



WILLIAM TORBITT NEWS

Dear Parents / Carers,

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Happy New Year to you all, and a special Happy Chinese New Year, to our families celebrating this festival at present.



Assemblies this half-term

We have been focusing on the themes of Respect and Morality since the beginning of term:

- **Respect for ourselves** (Keeping healthy) - healthy habits (including washing hands, eating the right things and speaking to someone if worried about anything)
- **Respect for authority** - Cooperating with parents/carers, teachers and those who work for our safety in different ways
- **Respect for other cultures and faiths** - Everyone is special, everyone's opinion matters, everyone's contribution is important, everyone's feelings should be considered
- **Holocaust Memorial Day** - Learning from history
- **Chinese New Year**
- **It takes courage to choose to do what is right** (not just following the crowd)
- **Taking responsibility for actions** - recognising when we are at fault, not trying to pass the blame on to someone else.

Do talk to your child(ren) about what they have learned or discussed from these assemblies.

Mrs Hinds, Headteacher

PTA MEETING

Thank you to those that attended the first WTPS PTA committee meeting to discuss fundraising/community events for the year.



The next meeting is on **23 February at 5.30pm** at the school.

AUTHOR PROFILE COMPETITION

Have you got a question for your favourite author?

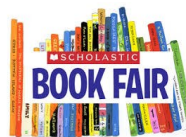
The competition is open to all children. Separate prizes will be awarded in Early Years (Nursery/Reception), Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2.



Closing date for competition entries is **Thursday 9th February**. Good luck!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

We will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair in the lower hall on **Monday 20th February to Wednesday 22nd February from 3.30pm**. We look forward to seeing you there.



Mrs Hennessy, School Librarian

YEAR 5 NORFOLK TRIP 2017

The final cost for the trip to Norfolk is £245.00 per pupil. Further payments can be given to Mrs Kelly in the school office. Payments can be made by cheque made payable to *William Torbitt Primary School*. If paying by cash, please come into the office yourself and **do not sent cash in with your child**.

Payment must be paid in full by **Monday 6th February**.



NURSERY ADMISSION FOR SEPTEMBER 2017

We are accepting application forms for admission to our nursery in September 2017.

If your child was born between **1 September 2013 - 31 August 2014** they are eligible to start nursery in September 2017.

Children who have a sibling already attending William Torbitt Primary School will receive priority when allocating nursery places.

Please see Mrs Kelly in the school office if you would like to apply for a nursery place.



Free Nursery Places Available

Please contact the office for more information



HEALTHY SNACKS AT PLAYTIME

We would like to remind parents/ carers that only the following items are allowed as playtime snacks:



- **fresh fruit, vegetables and salad** (e.g. cucumber, tomatoes, carrots)
- dried fruit, plain crackers, bread, breadsticks, cheese.**

Snacks such as sweet biscuits, chocolate bars, chocolate biscuits should not be brought in.

Children in Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y2 continue to receive a piece of fruit or vegetable as part of the National School Fruit Scheme, and milk is provided for the under 5s.

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

The school's attendance currently stands at 94.1%, which is still far short of the national average of 96%, and our target of 96.5%.

Each week, the class with the highest attendance is rewarded in assembly.

Well done to **Class 4P** who has the highest attendance so far at 97.1%. A special well done to **Class 5P** who managed to achieve 100% attendance within a week - the only class to have managed this, so far this term. I look forward to other classes being added to this list before the end of the half-term.



PARKING AGAIN!

Despite notices in previous newsletters, we are still seeing parents / carers parking dangerously and inconsiderately to drop and collect their child from school.

- Parents should not park directly in front of the school gates when dropping children to school in the morning, to afternoon nursery and also at the end of the school day.
- Parents are still parking outside the school on the zig zag, double yellow and red lines.
- The local authority have been contacted regarding having more of a parking enforcement presence outside the school, alongside camera equipped mobile wardens.

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Don't double-park, or stop in pedestrian zones, bus zones or on footpaths.



North Sydney Council supports this Pedestrian Council school safety initiative.



LITTER

Whilst on school premises, please ensure that any litter you have is disposed of in the litter bins provided. Your help in this matter is greatly appreciated.



SPARE / OUTGROWN SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

We are always looking for spare clothing in our welfare room, so if you have any items of school uniform that are in good condition that your child has outgrown, please do send them in to the school office.

Diary Dates

1 Feb	Year 6 SATs meeting for parents/carers 9.15am & 5.00pm
2 Feb	Year 1&2 Books for Breakfast 8.45am—9.30am Year 2 SATs meeting for parents/carers 9.30am & 5.00pm Nursery Maths Workshop 3.45pm—4.30pm
8 Feb	Nursery Phonic Workshop 3.45pm—4.30pm
9 Feb	Reception Phonic Workshop 3.30pm—4.15pm
10 Feb	Mid Year Reports to Parents/Carers
13—17 Feb	Half Term
20/21/22 Feb	Scholastic Book Fair 3.30pm in the lower hall
21 & 22 Feb	Parent / Carer Open Evening 3.45—6.00pm (appointments given)
23 Feb	Reception Phonic Workshop 3.30pm—4.15pm PTA Meeting 5.30pm
28 Feb & 1 Mar	Year 5 trip to British Museum (details to follow)
2 Mar	World Book Day
14 & 15 Mar	Reception Hearing & Vision
16 Mar	Parent Coffee Morning
27 Mar	Redbridge Singing Festival at St Mary's Church, South Woodford 7.00pm (Choir attending rehearsal in the afternoon)
3—17 Apr	Easter Holiday
18 Apr	First day of Summer Term 2017 - pupils return to school
1 May	Bank Holiday
8-12 May	Y5 residential trip to Norfolk
23 May	Redbridge Recorder Festival at St Mary's Church, High Road Ilford (Recorder group attending rehearsal in the afternoon)
30 May—3 June	Half Term
5 June	Inset Day - school closed to pupils
6 June	Pupils return to school
21 July	Last day of summer term
4 Sept	First day of new academic year 2017/2018 <i>INSET Days 4 & 5 Sept to be confirmed with Governing Body</i>

PIANO EXAM SUCCESS!

Congratulations to the following children who have successfully passed their graded internal piano exam.

Step 2 - Aman Thandi, Dolly Adams, Avani Hernandez-Ahluwalia, Shaahana Nanthakumar, Harmisha Kishokumar, Serena Kolotia, Priscilla Gibbs, Yathushaa Navinan, Daniel Botizatu

Step 3 - Tulasi Shah, Kingshuk Hossain

Well done to all of you!!

Saturday and Half Term Football Clubs

Football 1st are running Saturday morning football sessions from 9.30—11.00am at William Torbitt school. They also run holiday clubs during each half term from 9.30am—3.00pm. Cost £20 per day or £60 for the whole week.

For more information, please contact Football 1st on 07834 386814

