

A message from the Head Teacher

Hello everyone!

If I have not managed to see or speak to you as yet, I would like to wish you and your family the very best for this year.

We have now been in school for just over a week and we have already done so much! We started this half term with a welcome back assembly, where we set out the plans and expectations for the half term ahead. This newsletter will detail some of the areas that as a school we will be looking at.

As a school we are constantly working on ways to improve our communication with our families. There is a wealth of information available on our school website and we update it as necessary, so it is likely that you will find the answer to what you are looking for on there. We have also bought into a new communication system – Weduc. Please read the section in this newsletter for more information. This will support us with getting important messages directly to your phone. We have also sent out a parent questionnaire, please do complete this as your views are key to everything we do in school.

Best wishes,

Mr Chetty
Head Teacher

This half term

British Values focus

Mutual respect
Tolerance

Unicef Rights of Children focus

Article 30 - Children have the right to use their own language, culture and religion - even if these are not shared by most people in the country where they live.

Language of the term

Urdu



Weduc

We are delighted to announce that we have launched Weduc. This will become our main source of communication and has replaced the previous payment system – so all payments (meals, clubs, trips, before and after school care and any other ad-hoc payments) will now need to be made on this system.

All parents were sent a text and/or email with enrolment details – if you haven't received a message please update the school office with your correct mobile number and email address.

To log in to Weduc, download the app onto your smart phone or tablet and follow the instructions, or log in via the Weduc website at <https://app.weduc.co.uk>

Should you have any questions or issues please contact the school office.



Attendance and Punctuality

As explained in newsletters last term, the Local Authority have now introduced fines for non-attendance. This means that if your child has 10 or more unauthorised sessions (5 days), we will need to refer this to the Local Authority, who may then decide to issue a fine to both parents / carers.

Please remember that although you may give us a reason for your child's absence, this may not automatically be authorised. We need to consider if you have appropriate evidence and also look at your child's attendance overall. If your child's attendance is below 90% (persistent absentee) then we will not authorise any further absences. Please also note that term time holidays will not be authorised.

For more information about attendance and punctuality, please join us for our **coffee morning on Thursday 19th January 2023 at 10.30am**. This meeting will be in school but you are also able to join online using Google Meets code – attendance.

Reminders

Events coming up

Wednesday 18th January

Bag2School Collection

Thursday 19th January

8.45 – 9.15am KS2 Reading breakfast (Years 3 – 6)

Friday 20th January

PTA event: Chicken and chips sale after school

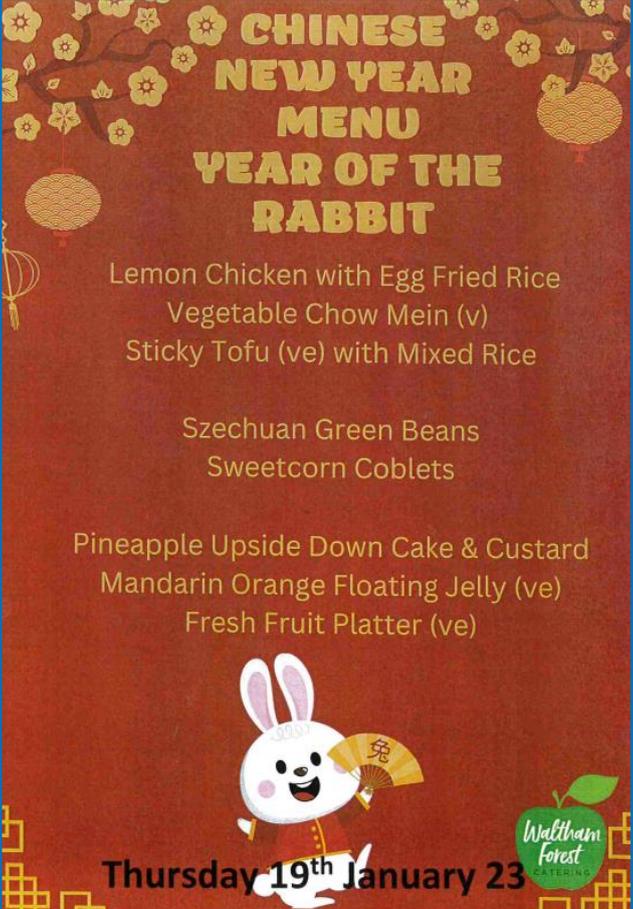
Thursday 19th January

10.30am Attendance and Punctuality coffee morning (in school and online. Google meets code – attendance)

Friday 10th February

9 – 9.30am Online Safety breakfast morning (parents / carers in classes – more information to follow)

Reminder: We still have spaces in lots of our clubs – please speak to the office if you would like to sign up or have any questions!



**CHINESE
NEW YEAR
MENU
YEAR OF THE
RABBIT**

Lemon Chicken with Egg Fried Rice
Vegetable Chow Mein (v)
Sticky Tofu (ve) with Mixed Rice

Szechuan Green Beans
Sweetcorn Coblets

Pineapple Upside Down Cake & Custard
Mandarin Orange Floating Jelly (ve)
Fresh Fruit Platter (ve)

Thursday 19th January 23

Waltham Forest Catering

We are pleased to announce that we have organised a clothes & shoe collection with Bag2School in order to raise funds for our curriculum resources.

Bag2School is the UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools and since its inception in 2001 it has now paid out over £36 million. As well as raising vitally needed funds for our school, it also helps the environment by helping to divert unwanted textiles away from landfill.

By getting involved in our Bag2School collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles – this can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys. In addition to raising much needed funds it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse. Don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well!

Bag2School will be collecting from our school on Wednesday 18th January. Please bring your bag (or bags!) to the school office and help us have a really good collection.

Many thanks indeed for helping us with this unique fundraising opportunity.

Bag2School



www.bag2school.com



Our next **Bag2School** collection has been arranged for

18/01/2023

at **9** am pm

Any questions - please ask your school collection organiser **Mrs Rahman/Miss Byrne**

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Year Group News

Each week we will be celebrating the learning taking place in different year groups.

This week we are celebrating the learning that took place in Year 6!

Year 6

*This term we will be looking at **The Little Mermaid** by Hans Christian. Take a look at the wonderful project work made by the children. Their own version of 'Under the Sea'*



Attendance Celebration

Our school target for all of our pupils is 96%.

Our attendance overall for last week (09.01.23 – 13.01.23) was 94.8% (Year 1 to Year 6).

Well done to the following classes for achieving our school target or above!

Class	Attendance
Y2 Zidane	97.8%
Y5 Farah	96.2%
Y5 Jordan	98.8%
Y6 Bolt	96.7%