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# NEWSLETTER

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## HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

### Singapore Maths – a Mastery Curriculum

The introduction of a new National Curriculum for Maths, which has much higher expectations of the children, has presented a challenge for schools all across England. In order to meet this challenge schools are being encouraged to look at the teaching practices of high performing countries such as Singapore. That is exactly what we are doing here at World's End. As part of that, Miss Duncan applied for a place on the National Centre for Excellence in Teaching Mathematics Mastery Specialist Training Programme. The application process was a rigorous one, involving both written evidence and an interview. Out of over 600 applicants, 140 were selected to join the programme, 4 for the Central Maths Hub. We are delighted to say that Miss Duncan is among them. Over the year, she will be attending residential training, leading working parties and completing action research which will help us to develop the best possible teaching approaches in teaching mathematics.

One of the key aspects of delivering a Mastery Curriculum is the expectation that ALL children will master the curriculum. Any child who is struggling will be provided with additional help in lessons to ensure that they do grasp it. This may be more support in class from the teacher, additional time spent with mathematical resources, some extra help after the lesson or additional homework. The children who grasp the work quickly will be challenged further by being set questions which take the children's learning deeper within the same work. For this reason we are moving away from ability groups within the maths lessons. By assessing the pupil's needs within the lessons, the teachers will judge exactly which work is best for your child and ensure that they are supported or challenged appropriately.

A further part of this work is the trial of a Singapore style textbook in year 3. The textbooks are very different to those previously written in England. It has been written by specialists using the teaching approaches used in Singapore.

We look forward to seeing the improvements in the children's learning!

## WORLDS END JUNIOR SCHOOL MATHEMATICS CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

On 25<sup>th</sup> September Hayley, Ardit, Hans and Isabella represented our school at the King Edward's Foundation School's Maths Challenge. The team of year 6 children took part in two challenges consisting of a maths crossword and a speed challenge. Out of the 12 teams that took part in the Challenge, World's End Juniors came 5<sup>th</sup>! We would like to say a massive well done to all of them and a huge thank you to Mrs Soden for taking them.

## DINNER MONEY



Dinner money for next half term will be £71.75 or £10.25 per week. Please send dinner money in a named container or envelope, which your child should hand in to their class teacher on the first day back and subsequently on Monday mornings.

Unfortunately we do not accept payment by cheque but you may use the online banking facility.

The following details of our account will be requested by your bank:

Company Name – **World's End Junior** Company sort code – **16 00 08**

Company account no – **10485248**

In addition you will be asked to provide a reference or narrative to enable us to identify your payment. As this field is usually of limited size please use your **child's surname and class**, i.e **SMITH 5B**.

## SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

A reminder to parents of year 6 children that applications for admission to secondary school 2016 need to be completed online before 2nd November 2015. [www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

## MATHS HOMEWORK

Here at World's End we really value the support of the children's parents and carers. We know that with the parents support, the children make increased progress. We also understand that both the children and the parents have very busy lives. This is why we have designed a homework which is proven to improve the children's fluency whilst only taking one minute of each day. Regular, short sharp bursts of focused practice has a really positive impact on increasing the children's fluency in key skills such as number bonds and times tables.

In order for this homework to improve your child's fluency, they must have at least 5 tries at the Minute Maths each week, for maximum impact it should be practised every day. We ask that when your child has completed their Minute Maths, the number of questions that have been correctly answered be entered in their planner. This allows us to ensure that children who do not get regular opportunities to practice at home, have the opportunity to work with an adult in school during the first few minutes of playtime. This way, we can be sure that all children are regularly practicing these key, essential skills which will help them to become fluent mathematicians.

Minute maths homework has been running for over a year now and we have had some wonderful feedback from many parents who much prefer regular very short bursts of work to weekly worksheets or investigations. We appreciate all of your kind comments and would like to let you know that the impact is extremely pleasing. Thank you for all your hard work!

## REMINDERS

Please can we remind you that all children should have a school water bottle for use in the class-room to stay hydrated during the day. We do not have cups available in school; please ensure your child brings a cleaned, refilled school water bottle each day. These can be purchased via the school office for £1.25. Water is available in school to re-fill empty bottles.

We would also like to remind parents that children are not allowed to wear trainers to school; footwear for school must be black shoes. Boots may be worn to and from school but children will be expected to change out of them either into shoes or P.E pumps, which are needed for P.E in school. Nail varnish should be removed before coming to school.

## CONTACT WITH TEACHERS

If you need to get a message to your child's class teacher before school, please speak to Mrs Chandegra, Mrs Davies or any of the other staff on duty from 8.35 a.m, who will then pass it on to the relevant member of staff. If you would like to speak to your child's teacher, we would ask that meetings are arranged after school, wherever possible, as the period before school begins is vital for lesson preparation.

## UNIFORM

Parents who wish to buy school uniform can use either our local supplier, please ask for an order form from the school office, cash purchases only, or Tesco, who are now taking uniform orders again. To order online from Tesco go to [tesco.com/ues](http://tesco.com/ues) then select our school from the list and choose the quantity and sizes you'd like. There is £5 off your first online shop when you spend £25 or more, simply enter the code UES5OFF25. Embroidered items will be delivered within 14 days, with free delivery on orders over £15.

## LOST PROPERTY

We have quite a lot of lost property in school at the moment including 6 pairs of glasses! Please encourage your child to look through lost property if they have mislaid something.

Subject to the weather we will have a table in the playground, on Friday this week and next week, after school and parents are welcome to look for their child's missing items. All unclaimed items will be disposed of during the half term holiday.

## SECURITY

Please be aware that we have now installed the electronic security lock on the internal glass door in Reception. This door can only be opened by a member of staff and will prevent any unauthorised access from reception into the school building.

Parents who wish to speak to a member of staff are no longer allowed into school via the pupil entrance. They should go back down the path and round the front of the building to the main office and speak to a member of the Office Staff.

We have a responsibility to all pupils, staff and visitors to ensure their safe evacuation in case of fire. In addition we have a statutory duty to comply with all government legislation and these changes have been made in order that we are aware of all persons inside the building at all times. Please help us to keep **your** child safe by complying with the instructions above.

## TUBS4TABLETS 2015

PLEASE CAN YOU HELP ?

TESCO will be running a promotion in conjunction with FLORA this Autumn. TUBS4TABLETS will have vouchers inside promotional tubs of FLORA 500g (Original, Light & Buttery) on sale at TESCO from 23<sup>rd</sup> September to 24<sup>th</sup> November, with a 2 for £2 promotion.

We would like to collect the vouchers they are offering, for an opportunity to add to our I.T apparatus. For every 50 tokens, our school can claim a Samsung Galaxy Tablet which would enhance the recording and filming facilities which our children are delighted to learn to use.

A collection box will be available by the children's entrance door as soon as needed, and another one by our Reception Office at the front door, for your vouchers. THE MORE THE MERRIER PLEASE !!

## ATTENDANCE

National average for all schools is at 98%

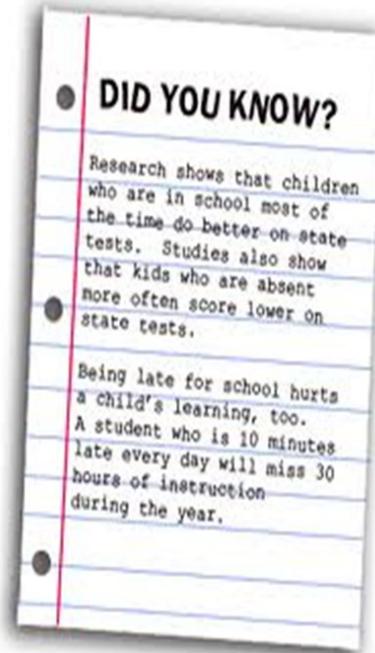
**We are currently at 95%** which is a real concern and therefore to encourage our children we are going to be introducing a prize raffle, suggested by our Junior

Leadership Team.

1<sup>st</sup> prize £60 family ticket to eat out for students at 100%

2<sup>nd</sup> prize £40 family ticket to bowling

3<sup>rd</sup> prize £25 cinema experience.



Please be aware that there has been a **change in timings of our school day** and it is crucial that your child(ren) are in for **no later the 8.40am.**

**All lessons will start by 8.45** and therefore any student that arrives thereafter will be registered as 'L Code' which is late.

### **WHAT IS A 'L CODE' AND A 'U CODE' WHEN REGISTERING YOUR CHILD?**

'L code' means that your child has officially been recorded as late and is missing key activities first thing in the morning, which can leave the student very unsettled for the rest of the day. Therefore 'L codes' (Lates) are monitored very closely by the Government and the School and could result in personal conversations with the Attendance Officer.

Once the **registers have closed at 9.05am** students will be **registered as a 'U Code'**. This is classed as unauthorised absents, this is monitored extremely closely as part of our Safe Guarding Process. Support and guidance will be offered to encourage change in attendance however it can also result in **Legal Action being taken.**

### **SPOTLIGHT ON ATTENDANCE & LEGAL PROCESS!!!**

**Please note that a spotlight letter went out to all parents in the 1<sup>st</sup> week of term, explaining attendance, legal process and how attendance is monitored. If you would like another copy please ask at the School Office for one.**

**We have introduced a secure password system for collection of your child and letters explaining the process as to how this system works have been issued, however, if you require another letter please ask at the School Office.**

Please note if you are unable to collect your child on time and have arranged alternative collection, to ensure maximum safety for your child, you will now need to follow the procedure below:

A collection letter and password must be filled in and brought into the office.

A call must be made before 3pm explaining the relationship of the person that is collecting the child, how they are acquainted with the family and if the child being collected will be familiar with the person collecting them.

The secure code only shared with the adult that is collecting your child(ren).

If you are worried that your password may need changing, it is your responsibility to come into school and request another form.

The system will commence with a staged approach to ensure maximum security and parents will be notified by text.

14/10/2015 Children in Year 3

19/10/2015 Children in Year 4

02/11/2015 Children in Year 5

09/11/2015 Children in Year 6



DIARY DATES	
Thursday 15th October	Parents lunch—Y3/4 12.00 and Y5/6 12.30 pm
Thursday 15th October	Parents Evening 1—3.30 pm—6.30 p.m
Monday 19th October	Parents Evening 2— 5.00 p.m—8.00 p.m
Thursday 22nd October	Big Breakfast (Parents invited) 8.00 a.m—8.45 a.m
Thursday 22nd October	Gold Book Assembly 2.50 p.m <b>SCHOOL CLOSERS TO PUPILS 3.20 P.M</b>
Friday 23rd October	Teacher training day
Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October	<b>HALF TERM—SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
Monday 2nd November	School re-opens—Breakfast clubs at usual times
Wednesday 4th November	Y5 Parents' Maths written methods workshop 9.00 a.m—10.00 a.m
Thursday 5th November	Y4Parents' Maths written methods workshop 9.00 a.m—10.00 a.m
Thursday 5th November	Y5 visit to the National Space Centre
Thursday 12th November	Big Breakfast (Parents invited) 8.00 a.m—8.45 a.m
Thursday 12th November	Y3 Parents' Maths written methods workshop 9.00 a.m—10.00 a.m
Thursday 26th November	Parents lunch—Y3/4 12.00 and Y5/6 12.30 pm
Wednesday 2nd December	Y6 SATs information evening 6.30 p.m—7.30 p.m
Thursday 3rd December	Y6 Parents' Maths written methods workshop 9.00 a.m—10.00 a.m
Thursday 3rd December	Open afternoon for Y2 parents
Wednesday 9th December	Y3 Christmas play 9.30 a.m Y3 Parents invited
Thursday 10th December	Y3 Christmas play 2.00 p.m Y3 Parents invited
Friday 11th December	Gold Book Assembly 2.50 p.m - Invited Parents only
Monday 14th December	Carol Service at St Boniface Church 1.45 p.m
Friday 18th December	<b>SCHOOL CLOSERS FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS—1.30 P.M</b>
Monday 4th January 2016	<b>Teacher Training Day</b>
Tuesday 5th January 2016	School re-opens—Breakfast clubs at usual time

## SCHOOL TERM DATES ACADEMIC YEAR 2015/2016

### Autumn Term 2015/2016

Thursday 3rd September—Friday 23rd October 2015  
 Monday 2nd November—Friday 18th December 2015

### Spring Term 2016

Monday 4th January—Friday 12th February 2016  
 Monday 22nd February—Thursday 24th March 2016

### Summer Term 2016

Monday 11th April—Friday 27th May 2016  
 Monday 6th June—Friday 22nd July 2016

### **May Day Monday 2nd May 2016—School closed.**

#### **Teacher training days are:**

Thursday 3rd & 4th September 2015  
 Friday 23rd October 2015  
 Monday 4th January 2016  
 Monday 11th April 2016

**SATS dates for 2016 are Monday 9th May to Thursday 12th May  
 PLEASE ENSURE THAT NO HOLIDAYS OR APPOINTMENTS ARE BOOKED DURING THIS WEEK.**