



NEWSLETTER

12 January 2024

WELCOME

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year!

Welcome back, we are looking forward to a hardworking and successful Spring term.

A little reminder to please try to hear your children read every day and sign their reading diaries. We know this makes a huge difference to your children's fluency and understanding of what they read and appreciate your support with this.

Thank you for your efforts to be in school on time. We have seen a big improvement in punctuality over this week.

Mrs Jackson

Y6 VISIT TO PARLIAMENT

Y6 enjoyed an amazing day on Friday visiting the Houses of Parliament where they had an amazing time debating some very vital issues concerning their lives: should school finish at 12 pm?

Mrs Diwan



ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

A reminder of the timings for school. It is very important that your child is in school on time as learning starts immediately. If your child is late then they miss out on activities such as:

- fine motor development
- gross motor development
- reading
- maths
- collaborative activities
- vocabulary activities
- calming activities that get them ready for learning
- handwriting
- spellings
- times tables
- responding to feedback from teachers from previous lessons

8.30am: ALL classroom doors are open

8.35am: Reception and Y1 Registration is taken. Learning begins. (Classroom doors close)

8.40am: Years 2-6 Registration is taken. Learning begins. (Classroom doors close)

Any children arriving at school after 8.40am should sign in through the office, **although this should only be in exceptional circumstances.**

8.45am: School gates are locked. All parents should be off site by this time.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Full term dates for 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 can be found on the school website.

Friday 16th February: Non Uniform Day

19th-23rd February: Half Term

Thursday 28th March: End of Term



PREFECTS' PERSPECTIVE!

At the start of the week we had assembly about what we have been doing in music previously (ten pieces) led by one of our prefects. In Y5, we made posters to show in assembly in partners. In Y6, we drew pictures to share as well. Some of the examples of musicians were: Delia Derbyshire (Dr Who theme); Carl Orff (O' Fortuna); and Modest Mussorgsky (A Night On The Bare Mountain). On Tuesday, in Y5, we had a normal day and in Y6 we also had a normal day. On Wednesday Y5 went swimming and Y6 had puppets.

On Thursday we swapped P.E. with the year 5s because of the trip. For P.E. we did cricket for the whole afternoon. And in Upper Key Stage 2, we got extra play.

On Friday, in Y5, the police department came to visit. For Y6, we went on a trip to the Houses Of Parliament. Also we had celebration assembly as usual.

Written by Ollie. S and Anas (Newsletter prefects).

74th Watford South Scouts

Scouts are do-ers and give-it-a-go-ers. Yes, we go camping, hiking, swimming, abseiling, cycling and canoeing. But, we also get to hang out with our friends every week – having fun, playing games, working in a team and taking on new challenges.

Every week we give our young people the skills they need for school, college, university, the job interview, the important speech, the tricky challenge and the big dreams: the skills they need for life.

Everyone's welcome at the 74th Watford South Scouts. All genders, races and backgrounds. Regardless of your young person's physical ability – there's a Scout adventure out there waiting for them. And we'll help them find it.

Please follow the QR code on our flyer attached to this newsletter to sign-up your child for their next adventure.

JUNIOR ADVENTURES GROUP

We had a really exciting first term in JAG at Beechfield. The children thoroughly enjoyed the activities and games we have been doing and have created some exciting arts and crafts, drama pieces and enjoyed the endless games we have played.

What we did at JAG Breakfast and After School Club last term:

- Started the year off with getting to each other with who am I activities and portraits
 - Created hot air balloons
 - Created a newspaper
 - Created board games in groups
 - Celebrated Diwali by creating henna designs and making milk carton light lanterns
 - Made slime
 - Made a poppy soldier for Remembrance Day
 - Created firework pictures
- ...and much, much more!

What we've got planned for this term:

- New Year activities
- Making lanterns for Chinese New Year
- Creating tartan for Burn's night
- Valentine's Day activities
- Children's Choice – where the children can fully lead the afternoon sessions with their own ideas, games and activities

Alongside this, there will be plenty of Free play, fun, laughter and lots for the children to do at both Breakfast and After School Club. The fun NEVER stops!!

Bookings can be made on our website (and before 2pm for the same day provision). Our prices are:

Breakfast Club £6.25 per session

After School Club £13.25 per session

<https://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/>

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