

# William Davies Primary School Newsletter

January 2018



## 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.

## Important Dates

### Half term Holiday:

Monday 12th February - Friday  
16th February

### Merit Assembly:

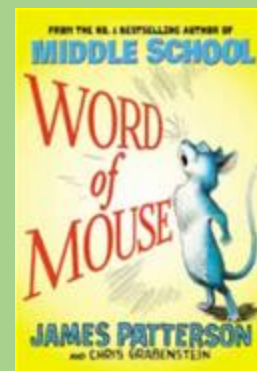
Friday 9th February – 9am

### Spring Holiday:

Friday 30th March - Friday 13th  
April

## Growth Mind-set Quote:

“A mouse’s best teacher is his last mistake.” Isaiah, Word of Mouse.



(Please note – this is also true for humans!)

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We hope you had an enjoyable and restful time over the winter break. We are pleased to see so many of our children back at school, looking smart and ready to get started on their learning in the Spring term.

## Parents' Meeting Roundup

Thank you to all the parents who attended their child's class parents meeting. Here are a few general points from the meetings:

- Ensure good attendance and punctuality
- Ensure correct uniform, and PE kit in school
- Check and sign Home School record weekly
- Check any homework has been completed

Not to mention...

## Read Together

Each child now has their Read Together record form in their Home School Record and some now have their first wristband – the green 25 Read Together band. We have been really impressed with the motivation of the children and parents. Even the teachers are getting involved – they want to earn their bands too!



Don't forget to send **YOUR** Read Together selfie to:  
[info@williamdavies.newham.sch.uk](mailto:info@williamdavies.newham.sch.uk)

## Reading with Tilly

Year 1 have had a special visitor in recent weeks. Tilly, Ms Scanlan's lovable canine companion, has been enjoying being read to by all our wonderful readers. It has long been believed that dogs in the classroom have a positive impact. We have found children really relish the opportunity to read to Tilly. We now plan to make this a regular occurrence across the school, so more children will have this opportunity.



## 500 Words



Do you have a budding storyteller at home? BBC 2 are running their annual 500 Words story writing competition aimed at children from 5 to 13. Search '500 Words' to find out how to enter your child. Alternatively, your child can take their story to Mrs Hyde,

who will help them submit it (parental permission required). We have some great imagineers here at WDPS, so children, get writing!

## Dogs Trust Workshop

On Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January, we had a special assembly and workshops by the charity. Children learned about staying safe around dogs and dogs and caring for dogs well.

## Year 4 British Museum Visit

Year 4 visited the British Museum to support their History topic: Ancient Egypt.



## Year 2 Museum of London Visit

In History, Year 2 have been learning about Mary Seacole – a 'pioneer nurse' whose efforts during the Crimean War, aided soldiers wounded in battle.

## Lion King



To support their work in English and Design Technology this term, Year 5 visited the Lyceum Theatre to watch The Lion King. They learned a great deal to help in their lessons and really enjoyed it!



## Coming in February...

**Ducklings** in year 2

**Egyptian Workshop** in year 4

**WORLD BOOK DAY** (1<sup>st</sup> March)

**Chit Chat Chai** session for parents  
Wed, 7<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2pm

## Best Attendance for January:

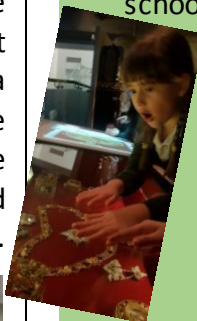
Well done Year 2 - 97.3% attendance!

## Uniform Reminder

Please ensure you child comes to school in the correct uniform. If you are unsure, please visit our website for more information.

## Nursery Places

We still have places available in our nursery for children aged 3-4. If you would like your child to start at WDPS Nursery, please contact the school on the number below.



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