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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Head teacher's Notes...**

It has been a proud fortnight for staff and pupils here! Our choir did themselves proud at their Young Voices Concert at the O2 on Wednesday and our Year 6 pupils' writing received some really positive comments at our local moderation meetings.

This week we are looking forward to meeting with parents and carers at our Spring Term Parent Consultations and to holding our 2<sup>nd</sup> Multiple Intelligences Day of the year, planned and led by pupils from Year 6. This time they have chosen a multi-cultural theme.

### **Road safety at pickup and drop-off times**

We have been informed by a number of concerned parents that the road to the rear of school (which is now our main entrance and exit for pupils and their families) is becoming hazardous at peak times, due to the number of vehicles picking up and dropping off pupils outside school.

We have asked the Local Authority if we could be provided with zig-zags in order to create a 'safety zone' for pupils who are using the entrance / exit before and after school for the duration of our building project and await their response. In the meantime, we will have to rely on our collective sense of responsibility for the safety and well-being of our pupils to keep our pupils safe.

### **'Exemplar Education' information leaflets**

We are often asked by parents if we can recommend additional home learning tasks or projects. Whilst we feel that we provide currently sufficient home learning opportunities for our pupils, we know that some families would like more and we have therefore agreed to allow 'Exemplar Education' to send home information marketing their on-line home learning scheme for pupils across the primary age range. This information will be sent home in the week beginning 26<sup>th</sup> February for parents to register their interest directly with the company by March 1<sup>st</sup>. We do not necessarily endorse this company's products, but if you are looking for a home learning scheme to follow with your child in addition to the home learning we provide, this seems as good as any other.

### **Uniform and Logo – Parents' Forum Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

This week our pupils have been discussing whether or not we should have a new school uniform and logo to mark the move to our new school when it opens next February. We would like to ask parents and carers what you think, too. We are therefore holding a parents' forum on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 6pm. All welcome!

### **Attendance**

You will be aware from previous newsletters that the government requires all schools to play an important part in protecting the right of their pupils to receive an education. As part of this, we are required to account for all pupils' attendances and absences in order to prevent 'Persistent Absence'. This week we are sending home an information letter for parents explaining how we will be fulfilling our duty to prevent 'Persistent Absence'

Recent media coverage has also drawn attention to the important role schools play in safeguarding pupils the community. Please do not feel annoyed that our office staff make 'alive and well calls' between 9.15 and 10am if children do not arrive in school without a note or telephone call from a parent or carer, or that we regularly check our database to ensure that we have an accurate, up-to-date list of 'second contacts'

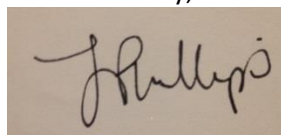
Congratulations again to all our classes with attendances above 96%. Well done, in particular to **Seacole Class**, with the highest attendance of all so far this year!

Johnson Class (Reception)	96.1% attendance
Nightingale Class (Year 1)	96.7% attendance
Hillary Class (Year 2)	97.5% attendance
Keller Class (Year 3)	96.8% attendance
<b>Seacole Class (Year 4)</b>	<b>97.9% attendance</b>
Da Vinci Class (Year 5)	97.7% attendance
Luther King Class (Year 6)	97.1% attendance
Whole School	97.2% attendance
<b>NB All schools expect attendance to be 100%, unless there are exceptional or unavoidable reasons for absence, which would then be authorised.</b>	
<b>Please ensure that you call the School Office first thing in the morning if your child is going to be absent from school and remember that if your child is attending a medical or dental appointment we are required to see an appointment card / email / message.</b>	

### Governor Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for a parent and or co-opted governor. Governors play a vital role in the strategic running of the school. Please visit the governor page on our school website for further information (<http://wytonprimaryschool.org.uk/Governors.htm>) and contact our Chair of Governors (Carolyn Daines) via the School Office if you are interested.

Yours sincerely,



Jo Phillips (Head teacher)

<b>Wyton Primary Diary Dates: Spring Term 2018</b>			
<b>Month</b>	<b>Week Beginning / date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Timing</b>
February	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Term Parent Consultations	3.30 – 7pm 3.30 – 5pm
	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Parents' Forum – School Uniform and logo	6pm
	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	SSAFA coffee afternoon	2.15-3.15pm
March	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Chocolate Bingo	6-7.30pm
<b>Parenting Support Drop-in Sessions For this term:</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 22<sup>nd</sup> February – 10.30 – 11.15am</li> <li>• 8<sup>th</sup> March - 9 - 9.45am</li> </ul>			
There is no need to make an appointment, just drop in to the School Office on those days for advice or support on any aspect of modern-day parenting.			

<b>The Wyton on the Hill Community Group Events</b>	
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 7.45pm <b>Please note change of time</b>	Wyton on the Hill Community Group Quiz Night in aid of MacMillan (bring your own refreshments)
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June (timings TBC)	Wyton on the Hill Community Group Proms on the Playground