

# William Davies Primary School

## Newsletter

January 2017 Edition



### Quote from our 2016 Children's Survey

*"Our school is always fun, the food is great and it keeps us safe."*



### FAREWELL, MISS PATEL!

We are sad to say goodbye to Miss Y. Patel, who has been with us at William Davies since 2007. She has worked in Nursery and Reception, and more recently been our Receptionist, always providing a warm and smiling welcome to visitors to our school.

### UPDATED WEBSITE

We have rebuilt our website! Look out for regular William Davies Newsbites videos, giving you an insight into life at William Davies Primary School!

Thank you to Ms Akhtar for her hard work organising the rebuild and shooting the first edition of WDPS Newsbites.

### MRS MAHER ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

After 37 years teaching in East London, and 9 years as Headteacher at William Davies Primary School, I have informed the Governing Body of my intention to retire at the end of this school year. The Governors hope to appoint a new Headteacher soon, so that we can ensure there is a smooth handover.

I have been fortunate to end my career in a school I truly treasure, surrounded by outstanding staff, inspiring children and supportive parents.

### Contact Details

If you have recently changed your contact phone number, please let the school office know. It is important that we are able to contact you in case of emergency or illness.

### Safeguarding

Thank you to the Local Authority for funding the recent building work at the front of the school. The Local Authority used money from its capital budget to fund the new fence outside the staffroom, and a CCTV system due to be installed soon. Thank you for keeping our school safe!

### Important Dates

9<sup>th</sup> March – Parents Afternoon & Evening 1.30pm – 6.30pm

**All children will need to be collected from school at 1.30pm**

31<sup>st</sup> March – Year 4 Easter Assembly at 2pm, NOT 9am

Please join us for hot cross buns and hot apple juice after the assembly.

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**“THE DIVERSE CULTURE AND OUR SCHOOL BEING  
SMALL MAKES EVERYONE HEARD AND THE  
TEACHERS HAVE TIME FOR THE CHILDREN.”**

*Quote from the Children’s 2016 Survey*

## 50 YEARS OF WDPS!

William Davies Primary School is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2017!

We plan to hold a celebration event in the summer, reflecting on the school’s past and toasting to its future!

If you know of any past students or staff who would like to be involved in our celebrations, please ask them to contact the school at

[info@williamdavies.newham.sch.uk](mailto:info@williamdavies.newham.sch.uk)

### School Council & Fundraising Updates

Last year we raised lots of money for charity, including at our Festival dinner where raised £103 for Shelter.

This term we will be fundraising for Comic Relief on March 24<sup>th</sup>. Our School Council will be planning what to do on that day, and are always interested in your fundraising ideas.

Watch this space for School Council plans for World Book Day on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017!

### Absence

If your child is absent please notify the school office on  
0208 472 3864

For more information regarding absence and attendance, please visit our website.

### Governors

Our school governors are always interested to hear from you. If you would like to contact a governor there are two post boxes, one in our front entrance and one at the Bristol Road entrance.

Alternatively, you can email:  
[governors@williamdavies.newham.sch.uk](mailto:governors@williamdavies.newham.sch.uk)

### THE MAGIC OF THE THEATRE

People travel from all over the world to visit the theatre in London. Whilst your child is at William Davies, they will have opportunities to experience live theatre.

Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2 watched the Hare and the Tortoise performed in school by a travelling theatre company.

Year 3 went to see Sinbad the Sailor at Theatre Royal Stratford East.

Year 5 have been to see the Lion King musical in London’s West End!



Reception performed the Nativity story for the rest of the school, parents and carers!