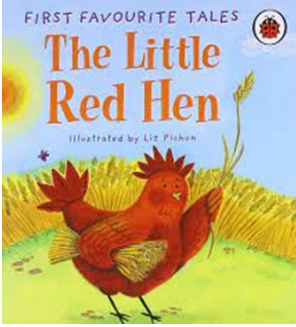


Whole School Attendance for this year so far: 90.7%
Target for all children: 96%

2 hours and 36 minutes of learning time was lost due to lateness this week 😞

Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 start at 8.55am (doors open from 8.45am)

Nursery starts at 8.30am (morning / all day) or 12.30pm (afternoon) - please arrive on time as it's just as important for Nursery as School to be punctual!

WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK

<p style="text-align: center;">Nursery</p> <p>We have introduced our toy called 'Concept Cat' and have been learning to use the language 'same' and 'different' when comparing different things.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Reception</p> <p>This week the children have really enjoyed all of the activities around The Little Red Hen. They have been sequencing and role-playing the story, labelling pictures using the sounds they have learnt they have been story mapping the story! In Maths this week we have continued to use our subitising skills when objects are moved.</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;">Year 1</p> <p>In English we looked at a feelings poem and had a go at writing our own. In Maths we learnt about the language of subtraction and how a part is taken away from the whole. In Art, we used knowledge of the skills of Bridget Riley and Piet Mondrian to create a final piece of 'All About Me!'. In Geography we went on a walk to Oxhey Park to look for the River Colne and horse chestnut trees to collect some conkers! We also looked at and celebrated 'harvest' with songs and giving thanks for all we have.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Year 2</p> <p>In Maths, we have been looking at representing and comparing including, length, mass and capacity. In English, we have been exploring poetry. Year Two has worked incredibly hard this half term. On Tuesday the children enjoyed their reward afternoon. We are so proud of all their hard work and we hope they have a relaxing week off! Miss Barton and Miss Standing.</p> 

WHAT WE WILL BE DOING IN SCHOOL AFTER HALF TERM

- Nursery** We will be talking about the season of Autumn and will be reading the story Pumpkin Soup. In Maths we will be using the words more and less to talk about different amounts.
- Reception** After half term, we will be doing lots of learning around Autumn and bonfire night, discussing what happens during this season and the changes. We will be discussing hibernating creatures and creating collages using conkers, leaves, and pine cones. We will also be focusing on the story Whatever Next, creating a story map and learning the actions to help us remember the story.
- Year 1** In English, we will be looking at our next story 'Stick Man' and learning the text. In Maths, we will be using our knowledge of addition and subtraction to look at word problems. In PSHE, we will be thinking how others can be similar to us. In R.E, we will be thinking about the importance of light. In History, we will be thinking about how our school used to be in the past. In D&T, we will be thinking about where different fruits come from.
- Year 2** Maths: Estimation and Magnitude
 English: We are going to be introduced to our new text
 Topic: We are going to be learning about Mary Seacole

School Dinner Menu for week commencing 30th October

Ve (Vegan) V (Vegetarian)	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
RED	Mild Chicken Curry	Veggie Sausages with Gravy (ve)	Roast Pork with Sage and Onion Stuffing and Gravy	Beef Burger in a Bun	Battered Fish Fillet
GREEN	Macaroni Cheese (v)	Sweet Chilli Quorn (v)	Shepherdess Pie (ve)	Vegetarian Roll (ve)	Cheese & Tomato Pizza (v)
PURPLE	Jacket Potato with various toppings	Tomato Pasta with Cheese (v)	Jacket Potato with various toppings	Cheesy Pasta (v)	Jacket Potato with various toppings
BLUE	Tuna Roll	Cream Cheese Sandwich (v)	Cheese Baguette (v)	Ham Sandwich	Egg Roll (v)

HOMEWORK CHALLENGES

Please spend time with your child to explore this week's challenge. The teachers will talk to the children about what they have learnt at home every Friday.

Nursery:

We will be developing the children's understanding of routines and their independence skills. A way in which this can be supported at home is to discuss and communicate the sequences of events that will occur and encouraging your child to help decide the routine eg: saying, now we will..., next we will..., then we will...

To help improve independence encourage your child to complete tasks like to put on their own clothes, shoes, help prepare food for lunchtime. Don't forget to let us know what you did?

There are lots of lovely suggestions on the '50 things to do before you are five' App.



Reception:

Can you draw a picture of something you did in the holidays and label your picture using the sounds you have been taught in phonics. Please bring these in to share with your teachers and classmates.

Year 1:

Over the half-term, please keep practising with reading, the speed sounds we handed out at parent consultations, learning number facts to 10 and any common exception word spelling! Why not encourage some writing by keeping a half-term diary!?

Year 2:

October is Black History Month. Can you research an important person and create a fact file on them, explain who they are and why they are important?

School Contact Details

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If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason you must inform the school office by 9.30am explaining clearly the reason for the absence.