



Mrs Nairne's Headlines

Parent Survey

We always want to hear from parents and carers throughout the year. Last we, we introduced our yearly survey which allows for feedback to be gathered in one place. It is important that we hear what's working well what could be better, and see how we are doing from year to year.

Please note, the survey is anonymous and this is not the channel for urgent issues, complaints, safeguarding issues or requests. If you have any issues that need addressing please email the school office

school@handsworth.waltham.sch.uk.

Please click [here](#) or on the image below to complete the parent and carer survey.

Last year we have 115 responses, it would be great to get more this year. The survey will close on Friday 27th January 2023.

Including all children

I wanted to thank those families who have donated money and resources for other families in our community. I also wanted to reassure all parents and carers that we would never, ever allow a child or children to miss out on special experiences or gifts. Whether it is Secret Santa, Children in Need activities or own clothes days, we will always make sure all children are included.

We are lucky to have funds that allow us to do this, along with good relationships with parents and children in which we are able to recognise and be aware of when help is needed.

Last Week of term

We can't believe next week is the final week of the Autumn term. How time flies!

We have our Christmas songs to look forward to next week. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will talk place in the main hall. Key Stage 2 will be on the stage in the playground.

Reception - Tuesday 13th December 2.30pm

Year 1 - Wednesday 14th December 2.45pm

Year 2 - Thursday 15th December 2.45pm

Key Stage 2

Friday 16th December 1.45pm

On Friday 16th, school will finish an hour earlier than normal.

Parent and Carer Survey



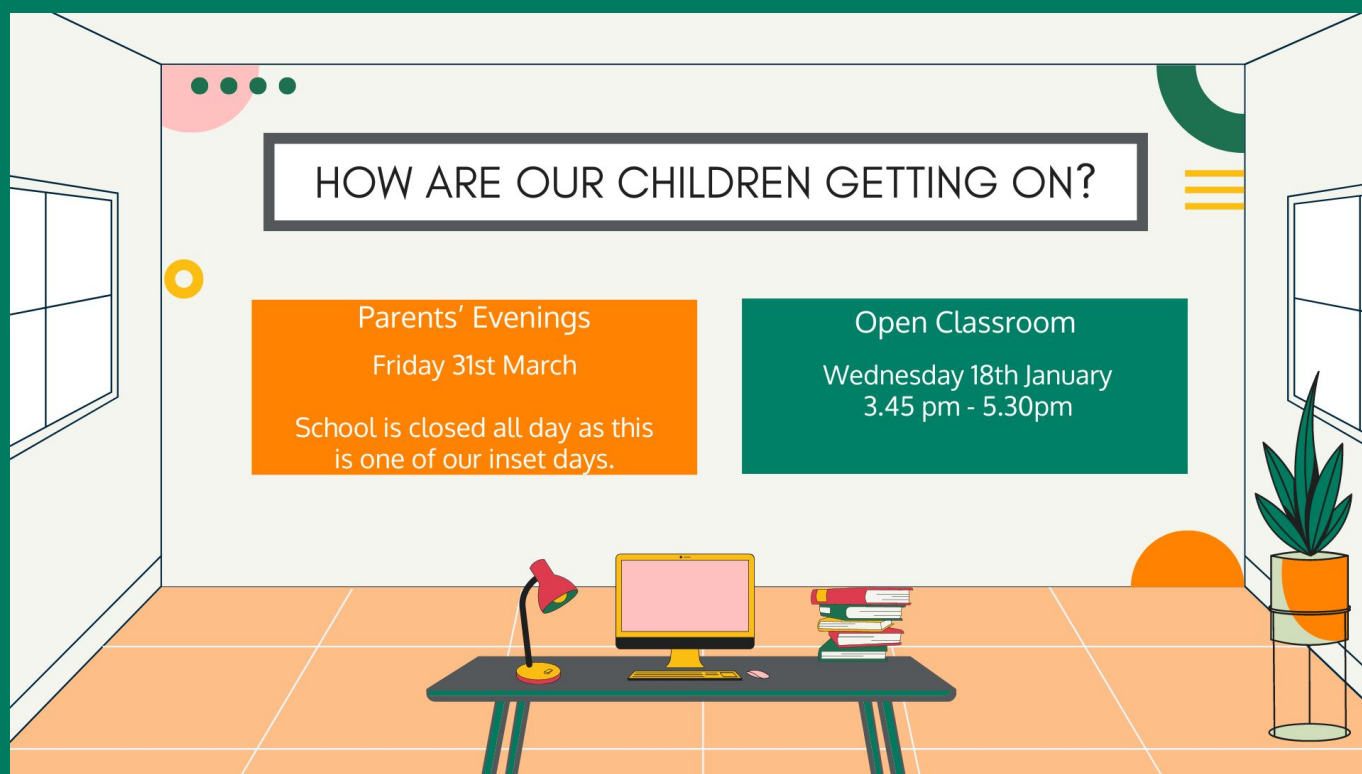
MUSIC OF THE WEEK



Labi Siffre - Paul Simon - Bob Dylan

Each week we introduce the children to different musical artists or genres. The children listen to this music around the school, in class and in assemblies.

Monday 12th December	Year 1 London Transport Museum Trip
Tuesday 13th December 2.30pm	Reception Festive Songs
Tuesday 13th December	Karl Nova Visit to Years 3,4,5 & 6
Wednesday 14th December 2.45pm	Year 1 Festive Songs
Thursday 15th December 2.45pm	Year 2 Festive Songs
Friday 16th December 1.45pm in the KS2 playground	KS2 Festive Songs
Friday 16th December 2022	FOH Krispy Kreme Sale
Tuesday 3rd January 2023	Inset Day
Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th January 2023	3TC Cycle Confidence
Wednesday 18th January	Open Classroom
Wednesday 18th & Thursday 19th January 2023	3LB Cycle Confidence
12:00 midday to 9:30pm Friday 20th January 2023	Young Voices Concert, 02 Arena - Year 5
Thursday 26th January 2023	Year 5 Trip To Planetarium
Friday 27th January	Year 5 Assembly & Viking/Anglo Saxon Wow Day



We currently need:

- Ketchup
- Honey
- Small Salt & Pepper
- Red Lentils
- Cous Cous
- Non-Dairy Milks
- Basmati Rice
- Coffee
- Marmalade



Donations made
1st - 7th December
will be doubled!

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Our School Council continue to do us proud! Well done to you all and thank you for helping the community. A reminder to you all about the Food Hub.





Thank you to the parents and carers who attended our Inclusion Coffee morning! We hope you found it helpful. Thank you to the parents and carers who are helping us to organise these and make them so successful. We really appreciate your support.

Fun in Nursery! Year 6 visited this week and played Maths games with the children. Year 5 visited Reception and Year 4 played with Year 1. The children really enjoyed it! Thank you Mrs Chetty for organising Marvellous Maths Week!



What are your biggest strengths as a parent?

If someone observed you as a parent, what they could admire if they watched your best moments with your child(ren)? Make a list of all the things you are most proud of – even if they seem small or simple.

Also include those not-so-great moments that you have been able to notice and turn around.

Now let's build on those strengths... Read through the list and give yourself credit and appreciation for all your hard work.

Now think of what it is that helps you be your personal best as a parent: what support could help you be that parent more often and how can you give this support to yourself every day? Next, notice when you act in a way with your child that makes you feel good about yourself, and do a little celebratory dance or give yourself a high five!

Appreciating yourself will help you be your best self more often and will also help you enjoy parenting even more.

Best wishes,

Greta

Integrative Child Psychotherapist



What a wonderful idea! Frozen decorations to hang outside. Thank you for sharing this Penny and Sabine. I am going to try it this weekend!



We were so impressed with Year 6, who made posters on Canva and added their own QR code. The children will put these up in school for parents, carers and staff to use.

There are posters for Maths activities, information sites and much more.

Well done Year 6 and thank you for sharing this work with us.





Thank you to Oakhill PTA for lending us the sleigh for Winter Wonderland. We really appreciate you supporting us!

Thank you once again to our wonderful cheeky elves who helped us at Winter Wonderland.





Thank you Tina for selling the mistletoe Dale cut down to raise funds for our school!



Scarlet Fever & Strep A

Scarlet Fever and Group Strep A Infections

UKHSA is reporting an increased number of cases of Group A streptococcus (Strep A) compared to normal at this time of year. There is no evidence that a new strain is circulating and the increase is most likely related to high amounts of circulating bacteria and social mixing.

What are scarlet fever and Strep A?

Scarlet fever is caused by bacteria called Group A streptococci (Strep A). The bacteria usually cause a mild infection that can be easily treated with antibiotics.

In very rare occasions, the bacteria can get into the bloodstream and cause an illness called invasive Group A strep (iGAS).

What are the symptoms of Strep A/scarlet fever?

Strep A infections can cause a range of symptoms that you should be aware of, including:

- Sore throat
- Headache
- Fever
- A fine, pinkish or red body rash with a sandpapery feel
- On darker skin the rash can be more difficult to detect visually but will have a sandpapery feel

If your child becomes unwell with these symptoms, please contact your GP practice or contact NHS 111 (which operates a 24/7 service) to seek advice.

If your child has scarlet fever, you are advised to stay at home until at least 24 hours after the start of antibiotic treatment to avoid spreading the infection to others.

Trust your own judgement and if your child seems seriously unwell call 999 or go to A&E if:

- your child is having difficulty breathing – you may notice grunting noises or their tummy sucking under their ribs
- there are pauses when your child breathes
- your child's skin, tongue or lips are blue
- your child is floppy and will not wake up or stay awake.

Managing confirmed cases

Early years settings and schools will contact their UKHSA health protection team if there is an outbreak of 2 or more scarlet fever cases within 10 days of each other and the affected individuals have a link, such as being in the same class or year group.

If there are confirmed or suspected cases in an education or childcare setting, there is no reason for children to be kept at home if they are well.

How to help prevent Strep A?

To prevent the spread of Strep A, UKHSA advises children, young people and staff to implement good hand and respiratory hygiene practices.

You can also find videos from medical experts and a blog on scarlet fever and Group Strep A below:

- [Video from Dr Ranj](#)
- [Video from Dr Colin Brown](#)
- [UKHSA blog](#)

A selection of the Christmas fayre portraits have been printed and are available for a donation at the school office.



Star of the Week



NHW

IZZY F

1IL

CORA

RAO

ELLIOT

1MJ

JAKE

RHH

ISOBEL

2KC

LEO

2BD

CARA



3TC

POPPIE

5MW

AALIYAH

3LB

MATTHEW

5RT

AMELIA

4FB

JOE

6SN

ALICIA

4JG

NANCY

6MU

HARRY

The purpose of Star of the Week is for us to have the opportunity to celebrate every child in our community specifically. We encourage everyone to celebrate what is wonderful about that child. Children do not need to do anything to earn Star of the Week – each child deserves it and they will each get a turn. The stars also have the opportunity to have tea with Mrs Nairne and Ms Addai.

If your child is Star of the Week we encourage you to ask them to repeat to you some of the positive statements their classmates and teachers make about them and add your own!