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I am sorry if I have not seemed to be around much recently. I can assure you that I am still here.

Everyone knows I love a birthday, but we seem to be creeping back to having party bags, cakes and sweets being brought into school to celebrate birthdays. Parents/Carers are kindly reminded, please do not send sweets, cakes or other treats into school for the teacher to distribute for your child's birthday. As an alternative way to help your child celebrate their birthday with their class why not give something to their class to mark their birthday, why not wrap up a book to add to the class book corner? Or a game that they can play during wet plays and lunches—uno, guess who etc. Your child can then unwrap it in class with their friends.

The PTA had their first meeting of the year and elected a new chair, Chelsey King and the vice chair is Karla Thomas. Unfortunately we

had no one from the south site put themselves forward. The next event that they will be helping with is the Spooky Disco on the 31st October after school. If you are available to help run games and supervise please drop them an email at friends@missiongrove.org.uk or let the office know who will pass on the message. Thank you to Mia Rose's mum for the donation of

Why join the PTA?



Halloween decorations for the party. The PTA is already thinking about the Christmas Fair. Due to rising costs it looks unlikely that we will have the ice rink this year, unless we can get a company to sponsor the event. If you know anyone who could please let us know as it is something that the children have great fun at. If you know of companies that can donate raffle prizes that would be appreciated too.

100% attendance—we are returning to awarding gold, silver and bronze awards for children's termly attendance. So far we have 58% of the children at 100% attendance. If this continues they will receive a certificate and award celebrating bronze for 1 term. If they get 100% for 2 terms then they progress to silver and for a whole year they get gold.

We are hoping to see lots of awards at the end of term.

Have a relaxing weekend and don't forget to read.

Miss Katie Jennings
Headteacher

Kids need to believe...

I am **amazing**

I am **important**

I am **special**

I am **kind**

I am **precious**

I am **supported**

I am **loved and...**

I can do **anything**

I put my mind to!

Please remember that school meals are free for all children now. If you want to look at the school menus please go to the website or click [here](#).

You can also help the school by applying for free school meal status, which boosts the schools budget. I know that sounds a bit crazy when all children are now entitled to free school meals. But the school gets funding for pupil premium for children who have completed the free school meal forms if you earn **£7,400** a year.

You can apply here [Apply for Free School Meals | London Borough of Waltham Forest](#)

SPECIAL DATES

Year 6 Secondary school

It is already that time of year when parents of children in year 6 need to start looking at secondary schools.

The deadline for applications is the 31st October 2023.

Please can I ask that you make sure that you go and visit the secondaries, and complete the form on time. If you need help with completing the form please ask at the office and we will book a slot for someone to help you.

There is more information on the council website and on our website. Please click [here](#) to go to the

6th Oct Year 5 Sleepover – unfortunately this has been postponed.

10th Oct Phonics workshop

World Mental Health Day

12th Oct Year 1 parents to come dine with us—book on parentpay

12th Oct Year 5 @ British museum

12th Oct Parents evening

16th—20th Year 6 swimming

17th Phonics workshop

18th Year 3 @ Kew Gardens

Year 1 Market adventure

Year 2 parents come dine with us

19th Curriculum committee

Parents evening

23rd—27th Half term

30th Children return to school

31st Phonics workshop

Spooky Disco

Attendance

5 Goldfinch	96.18%	Every child should be aiming for 100% attendance but if they can't 96% is the target set by the Government for all schools. Well done to these classes for getting higher than 96% this term so far.
6 Chaffinch	96.30%	
4 Blackbird	96.59%	
Nursery South Full Time	96.65%	
4 Buzzard	97.07%	
Nursery South AM	97.17%	
6 Crow	97.73%	
3 Sparrow	98.01%	
2yr North AM	98.18%	
2 Wren	98.22%	
Nursery North PM	99.24%	

KINDNESS
is a gift
everyone can
afford to give.

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STORIES by stone



The closing date for applications for next year's Reception class is Monday 15th January 2024. Parents of nursery aged children (born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020) must make sure they apply before the closing date. Any applications received after this date will be considered as late applications and processed after National Offer day which is 16th April 2024. Applications can be made on the eAdmissions website. For more information, click the link below. [https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/schools-education-and-learning/ apply-primary-school](https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/schools-education-and-learning/apply-primary-school)

We will be hosting Reception tours on the following dates:

- North –Wednesday 8th November 9.30am & 5.30pm
- Thursday 11th January 10am
- South – Thursday 9th November 9.30am & 5.30pm
- Friday 12th January 10 am

To book a place on one of the tours, either call or email the office@missiongrove.org.uk or book online on the website in the parent carer section.



Phonics Workshops for Reception & Year 1 Parents –

3rd, 10th & 17th October 10am – 11am North Site

In the Autumn term we run phonics workshops for parents and carers to find out more about the teaching of Phonics at Mission Grove. The workshop outlines what phonics is, how it helps your child with their early reading and writing and provides a range of ideas for activities and resources you can use to support your child at home. While this workshop is aimed at Reception & Year 1 parents and carers, we welcome anyone who would like to come along to learn a bit more about Phonics and how you can support your child in their early reading and writing.

Please see below links to our Phonics pages, where you can find out more about how we teach Phonics at Mission Grove and some resources that you might find useful for supporting your child at home.

<https://www.missiongroveschool.co.uk/page/?title=Phonics+%2D+Read+Write+Inc&pid=2595>

Educational Psychology Service Free Monthly Parent/Carer Consultation Sessions

Dates:

20th September 2023
18th October 2023
22nd November 2023
6th December 2023
17th January 2024
28th February 2024
27th March 2024
24th April 2024
22nd May 2024
19th June 2024
17th July 2024

To book a 30 minute
consultation, please
contact our
Business
Support Officer
below

EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY SERVICE

Thorpe Hall School
123 Hale End Road
E17 4DP

Do you have concerns about your
child?

Would you like to talk to an
Educational
Psychologist in confidence?

Appointment Only Sessions

Afternoon sessions are 12.30-2pm
Evening Sessions are 3.30- 5.00

**Individual consultation with an Educational
Psychologist are offered via phone/zoom or in person for
Parents and Carers living in London Borough Waltham
Forest.**

**Sessions last for no more than 30 minutes and provide an
opportunity to ask any questions or discuss concerns
with a member of our culturally diverse Educational
Psychology Team.**

Office
02084961732 07776 589 597

Educational Psychologists are qualified specialists in child psychology and child development, with particular expertise in supporting children and young people with special educational needs, learning difficulties, and social, emotional and behaviour difficulties. All LBWF Educational Psychologists are registered with the Health Care Professionals Council.

educationalpsychologyservice@walthamforest.gov.uk

NHS Dentists in Waltham Forest



This is an up-to-date list of NHS dentists currently offering
..... routine appointments and accepting new patients

Forest Dental Care
73 Hoe Street
E17 4SA
0208 521 3777

Mr Evans and Associates
252a Chingford Mount Road
E4 8JL
0208 529 1587

Chingford Road Dental Surgery
31 Chingford road
E17 4PW
02085279062

Leyton Dental Surgery
724 High Street Leyton
E10 6AA
02085396022

Park Vue Dental Surgery
330 Cann Hall Road
E11 3NW
02085192990

Lea Bridge Dental Practice
433 Lea Bridge Road
E10 7EA
0208 539 6152

Woodgrange Dental Practice
80 Woodgrange Road
E7 0EW
2085553336

Mr P Wong & Associates
123 Hoe Street
E17 4RX
02085204151

Hoe Street Dental Surgery
337 Hoe Street
E17 9BD
02085205289

Cedars Dental Practice
775 High Road Leyton
E10 5AB
02085581122

L Wong and F Wong
845 High Road Leytonstone
E11 1HH
02085394720

Smile in London
399 High Road Leyton
E10 5NA
02085391653

☎ 020 8496 5223

📧 wfsupport@henry.org.uk

Please note that we do not endorse or recommend any particular practice.

This list is up-to-date as of the 25 Sept 2023.



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School Health
thqpcq.wfncmp@nhs.net
29th September 2023

Dear Parent

Your child's class will take part in this year's height and weight checks for children in Reception and Year 6

Every year in England, all school children in Reception and Year 6 have their height and weight checked at school as part of the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP). These measurements are used to calculate weight status. We collect this information to build a picture of how children are growing, and so we can offer appropriate support to maintain healthy lifestyles. The information also helps us to understand how many children are overweight, at a healthy weight or underweight and plan our services accordingly.

Measurements are conducted by registered school nurses in a sensitive manner, in private and away from other children while fully clothed except for their coats and shoes. The results are not shared with your child or their school. It is shared only with you in the parent or carer feedback letter. It is your choice if you share the information with your child.

In case you have any concerns about the weighing itself, I would like to reassure that the emotional impact on children of the NCMP has been researched and studies show that body image, self-esteem, weight-related teasing and restrictive eating behaviours do not worsen as a result of being measured or receiving feedback.

Further information on the data we collect and what it is used for is included below.

What to do next

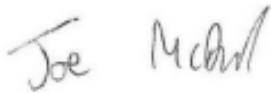
If you are happy for your child to be measured, you do not need to do anything.

If you **do not** want your child's height and weight to be measured, please email their name, year, class, school, NHS number (if you know it) and parent/carer's name to thqpcq.wfncmp@nhs.net or call the School Nursing service on 0300 033 6200.

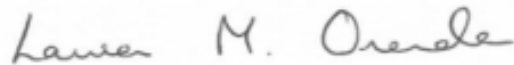
Please note if you are concerned about your child's growth, weight, body image or eating patterns, seek further support from a school nurse using the same contact details, or from your GP.

This year we are reviewing our local NCMP programme, and in particular we want the feedback we provide parents to be as useful and sensitive as possible. If you would be interested in taking part in a short group discussion with other parents then please get in touch on public.health@walthamforest.gov.uk. An incentive of a £20 voucher is available to anyone who participates.

Yours sincerely,



Joe McDonnell
Director of Public Health
London Borough of Waltham Forest



Lauren Ovenden
Director of Education
London Borough of Waltham Forest

As part of our learning how we should care for others, Year 2 enjoyed an outdoor session in the playground this week linking their RE with outdoor learning. We learnt to build a Jewish sukkah, a temporary hut constructed for use during the week-long Jewish festival of Sukkot. The children used cardboard boxes and topped it with branches, leaves as these structures are often decorated with autumnal, harvest or Judaic themes. Many people believe the festival of Sukkot is a time to remember those who are poor by giving meals and shelter and donating money (tzedekah).



Year 4 British
Museum

