

Betty Layward School

WEEKLY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Our Week

No 401, Friday 11th January 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year. I hope you all had a lovely holiday. Thank you for your kind gifts and cards. We have had a great start to the year. We set our New Year intentions in assembly on Tuesday. The children have come back happy and hard working and it's lovely to see them.

We hope to get the dates for this term out to you soon so you can book the dates in your diary.

We have already had nits in school this week. Please remember to check your children's hair and treat as quickly as possible so we can keep them at bay. Thanks.

Your attendance information is being given to you today. This includes information on punctuality as well. It is really important that the children are dropped off at school on time and picked up on time. It can upset them if they are not. We are also closing the morning gate promptly and asking parents to sign their children in if they are late. We would love no lates.

Well done to Simon and our football teams on Thursday. Our girl's team did so well they are through to the next round and are representing Hackney tomorrow. Great work. We are very proud.

Apologies, on your last date letter we had put Grandparent week for the week starting 14/01/19. Sorry for repeating the date. If you have any grandparents for that week we would be happy to welcome them. Please let your class teacher know.

I hope your 2019 is filled with happiness and joy. I am looking forward to continuing to work with you all.

Have a lovely weekend.

Jessica
Headteacher



Jessica drawn by Ellie in Reception Aqua

News

Sickness

Can I please remind you that children cannot return to school for 48 hours after their last bout of sickness and diarrhoea. Thank you for supporting us with this.

HEAD LICE

How common are head lice?

Children are most commonly affected by head lice, although anyone with hair can catch them. Head lice are most common in children between 4 to 11 years old.

Children are often affected by head lice because they tend to have more head-to-head contact while at school or during play. Tying back long hair helps to minimise this.

Should your child be affected by head lice, please alert their class teacher at the earliest opportunity so other parents in the class can be asked to check their child too.

Getting rid of head lice

Head lice can be effectively treated using medicated lotions or by wet combing, using a specially designed head lice comb. GP's can prescribe lotions for free.

Please visit the website below which gives full information on how to treat head lice.

www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice

Awards

The winners of the best punctuality trophy for this week are Y3 Emerald and Y3 Jade.

The winner of the best attendance trophy for this week is Y5 Saffron.

Whole school attendance from 3 September until 11th January 2019 is 95.2%.



Picture of our Star of the Week children

Curious – Year 5 learning all about Brazil – the country, the culture and the climate.

Creative – the children thinking about their New Year intentions.

Ambitious – Our girl's football team winning the Danone Cup football tournament yesterday.

Respectful – the children coming into school saying Happy New Year and good morning.

Happy: seeing all the children back at school with big smiles

Next Week's Menu

Week 2 Menu

Monday

Beef Pasta Bolognese
(G,Ce) with homemade focaccia (G,Mk,So)
Vegetarian Bolognese(G)
Leeks and green beans, Apricot Pie (G,Mk,E)

Tuesday

Chicken Curry with Rice (Mu,So)
Vegetable Curry with Rice(Su,Mu)
Carrots and peas, Sugar Free Pineapple upside down cake (G,E,Mk)

Wednesday

Roast Beef with Yorkshire Pudding and gravy (G) with roasted potatoes
Leek and parmesan risotto (Ce,Mk,Su), Spring cabbage and cauliflower, Fresh cut fruit

Thursday

Mild cajun chicken fillets (Mu,Ce,Su) with steamed rice
Vegetable Pasta Bake (G), Broccoli and sweetcorn
Sugar free Carrot cake (G,E,Mk)

Friday

Baked fish fingers (G,F) served with baked oven chips
Mixed Vegetable Wraps (G,Mk), Baked beans and Peas
Double chocolate sponge and custard (G,E,Mk)

Happy New Year, everyone. Hoping you had a fantastic winter break!

PTFA GAINS ON YOUR SHOPPING – sign up to the Giving Machine and/ or Amazon Smile

Together just a few of us raised a significant amount via the Giving Machine in the lead up to the winter festivities. There's not many names showing up though (individual spending is not publicised)! Please support the school in this easy way through 2019:

Register with Giving Machine via

http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/beneficiary.php?ben_id=62956 Shop through the site at many outlets and our PTFA will receive money back. You can also download a widget for your desktop that will remind you to use this channel.

We're also registered with the Amazon Smile charity donation system. Simply go to www.smile.amazon.co.uk in your web browser, search for 'Betty Layward School PTFA' and select it. From then on 0.5% of net purchases you make will be donated to the PTFA.



INTERESTED IN LEADING A GREEN PTFA WORKING PARTY?

We're aiming to make all our events and promotions more eco-friendly with re-usable cups, waste recycling, less plastic etc. It would be great if we could have a team to focus on strategy and planning in this area. Please get in touch with Helen (aitch.pea@blueyonder.co.uk), if you are interested in making this happen.

PTFA EARNINGS FROM ESTATE AGENT BOARDS

Local estate agents will give donations to our PTFA in return for erecting their boards at home addresses. Each board advertises the latest PTFA event with the agent's branding for 4-5 weeks. Historically they have donated £10 per board. We'd like to raise £1000 from each event this year i.e. have 100 'hosts'. To do this we need more volunteers - please contact Helen (aitch.pea@blueyonder.co.uk) with your name and address, if you aren't already on our list and are happy to host. We also need a new person to be responsible for liaising with the agent and hosts – easy peasy: not a very time-consuming way to contribute to our fund-raising. Please get in touch with Helen.

SPRING TERM PTFA MEETING

We'll be setting a date soon for our next meeting. Please let the team know (Marta, Sarah, Nick, Helen) if you prefer an evening or afternoon meeting as we will hold only one this term.

JUMBLE SALE

It's customary for us to hold a jumble sale in the Spring. Please get in touch if you/ a team of you can volunteer to project manage this. Class reps can help you generate teams to sort and sell on different stalls on the day. There's plenty of experienced people who have led on this before who can share top tips.

PROJECT PLAYGROUND

The plans for Stage 2 of PP are on display at the front of school: a wonderful new climbing and outdoor play feature for our school grounds. We need to raise £60,000 to make the project happen, through internal school events, lottery, other charity bids and corporate sponsorship. Our aim is to do this by the end of May 2019 and we really need parents and carers to help out!

If you have experience of making funding applications to bodies such as the lottery, or can help with fundraising in any other way, please let us know via email: Lilla@drive-tv.co.uk

Buy Project Playground tote bags and tea towels, available from Max in reception.

And if you would like to make a personal donation to help the project, you can do so here:

<https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/bettylaywardprimaryschoolptfa> and click on the red 'Donate Now' button.

You can also share this link with anyone else you think would like to help the school.