



West Drayton Academy Newsletter

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Headteacher's update

A warm welcome or a happy return to our Reception and Nursery children - they are settling in really well. We wish all of our new families a special West Drayton welcome.

By working together, home and school, your child can grow in confidence, with a love of learning, and a determination to be the best person they can be. As parents and carers, continue to place value on school and education. Talk with your child about values, explain why attendance and uniform are important and that hard work and resilience are essential ingredients of learning.

Now is the time to establish those learning routines at home - completing homework in good time and reading every day. Let's instil a love of reading with all of our children. Listen to them read often, ensure there's a range of books and initiate regular visits to the library. During home learning, turn the 'screens' off to avoid distraction. We will be monitoring and supporting the use of reading records closely. Let us know if we can help. We operate an open door policy - feel free to book an appointment with your child's class teacher if there are concerns or you need advice.

I do hope you get to enjoy the long weekend and we will see you back on Tuesday.

Richard Yates

Dates for your diary

20th September

KS1 Information Meeting Y1

22nd September

KS1 Information Meeting Y2

23rd September

Jeans for Genes Day

Jeans should be worn.
Donations for this charity can be made via ParentPay.

Attendance

The class with the best attendance this week is:

1st place: 1D with 100%
2nd place: 4L with 95.7%
3rd place: 2B with 95.5%

It will be a non-uniform day for 1D on Friday 23rd September. Well done!

Parent information sessions

This year we're inviting parents to an information meeting where expectations and useful curriculum information, relevant to your child's key stage, will be shared with you. These meetings will help you to offer the right level of support for your child.

The parent information meetings will be on different dates, according to key stage.

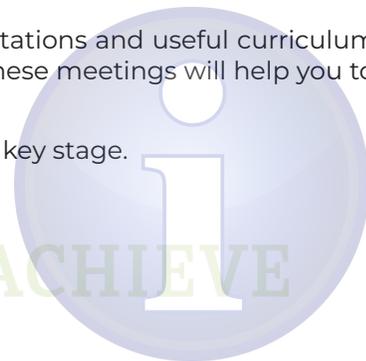
KS1 (Y1) - Tuesday 20th September at 9:00am

KS1 (Y2) - Thursday 22nd September at 9:00am

LKS2 (Y3 & Y4) - Monday 26th September at 9:00am

UKS2 (Y5 & Y6) - Monday 3rd October at 9:00am

We look forward to seeing you soon!



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Culture Club

Today the Culture Club met for the first time this academic year. Our Culture Club has been set up to represent the diverse communities that our school serves and to give everyone the opportunity to join in with cultural celebrations. During the meeting we talked about upcoming events that we would like to celebrate, including Black History Month and Diwali. It was lovely to see some new faces and hear some great ideas for upcoming events. Watch this space to see what exciting events we have planned!

We are always looking to welcome new members to the club! Our meetings are held once every half term. You can also get involved and let us know your thoughts and ideas by emailing us on the email address below:

cultureclubwda@theparkfederation.org

Jeans for Genes

Jeans for Genes Day is the annual fundraising campaign for the genetic disorders community that supports people affected by a genetic disorder. The monies raised on Jeans for Genes Day provide grants for day-to-day support, equipment, respite and events which bring together affected children and their families.

As a school we will be holding a fundraising day on **Friday 23rd September**.

The children are encouraged to wear jeans in place of their school trousers or skirt. Children are still required to wear their school polo shirt and jumper.

A recommended donation of £1 can be made via ParentPay throughout next week.



Votes for Schools

Last week, during Votes for Schools, we debated:

KS1: Will the Lionesses' win get more girls playing football?

KS2: Will the Lionesses' win create long-lasting change?

On Friday we will be discussing:

Is it a good time to become Prime Minister? KS2 | Would you want to be Prime Minister? KS1

Here are the results:

