

THIS WEEK'S NEWS

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Edmund Waller WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

29th September 2023



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Reception children enjoying their new 'Monkey Bars'

Home Learning #2

Thanks to those of you who braved the Teams login and found last week's home learning. With dates and times below for next month's parent teacher meetings, one of the most common questions asked will be around supporting your child's learning at home. As explained last week, we have reviewed our approach to home learning, attempting to establish consistency and equity of access within a weekly routine. The home learning set is intended to be a catalyst for a conversation around what's happening within each year group. We understand some families would like more (and some would like none!), therefore striking a balance can be quite tricky. We are also very mindful of our teachers' workload.

So what else can you do to support your child? By far and away the most impactful support you can give is to continue to focus on the importance of reading. Whether this takes the form of sharing stories, reading to your child, reading with your child or discussing events from the media, this will have a further reaching impact than any fractions and decimals worksheet ever could. The evidence shows that children with poor vocabulary skills at age 5 are more likely to have reading difficulties as an adult, more likely to have mental health problems, and more likely to be unemployed.

Part of this language acquisition and vocabulary upskilling can also be linked to spelling. As part of the weekly home learning routine, each year group will be set a group of spellings (mostly with a common pattern) to learn as well. You will find these spellings posted on Teams each week, alongside the weekly home learning task. Please email the adjacent address (remotelearning@) if you need any support accessing this.

Bethany Davis 22/09/23 15:54
Spellings 22.9.23 /ee/
Here are this week's key spellings to practice. You could copy and complete the table, write the /ee/ spellings in a different colour.
Words in silly sentences

Read	Split	Write	Check
accompany	a/ccom/pan/y	accompany	accompan
achieve			
appreciate			

School Photos

Having done such a nice job on the class photographs last year, we are delighted to be welcoming back David & Justin from Picturebox to take individual and sibling photographs. They will be here on the 9th & 10th October and we will share more details about the arrangements in next week's newsletter.

Taylor Who??

Giving The Eras tour a run for its money, we have experienced unprecedented demand for our school tour tickets. As a result, we have added a further date to the school tours list. Please share the link below with anyone you might know who has a child due to start in reception in September 2024:

[Edmund Waller School Tours](#)

We've Got Mail

Our office@ email address gets inundated with emails so we have a number of alternative addresses, these are checked regularly and will help get your message across more swiftly:

Illness/absence/appointments:

attendance@edmundwaller.lewisham.sch.uk

change of collection routine:

pickup@edmundwaller.lewisham.sch.uk

wraparound queries:

ewrap@edmundwaller.lewisham.sch.uk

enrichments and clubs

clubs@edmundwaller.lewisham.sch.uk

inclusion questions:

send@edmundwaller.lewisham.sch.uk

home learning related:

remotelearning@edmundwaller.lewisham.sch.uk

anything else that is not office related
hello@edmundwaller.lewisham.sch.uk

School Lunches

We wanted to acknowledge the number of enquiries we have had around the current school lunches. The kitchen has struggled to adapt to the much higher number of servings, following the introduction of free school lunches for all children. Our lunches are currently provided by Nourish, an external contractor. As such we do not have direct control over the menu /staffing etc. We do however meet with the regularly. We would ask that if you have any comments positive or negative direct them to hello@edmundwaller.lewisham.sch.uk and we will make sure they are passed on.



Playscheme booking OPEN NOW

Clocking up (perhaps that should be without the L?!) four back to back to emails, each one correcting the previous, Mr Absolom set a new personal best yesterday! We can now safely say that booking is open for playscheme. See the second page of this newsletter for the correct (we hope!!) dates and times!! Get booking now - places are limited.

Parents Evening

We're taking it back to the old skool with a return to on-site, in-class, after-school parent teacher meetings. These will be on Tuesday 17th October (3:50 - 6:00pm) and Wednesday 18th October (3:50 - 7:00pm) Booking is done via an online system, we will send out information about how to access this nearer to the date. We look forward to seeing you all in school.

AUTUMN TERM DATES

Weds 6th September - Thursday 19th October

Parent Teacher Consultations - Tues 17th & Weds 18th October

Friday 20th October – INSET DAY

Half-term & Playscheme: Mon 23rd October – Fri 27th October

Mon 30th October – Weds 20th December

Monday 8th Jan - INSET DAY

Tuesday 9th Jan - Spring term starts



Ofsted

It's still great - have another read if you've a minute to spare



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Need to get your little monsters
out of the house?
We're open for the whole of
half-term for children from Rec
- Y6!!



**CATFORD
MEWS**

We are delighted to let you know that booking is open
for our fabulous half-term play scheme.

We are open **from 9am -5pm**,
Monday - Friday, 23rd October - 27th October*

Using the School Gateway app, you can now book for 1
day, 2 days or the whole week!

A flat rate of £30 per day
*subject to demand

A warm welcome
guaranteed from our staff
with a wide range of
activities with a mixture of
adult led and independent
choices.
See next page for
timetable of events - all
events included in the fee.

Open to Waller **and** Non-Waller children -
bring a friend from a different school or
make new connections within your
community
Non-Waller families should email
ewrap@edmundwaller.lewisham.sch.uk for
details about how to access booking.



Morning and afternoon snacks
provided. Just bring a packed
lunch and a water bottle and
have great day, supervised by
our experienced staff.



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October Half Term Playscheme 2023

Monday 23 rd Oct	Tuesday 24 th Oct	Wednesday 25 th Oct	Thursday 26 th Oct	Friday 27 th Oct
Welcome and settling activities	We're off to Catford cinema CATFORD MEWS + popcorn! <i>Film tbc</i>	Exploring the school site: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ball games in the cage • Exploring the Nature Zone • Film & Games Room 	Adventure Playground Time! 	 Pizza PARTY

