



*Strength and Courage*

**Newsletter – Autumn term ① 2018**

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been a joy to see the children settle into school happy and eager to learn! We were extremely pleased with our school's strong performance at the end of last year which I will share with you. Indeed, the children's outcomes were higher than our very good results the previous year. Well done to everyone for trying your best. ☺

**Excellent Results for Year 1 2018**

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Reception - Good Level of Development 2018	
West Thurrock Academy	National
80%	71%

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Year 1 Phonics 2018	
West Thurrock Academy	National
92%	82%

**Excellent Results for Year 2 2018**

- We beat last year's results!
- KS1 attainments are all above National Average results for Expected in all subjects.
- Greater Depth is also above the National Average in all subjects.

Year 2 Results 2018	National Average Expected	National Average Greater Depth	West Thurrock Academy Expected+	West Thurrock Academy Greater Depth
	Reading	75%	26%	79%
Writing	70%	16%	71%	21%
Maths	76%	22%	81%	33%

Excellent Results for Year 6 2018

- We beat last year's results!
- KS2 progress and attainment are all significantly above the National Average for Expected and High Scores.

Year 6 Results	National Average Expected	National Average High Score	West Thurrock Academy Expected	West Thurrock Academy High Score
Reading	75%	28%	93%	41%
Writing	78%	20%	87%	42%
Maths	76%	24%	91%	47%
Grammar	78%	34%	88%	55%
Reading, Writing and Maths	64%	10%	82%	22%

Curriculum meetings

We would also like to invite you to our yearly curriculum meetings. These will give you an insight into what your child is learning and tips on how you can support your child at home.

Please see the attached list of dates.

Early drop-off / Late collection

Children who are early to school (i.e. before 8.40 a.m.) or late being picked up will be placed into childcare which will be charged for. Early Morning childcare costs £3.50 per day.

It is a parental responsibility to ensure your child is collected promptly at 3.30 p.m. There is no wrap-around childcare after school.

You will be charged £5.00 for each child for lateness between 3.30 p.m. – 3.45 p.m. and £5.00 for each child thereafter for every additional 15 minutes. If your child is not collected on time the school will have no choice but to liaise with social services.

It is unfortunate that the school has had to take this stance however late collections are increasing.

FOWTA – (Friends of West Thurrock Academy)

Non-uniform days take place on the last day of each half term to raise funds. The next non-uniform day will be this Friday with a suggested donation of £1.00 per child.

Fun Food Friday

Your child is able to purchase one item only therefore please ensure your child brings 50p only into school; that way there will be enough for all children.

Healthy Tuck

We pride ourselves on promoting good health and fitness at school. To clarify, children may bring in a piece of fruit for tuck at break time.

**Not permitted:** Sugar based snacks including all sweets and chews, chocolate, cakes, bubble gum or crisps.

Harvest Collection Project

Once again this year many thanks for your great kindness in contributing food for Thurrock Foodbank which provides emergency food for local families and individuals in great need.

Poppies

These will go on sale after half term.

Coats

Please ensure your child comes to school with their coat, clearly labelled with their name.

Rainy days

On rainy days all children should go straight to their classrooms in the morning, with the exception of Years 5 and 6 who should go to the hall.

Parking

I was sorry to learn recently of a situation whereby a disabled resident had difficulty accessing his home due to a parent parking in his private bay in Schoolfield Road. Please be considerate when parking outside the school.

Finally, please note the list of forthcoming dates – Christmas dates will of course follow shortly.

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards,



Susan Cook  
Headteacher

