

The Archer

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DEAR PARENTS/CARERS

Christmas Events

As we enter the festive period, there are a range of Christmas events coming up. Early Years performed their Nativity on the 1st December, with Key Stage 1 performing on Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th. Our Christmas Fair is on Friday 9th (please remember that children can come in to school in their own clothes in return for a donation for the fair). The KS2 carol concert will take place on Wednesday 7th at Christchurch. On the 14th December, there will be a pantomime for children in school throughout the day. Our last day of term will be the 16th.

Staff Changes

Huge congratulations to Mrs Randall who is moving to a new school to take up the post of Deputy Headteacher. We wish her every success in her new role. I will write to parents about the staffing changes for January separately.

Mrs Willis is leaving the school after 18 years at Wentworth - we wish her lots of happiness in her retirement.

Reading

Reading is such an important aspect of our school curriculum. In school children take part in whole class reading sessions, share class novels, read with adults, read independently and use their skills across the curriculum. Our younger children have a large focus on phonics (the sounds of our language). We also rely on your support to read regularly with children at home. Please look out for the Wentworth Reading newsletter which will share some more ideas and updates for reading across the school.

Sporting success

Children from Wentworth attended the Dartford Community cup on Wednesday 14th November, where they competed against other local school football teams. The children managed to qualify from the group stages and were successful in the final. This is the second year in a row that Wentworth have won this trophy. A year 5/6 team have also represented the school in the Dartford World Cup, where they went out on penalties in the quarter finals...

Clubs – now finished until the New Year

Staff run clubs have now finished. My thanks go to all of the staff who have given up their time to run these and give some fantastic opportunities to our children.

Christ church Christmas Tree Festival

Year 1 arts and crafts club have been working hard to decorate a tree for the Christmas tree festival in Christchurch. Good job Mrs Margrave and Arts and crafts club!



Attendance

Could I please remind you of the link between attendance and achievement. Holidays during term time will not be authorised - please inform the office of all absences.

Parents' tours

It has been a pleasure to show prospective parents around our school as we begin the process of welcoming a new Reception cohort in September 2023. Children in the school gave speeches and offered tours to these parents, as well as speaking to them confidently about what makes Wentworth special to them.

ADMISSIONS TO PRIMARY SCHOOL – RECEPTION STARTING SEPTEMBER 2023

If you have a child who was born between 1.9.2018 and 31.8.2019 you can now start looking for Primary School places for Reception September 2023. Please ensure that you make your application online via your home authority (Bexley or Kent). Kent Admissions opened on 4th November 2022. If you are a Bexley resident, their admissions site is currently live. All Applications must be submitted by midnight on Monday 16th January 2023.

If you have a sibling due to join us in September 2023 can you please let the office know so we can keep an eye on numbers.

Parking

As ever, can I remind all parents that use a car to travel to school of their responsibility towards children's safety. We also enjoy a very positive relationship with our neighbours and would urge you to avoid blocking drives when dropping children off.

Smart watches

Please ensure that smart watches with cameras do not come in to school. We do not allow watches with data connectivity into school - they fall under our acceptable use of IT policy available on the website.