



School News

2nd November 2016

Welcome back...

We hope that you all had a restful break and are looking forward to the exciting but busy half term ahead. We would like to say a very warm welcome to Alina and Artem, and their family, who joined our school community this week.

On Monday, we were also joined by two colleagues from the Appalachian State University, America. Kendra Kirkpatrick and Marcela Tate will be spending the next five weeks at Wroxham and will work with most classes in the school during their time with us.

WSFA

There is a WSFA meeting this Thursday 3rd Nov at 7:30pm, in the log cabin. They will be organising the Christmas Fair so please come along and find out how you can help.

We know that there are many parents who would like to support the WSFA but find it difficult to attend the meetings. With this in mind, we have decided to have two WSFA representatives for each class. The class representatives would help the WSFA committee by organising members of their class to help at fundraising events such as the Christmas Fair or the discos. You would not need to be able to attend meetings, although you would be more than welcome to do so. If you are interested in becoming a class representative please speak to Lorraine Leighton or Jo Turner.

Lost property

At the end of last half term, one of the children lost a white Yokai watch. If you have found this, please can you hand it in to the front office so that we can return it to its owner. Thank you.

FREE donations for our school with all your online shopping!

All you need to do is register with easyfundraising.org.uk and then visit any of the 3,000 retailers to start shopping. After you have made your purchase, the retailer will make a donation to our school at no extra cost whatsoever. Thank you!

Join, shop and raise here:

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/thewroxhamjs

Lucy makes a splash!

Many congratulations to Lucy in Year 6 who entered and won two races at the Girl Guiding Swimming Gala. Lucy won both the Brownie and Guide races, having stepped in at the last minute to enter the Guide race due to a shortage of numbers. Well done Lucy.

Celebration

Please email me alison.peacock@thewroxham.net if your child has achieved something that you would like celebrated in our newsletter.

Thank you

Dame Alison Peacock

Breakfast Club and Kids' Club

We are pleased to share that LJ Trounce and Debbie Kilpatrick are now managing kids club which runs after school each day until 6pm. Debbie and LJ are supported by an excellent team of staff.

Please make sure that you book your children into both clubs, so that we can ensure that we have the correct staffing ratios to look after the children.

Booking forms can be obtained from the front office.

If you collect your child from school and they were booked in to kids club, please can you make sure you inform one of the team or the office of your change or arrangements.

We would like to respectfully remind parents and carers that families should enter the school via the side gate and rear doors when attending breakfast club or collecting from kids club. Staff will be there to greet you.

Thank you.

Free School Meals

If you are in receipt of any the following, your child may be entitled to free school meals:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit

For more information please visit:

Dates for your Diary 2016-17

Weds 9 November 8am - 4pm	Year 6 Learning Review Day
Mon 14 Nov	<i>Year 2 to visit Royal Gunpowder Mills Year 5 to visit Royal Maritime Museum</i>
Thurs 17 Nov 6 - 8pm	Family Consultation Evening / Year 6 Learning Reviews
Sun 20 Nov 10 - 12pm	Super-Sibs Group Lego Master Builds workshop St Teresa's Primary
Mon 21 Nov 8am - 4pm	Year 5 Learning Review Day
Tues 22 Nov 6 - 8pm	Year 5 Learning Review Evening
Sun 27 Nov	WSFA Christmas Fair
Weds 7 Dec 9.30am	KS1 play
Weds 7 Dec 10.30am	Foundation Stage play
Weds 7 Dec 1.30pm	KS2 play
Weds 7 Dec 7.00pm	KS2 play
Thurs 8 Dec 7.00pm	KS2 play
Tues 13 Dec 2.00pm	Choir Tea party
Weds 21 Dec 12.00pm	<i>Term ends</i>
Fri 6 Jan 2017	<i>Term begins</i>
Mon 13-17 Feb	<i>Half term holiday</i>
Fri 31 Mar	<i>Term ends</i>
Weds 19 April	<i>Term begins</i>
Mon 29 May- Fri 2 June	<i>Half term holiday</i>



www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals 5 minute application time, decision usually given straight away.

Fri 16 June	<i>INSET Day</i>
Mon 19 June	<i>INSET Day</i>
Fri 21 July	<i>Term ends</i>

Dame Alice Owens Admissions Consultations

The Governing Body of Dame Alice Owen's School will be consulting on its admissions arrangements for 2018-19 between 4th November and 23rd December 2016. The proposed arrangements will be available to view on the school website www.damealiceowens.herts.sch.uk/admissions

The proposed Arrangements amendments include:-

- a)** additional clarification of how children who have the same total mark in the academic tests are prioritised
- b)** further explanation of the home-school measurement
- c)** updating the requirements for sixth form admissions in light of the new GCSE specifications

Should you wish to comment on any aspect of these arrangements please write to Mrs D Coles, Admissions Officer by 23rd December 2016.
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