



KEY DATES IN THE SCHOOL YEAR.

Please note that dates are provided in advance to try and ensure that communication is as efficient as possible, but may be subject to change. Where possible, the school will try to stick to all indicated dates.

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| 21 st September | Jeans for Genes Day |
| 21 st September (NEW) | PTFA Halloween Colouring Contest – take part for only 50p! |
| 25 th September | New starters in reception photograph in the Echo |
| 26 th September | Reception/Year 5 Road Safety walks |
| 8 th October | Y5 Planetarium trip |
| 9 th October | Y4 Colchester Castle trip |
| 10 th October | Open morning for 2019 intake |
| 11 th October (NEW) | Y1 parents invited to view pupils sculptures, small hall at 2:40pm |
| 12 th October | Last day of term in school |
| 15 th -26 th October | Half Term – school closed |
| 30 th October | Parent Consultations – SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.30pm |
| 9 th November | Open morning for 2019 intake |
| 13 th November | Individual Pupil Photos |
| 29 th November | Autumn Term exhibition evening 3.30-4.30pm |
| 21 st December | Last day of term in school |
| 24 th December – 4 th January | Holiday - School closed |

Coming up in the next few weeks...

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| 25 th September | New starters photo in the Echo. |
| 26 th September | Reception/Year 5 Road Safety Walks. |



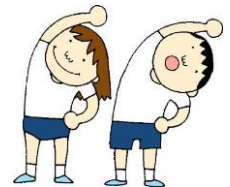
Water Bottles, Snacks and Sun Cream.

Please send your child to school with a named water bottle that can be kept in the classroom. Please ensure children only have water and **NOT** squash or juice. Please make sure that snacks are healthy – sweets and chocolate are not acceptable and we are a **nut free** school. Thank you.



PE Kits.

We do not keep spare kits at the school for PE. Please ensure that all pupils are provided with PE kit throughout the school year. If there are any issues providing a PE kit, please speak to the school office to make us aware of them. PE kit is part of the school uniform, details of which can be found [here](#).



Parking and road safety outside school.

Please park considerately if you need to drive to school. We have a long history of good will from our neighbours and it is something that we hope will continue in the future.

If parents have any concerns about dangerous parking or driving outside the school, call the non-emergency police number to report them on **0300 333 4444**. It is essential that the pupils and their families are safe – please park and drive safely around the school. Thank you for your continued support.



Newsletter – 21st September 2018.

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- Gardening Club.
- PTFA news and **Colouring Competition**.
- The Deanes Open Day.
- Superhero Lunch menu.
- King John Half Term Sports Camp.

Attendance - We expect pupils to be in school everyday.

THANK YOU! Attendance this week was **98.68%**. It is brilliant to see such high levels of attendance and it, of course, helps support the learning of the pupils. Our target is 97% and this week, every class was above that which is absolutely awesome. Both year 4 and 5 had 100% attendance this week – second straight 100% for year 5. Afternoon tea/Daily Mile Pacman beckons for the winners of the attendance race each half term – currently this race is led by year 4 with a staggering 99.88%.

Online safety tip – we know it is a regular feature but it helps you to know how to keep children safe.

It is worth knowing that many social media sites have minimum age requirements for users. These are put in place to protect children from inappropriate material or risk of grooming, offering sensible guidance to parents just as film certificates and PEGI ratings do. Here are some examples of the minimum ages for popular social media sites: -

Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter, Facebook

Minimum age 13.

WhatsApp

Minimum age 16 (to register) 13 to use.

YouTube

Minimum age 18 (or 13 with parental permission).

Do your children have access to these services? If so, were you aware of the minimum age requirements and, what they are using them for? This is a good example of how one of our regular e-safety tips can be used: -

1. Set boundaries in the online world just as you would in the real world.

Help keep our children safe whilst using technology – check out the new resources and advice about e-safety on our website at <http://www.westwoodacademy.org/about/e-safety/>

Jeans for Genes Day.

As this is written, we are still counting, but so far we have raised over £180 for Jeans for Genes. Thank you so much – your generosity is really appreciated and will really help the charity.

Contact Number for Woodys Club.

For parents needing to contact Woodys, please use the following number only as it is the direct line.

07580 461715

Census Day Superhero Lunch – 4th October.

On October 4th, 2018 we are having a superhero themed lunch – please see the menu at the back of the newsletter. It really helps on this day if as many pupils have school dinner as possible as this figure contributes to our funding. We have asked the pupils what they wanted and the menu reflects this, so hopefully the lunch, along with the chance to dress up, will create a great superhero themed day in school.

Applications for secondary schools for Year 6.

As you may be aware, the new secondary school admission round opens on Wednesday, 12 September 2018, for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2019.

The statutory national closing date for applications is 31st October 2018.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. 98% of parents in Essex applied online last year.

Essex County Council are not sending letters to parents about making an application. All application information is available on the website above.

The website also has a copy of the Secondary Education in Essex 2019-20 booklet which contains details of all secondary school admission policies. I provide a link to the booklet below.

http://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Admissions/Documents/econdary_Admissions_Booklet.pdf

Year 5 Planetarium Trip (8th October), Year 4 Colchester Castle Trip (9th October).

Details have been sent out regarding the trips for year 4 and 5. Please make payment as soon as possible, else the trip may be unfeasible and cancelled. These events add so much to the subjects taught in class and the pupils love the excitement of them. If there are any issues with payment, please speak to the school office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Year 1 Sculpture Exhibition (11th October).

Year 1 would like to share with their parents and carers the sculpture that they have been working on, so will exhibit it in the small hall from 2.40-3.00pm on 11th October. Please support our young, talented artists and visit their brilliant work – we'd love to hear what you think of their sculptures.

Out of School Achievements.

If you have any out of school achievements that you would like mentioned in the school newsletter, please email the office at: office@westwoodacademy.org by the Thursday before the Friday publication date. We love to hear about what the Westwood community have been up to! Thank you.

Well done to Freddie from 3D, who was awarded beaver of the year last Friday. We are all very proud of him for the huge amount of effort it took. His hard work has really paid off and he has been showing off a pretty cool trophy that he was given in recognition of efforts. Well done again.

School dinners.

School dinners next week will be Week 1 from the new Summer Menu.

Bridging Club on Friday afternoons.

Bridging club for Friday afternoons now has a £1.50 charge (unless pupils are attending Woody's afterwards, in which case it is free). Attendance needs to be confirmed by Wednesday each week with the office, and payment can be made via parentmail. Thank you.

Clubs.

All clubs have started again this week. Again in 2018, we have used our Sports Premium Funding to provide as many high quality clubs for free to pupils, with the aim of increasing participation in sports and to promote healthy lifestyles.

Gardening Club.

Will restart on Friday 21st September from 1.30-2.45. Places are limited so please let the office know if your child is interested and they will be told by Wednesday 19th September if they have a place. The cost is £25 for 10 sessions which includes a drink and biscuit and payments can be made via parentmail.

PTFA NEWS



For updates and more PTFA news, please join the [Westwood PTFA page on Facebook](#). Please note that this page is intended for the use of PTFA members to **organise and promote events for fundraising**. It is **not** monitored by the school, so if there are any other issues or questions that you would like to discuss, please contact the school directly. Thank you.



Halloween Colouring Competition sheets are coming home today, 50p to enter with winners chosen from KS1 and KS2, open to all children. Give it a go, you might just win!

Picnic Bench - the first of the new picnic benches have been delivered and will be assembled soon for the children to use, thanks again for everyone's support in raising funds for the children for items such as these!

Fancy Dress Disco - Info and tickets coming soon just finalising the date, looking forward to welcoming all the children

Christmas Craft Afternoon. Friday 23rd November tickets and info coming soon for this lovely little festive afternoon, 1:30-3:30pm

Our next meeting is Tuesday 25th September at 7pm all very welcome, we will be putting together all the planning for our forthcoming events.... It would be great if people could come along and contribute ideas and support for the many activities that help the pupils of the school.

We will also be holding a **coffee morning (with cake) on Thursday 11th November** and would love to see you there...

**“ HI, I’M JACK AND AT THE DEANES
I’M KNOWN AS AN INDIVIDUAL”**

THEDEANES.ACADEMY/HEYJACK

VISIT OUR OPEN EVENING

TUESDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2018

18:30 - 21:00

COME AND LOOK AROUND

01268 773545



AN INCREDIBLE SUPERHERO LUNCH!

Dress as a superhero, eat like a superhero. October 4th, 2018.

MENU

Chicken or Quorn power nuggets.

Full of protein to build a superhero physique.

Good Guy Smiley Faces +

Special Power Sweetcorn +

Super Spaghetti.

All the carbs needed to fuel a Superhero lifestyle.

Jubilant Jelly and Mighty Milkshake.

To celebrate your latest superhero victory!



Join the superhero lunch on 4th October.





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September 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

Multi-sport Activity Camp

We are organising a multi-sport activity camp for 2 days at the King John School during the May half term break. The dates for the camp are Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd October 2018.

The camp offers the children the opportunities to participate in a variety of sports, some of which they may have experience in, while others will be completely new territories. For children not presently in Secondary school, it gives them the opportunity to experience sports which will be offered to them when they reach that stage. We have also found from parent feedback that for those children attending Secondary school in the September for the first time, it eased the child's anxiety about what to expect and enabled them to look forward to attending their new school.

From personal experience of working on, and organising sports camps both here and abroad, I have found that participating in just one sport for five or six hours each day for a whole week is not every child's idea of fun. That is why we offer a variety of sports, and children experience three or four sports each day.

The cost of the Camp will be £26.00. We have tried to be as competitive as possible as far as cost is concerned; giving value for money and an experience the children will really enjoy.

The camp will run each day from 9.30 a.m. until 3.15 p.m. Please meet at the sports hall which is at the Basfleet Road entrance. Whilst the pupils are participating in activities they will be supervised all of the time by a Physical Education teacher. The role of the member of staff is to look after the safety and welfare of each member of their group and also to offer coaching help the campers may feel they require. All the staff on the Camp are physical education trained and have a wealth of experience working with children.

When I have received your booking form, I will confirm via email that a place has been reserved for your child **A WEEK BEFORE THE CAMP STARTS.**

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Yours sincerely

Mr Selby-Knight
PE Department

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Multi-sport Activity Camp Form

Please return to:

Mr Selby-Knight, The King John School, Shipwrights Drive, Thundersley, Benfleet, Essex
SS7 1RQ by Friday 12th October 2018.

REPLY SLIP

Please reserve a place for my son / daughter at The King John Camp

for: Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd October 2018.

Name of child Age

Please indicate gender of child: Male Female

School attending at present

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Email Address

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Home Address

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Postcode

Home Tel

Emergency Tel

Cheque / cash enclosed £

(cheques made payable to: The King John School)

Name of friend attending (if known).....

