

THIS WEEK'S NEWS

- 31st October - Secondary Applications
- EWrap Booking - OPEN NOW

- End of Half Term - CLOSED TOMORROW
 - Winter Performance dates

- Parent Teacher Meetings
- PTA Update



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Edmund Waller WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

19th October 2023

Psst - Year 6 Parents don't forget that **31st October 2023** is the deadline for applications for Secondary School places - get those forms in!
[Application Support Link](#)

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From Vikings to Viziers



Yr 6 Vikings.... READY!

Greetings from the final newsletter of Autumn#1 - where did the time go?

As we get ready to mosey on into half term, we just wanted to say thanks for the support shown by you as a school community. Whether it's showing up in force for parent-teacher meetings, or the generosity shown in the Harvest food collection - we can count on you.

As with all great plans, occasionally things go awry and we have been heartened by the support and positivity shown following one such instance last week (see the quotes dotted around the newsletter).

The children have had a great half term, journeying from the pyramids of the pharaohs to the frozen tundra of Siberia, all in the span of a seven week half term. Starting with learning about their class biomes in the first week and then heading into their history topic the children have covered an incredible amount of new ground. Just imagine what they'll have achieved by the end of the year. Don't forget to check the 'Latest News' section of the website for the Recognition Assembly PowerPoints (updated weekly) for a flavour of what each year group is focusing on in the week.

A gentle reminder that school closes today and we will not be open to learners again until **Monday 30th October**. We hope you all have a great half term...



Bringing Egypt to New X for Yr 3

"We just want to give our support to the email sent about the school values and behaviour and that it also applies to adults and children alike."

T'is (not quite) The Season...

Thank you for your patience as we worked on the dates for the Winter performances - we are delighted that we are now in a position to share these. See the second page of the newsletter for all of the newly announced dates.

Parents evening thanks

Wow - 93% of the school community managed to book an appointment via the parents-booking.com system - a new Edmund Waller record. If, for whatever reason, you were unable to attend your appointment please contact the class teacher to rearrange an appointment for after half-term.

EWrap - Get Booking

Booking is now open for next half term's wraparound care - EWrap. Head over to the School Gateway app and reserve yourself a place. For those in the community who use EWrap, keep your eyes open for a Parent Survey Form, coming next half term, with the aim to further improve the offer we make.

A Message from the PTA

As you may be aware, we are in search of a fresh team to lead the Edmund Waller PTA, continuing their outstanding efforts to raise vital funds for the school and organise our fantastic PTA events. Without a new team stepping up, we will regrettably be unable to host our Winter Fair this year. This event typically generates several thousand pounds for the school and is thoroughly enjoyed by all.

If you have an interest in taking on a leadership role within the PTA, such as Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, or Treasurer, or if you'd like to join the PTA as a committee member, please reach out to us at PTAEdmundWaller@gmail.com. The outgoing PTA members are ready to provide lots of guidance, and we have a wealth of documented resources to assist with event planning. It's worth noting that the role of Chair can be shared among two or three individuals to make the responsibilities more manageable.

"It is a great comfort and privilege as a parent to know your child has a full hot meal each lunch that they enjoy."

School Lunches

The school's commitment to improving the lunch offer remains undimmed. We are working closely with the school catering contractor Nourish. We know that parents understand how seriously we are taking this. In the name of balance, we wanted to share some of the positive messages we have received following the Parent's Forum. Thanks Please keep feedback - the good, the bad and the ugly coming via the email address below:

hello@edmundwaller.lewisham.sch.uk



"I just wondered if you could pass on my absolute support for and gratitude to Nourish for providing excellent healthy and wholesome food to my children every day."

"It is incredibly difficult to cook for a vast number of children on a limited budget, and I am very thankful that the meals are free for everyone this year."

AUTUMN TERM DATES

Friday 20th October – INSET DAY

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

Mon 30th October – Weds 20th December (closing @2pm)

Monday 8th Jan - INSET DAY

Tuesday 9th Jan - Spring term starts



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WINTER PERFORMANCES

MONDAY, 4th DECEMBER 4.10pm – Rosen Hall
Y1 Choir performance

TUESDAY, 5th DECEMBER, 2.45pm, St Catherine's Church
Y2/3 Concert

WEDNESDAY, 6th DECEMBER, 2.45pm, St Catherine's Church
Y4 – 6 Concert

THURSDAY, 7th DECEMBER, 8.30am, Rosen
Early Birds Concert for parents

THURSDAY, 7th DECEMBER, 4pm, Rosen Hall
Y4 – 6 Choir Concert

WEDNESDAY, 13th DECEMBER, 2.45pm , Rosen Hall
& THURSDAY, 14th DECEMBER, 10am, Rosen Hall
Reception & Y1 Performance – NB this is the same performance twice, please only attend one!

FRIDAY, 15th DECEMBER 8.30am Rosen Hall
Orchestra Concert

FRIDAY, 15th DECEMBER 4.10pm Rosen Hall
Y2/3 Choir performance

Parents & Carers are invited to all the above performances



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