



WHCS Newsletter 1 Autumn 1, Week 2

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A note from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

Successful start to the new term

Term has started well with the children settled in classes, behaving well and engaged in their learning. We are reaping the benefits of the meet the teacher week held during the end of the summer term - this has really helped the children to transition smoothly into their new classes. It has been the most successful start to the school year!

Sad news

We are very sorry to hear of the passing of our friend and colleague, Sue Ferguson, the Headteacher at Ellen Wilkinson Primary School. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and the school community as they come to terms with this huge loss. Sue worked closely with myself as part of a school improvement initiative between three Newham schools and we are all deeply saddened by her death.

Welcome back!

We are delighted to welcome back Ms Qureshi, our SENCo, who is on the mend after a long period of absence due to serious illness. Ms Qureshi will phase back into work over the next term. Mrs Lord-Attivor will continue to oversee Special Needs Provision as Inclusion Manager, ably assisted by Ms Qureshi.

Enrichment

On a Friday afternoon, we are offering the children a range of enrichment activities to boost creativity and language development. For example, cooking, film-making, table tennis, rock band, art/sculpture, gardening, nature school activities, choir, etc. The children will try out several different activities across the year.

Visitors to school next week

We are happy to be supporting the University of East London by hosting 20 PGCE students next week observing teaching across the school. The students will have an opportunity to read to classes at the end of the school day to start their teacher training.

Maternity Leave ~ babies!

Mrs Whitmore is planning to take maternity leave after the October half term. Kingfishers will continue to be taught by Mr Breaden with Mr Dickey.

Congratulations to Mrs Moller on the birth of a gorgeous baby boy at the end of the summer holiday.

Warm regards,
Mrs James

Senior Leadership Team

Mrs. James ~ Headteacher
Mrs. Lord-Attivor ~ Deputy Headteacher
Miss Jukes, Miss Shaw, Mr Dickey ~ Assistant Headteachers
Ms Qureshi ~ SENCo & AHT

Our Vision

Our vision is to enable children,
with God's guidance,
To know and appreciate the
wonder of God's creation
To live in **harmony** embracing
differences,
To always act with **compassion**
inspired by the example of Jesus,
And to have the **strength** to
follow their dreams and achieve
their goals

Half-term is for
TWO weeks
this October

21st Oct - 1st Nov

*(Children should return to school
on the 4th Nov 2024)*

Next Week

Wednesday, 8:45am
KS1 Meet the teacher meeting

Wednesday, 2:45pm
UKS2 Meet the teacher
meeting

West Ham Church School

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Attendance

Honeybees 79%	Otters 82%
Dragonflies 81%	Badgers 72%
Butterflies 65%	Foxes 78%
Squirrels 62%	Doves 88%
Hedgehogs 85%	Kingfishers 92%
	Eagles 97%

Winter bugs are causing some absence

Unfortunately, as children have grouped together again after being separated during the holiday, winter bugs are hitting us hard particularly in KS1. This week many children and adults have been poorly with a vomiting bug. This is usual for this time of year and if your child is well, it is really important they come into school. Children can return to school 48 hours after the last time they vomited/had diarrhea.

Punctuality - please help by getting children to school on time

Lessons start promptly after the gates close at 8:45am with phonics, handwriting, maths fluency, spellings, etc.

Children arriving late cause unnecessary extra workload for staff and and disrupt the learning of other children as they enter. It causes anxiety for the children who are late and means they are missing essential learning. Please find ways to organise your morning routine to get to school on time - it really helps us all including your children, thank you.

Term time absence

Kindly note, holidays and visits to see relatives abroad should be booked during school holidays and cannot be authorised during term time, thank you.

Please email any one of the team if you need our help:

info@westham.newham.sch.uk

Telephone: 0208 534 3904

New After School Clubs

Every teacher is running a club or tutoring after school one day a week this term. Please see email sent earlier in the week or ring the office to book.

Parent Consultations

Monday 14th &
15th October

Lost Property

Please please please label/name children's clothes

Headteacher's Awards

Wonder: tbc

Harmony: Yaryna for working so well with her peers

Compassion: Xenia for being exceptionally helpful to children and adults

Strength: Maira from Dragonflies for excellent maths work and a fabulously settled start to 'big school'