

William Torbitt Primary School Newsletter

**Autumn Term
October 2020**



Dear Parent / Carer

We have got to the end of a very productive half term. As a school community, we have been fortunate not to have closed any of our year group bubbles. This is due in part to everyone remaining vigilant, keeping to the rules of social distancing and washing hands. Thank you to all parents /carers for supporting us in wearing face masks when on the school site and following the one way system.

We will be sending home a letter to further advise you of our proposed strategy in the event of any future lockdown being announced.

We wish everyone a healthy and relaxing half term holiday and look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 2nd November.

Mrs Paven Kettory, Acting Headteacher



APPLYING TO START SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

The final deadline for submitting your application is

31st October 2020

This application applies to children with birthdays from 1st September 2009 to 31st August 2010. The application can only be made online. Please contact the Secondary Admissions Team at Lynton House if you need any assistance - 020 8708 3562 / 3055



APPLYING TO START RECEPTION FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

The final deadline for submitting your application is

15th January 2021

This application applies to children with birthdays from 1st September 2016 to 31st August 2017. The application can only be made online. Please contact the Primary Admissions Team at Lynton House if you need assistance - 020 8708 3147 / 3127

FLU VACCINATION PROGRAMME

The NELFT Redbridge School Health Team (who work as part of the NHS) will be coming in to school on Tuesday 10th November to carry out the flu vaccinations. The vaccination is in the form of a nasal spray and is offered to all children from Reception to Year 6.

If you would like your child to receive the flu vaccination in school on this date, you must return the consent form. No child will be given the vaccination with parental consent.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

On Thursday 4th November the school photographers will be visiting the school to take individual pupil photographs during the school day.

Please ensure children are wearing correct school uniform for their photo.

Due to the current restrictions in place, and to preserve the integrity of the year group bubbles, we will not be taking sibling / family photos on this day.

If restrictions allow, we hope to offer sibling / family photos later in the year, when the photographers return to take the class photos.

Absence Due To COVID

In line with the guidelines in the Parent Handbook, please continue to let the school know if any family member has a positive COVID test.

If you notice that anyone in your household is displaying any symptoms then they should get a test to check if they have coronavirus as soon as possible. Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get your test results. Only leave your home to have a test.



HOT SCHOOL DINNERS WILL RESUME FOR ALL YEAR GROUPS AFTER HALF TERM

From Monday 2nd November, all children will be able to have a hot school meal at lunchtime. We will resume on Week 1 of the menu on our return to school following the half term holiday.

Year groups will continue to rotate on a weekly basis between having their lunch in the dinner hall or in their classroom. Parents will again now have the option of pre-selecting the lunch selection from home.

Hot lunches taken in the classroom, will be individually packaged in a polystyrene container with cutlery.

For your reference, we have attached a copy of the new menu from ISS



END OF UNIVERSAL FREE

SCHOOL MEALS Children in Year 3 are no longer eligible for universal free meals. If you feel you are entitled to benefit related free school meals, please apply online at [red-bridge.gov.uk](https://www.red-bridge.gov.uk)

School meals continue to be charged at £2 per day. Please ensure you are registered on the Feeding Hungry Minds website to enable online dinner money payments.

Thank you to everyone who supported Jeans for Genes Day in September.

We raised £425.00 for Genetic Disorders UK

HAPPY BIRTHDAY..... to the following children who have celebrated their birthday in October



RW: Keliana

RT: Shubhdeep, Andrei, Khalif, Zarlakhta, Jabirdur

RP: Imaan, Penit, Abisri, Mia

1W: Nicoleta, Zahidah

1T: Alexshan, Anaya

1P: Mohammed N, Rebekkah

2W: Salima, Zaafir, Akshara V

2T: Naomi

2P: Anya, Robyn

3W: Jack, Adrita

3T: Mikha'al, Tevin, Uma

3P: Aboni

3S: Rayyan D

4W: Amani, Rayyan, Mohammed Ishaq, Daniel, Klevis, Jack

4T: Aksara

4P: Dhanishka, Millan, Hassan B

4S: Parthiv, Akshath

5W: Sana, Musab, Avni, Chi Chi, Ajeshan, Sylvia

5T: Inaaya, Snikitha, Nithisha

5P: Mitul, Mohammed Abrar, Akain, Zahra

5S: Zahrah, Evina, Taylor, Michaela

6W: Laleen, Robert, Imaan

6T: Martin

6P: Angel, Isa

6S: Senumi, Maya

UPCOMING EVENTS

Events taking place in November & December 2020

w/c 26th October	HALF TERM HOLIDAY (from Monday 26th - Friday 30th October)
4th November	Pupil Individual Photographs
5th November	Year 1 Sharing Assembly (video link will be sent to parents via parentmail) 11+ Tuition for Year 5 (3:30pm - 5:30pm)
6th November	Reception Stunning Start - Fairytale Ball Fancy Dress Day
10th November	Flu Vaccinations
12th November	Year 6 Sharing Assembly 11+ Tuition for Year 5 (3:00pm - 5:30pm)
w/c 16th November	Anti Bullying Week / Road Safety Week
17th November	Parent Forum 9:30am via Zoom
19th November	Year 5 Sharing Assembly (video link will be sent to parents via parentmail) 11+ Tuition for Year 5 (3:00pm - 5:30pm)
26th November	Year 4 Sharing Assembly (video link will be sent to parents via parentmail) 11+ Tuition for Year 5 (3:30pm - 5:30pm)
7th December	Reception Topic Finale
18th December	Last Day of Autumn Term - School Finishes for All Pupils at 2:30pm
4th January 2021	First day of Spring Term

**PTA
News!**

*Cancelled &
Postponed Events*

Due to the current COVID restrictions, our exciting events planned for this term and the lead up to Christmas have sadly been postponed.

We will continue to meet as a PTA committee, and support the school in any way we can.

We are very much looking forward to hosting events and activities for our school community as soon as Government restrictions allow.