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Week 'A'

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to start my message with some important reminders of arrangements affecting our students next week:

- ☆ On **Tuesday 12th December** the **school closes at 2.30pm** for our Community Party. Students not involved in this event must leave the school premises promptly at 2.30pm. Invitations have been sent to local senior citizens and we are looking forward to entertaining them again this year. Thank you to anyone who has donated a present for this event.
- ☆ On **Wednesday 13th December** the **school is closed** to students to allow for staff INSET.
- ☆ On **Thursday 14th December** school returns to the usual times. At 7pm that evening there will be a **Carol Service at St Mary's Church**. Everyone is welcome.
- ☆ On **Friday 15th December** we are having a seasonal Jumper Day for students and staff to raise funds for Save the Children and the year group charities.

There are still a few remaining tickets for the educate2eradicate fundraising event on Monday 18th December, being organised by our former student, Arifa Nasim, see page 16 for details.

In school this week I enjoyed being one of the judges of the Christmas Card competition. All entries were of an extremely high standard. Cards will be displayed in the school foyer in the run up to the end of term and the winning cards and top finalists in each year group, and others designs, will be on the school website shortly. An e-card has been made from the design of *Adjoa* in 8G and will be sent to our colleagues and associates far and wide. Please see p6.

On Thursday we welcomed last year's Year 11 GCSE students and their parents back to the school for our annual Presentation Evening. Our former students collected their GCSE certificates and many of them received awards for their academic achievement, effort, progress, community spirit, or had their talents or accomplishments recognised. My thanks to Eithne Cullen, a former WSFG staff member and recently published author, who was our Guest of Honour and gave an inspirational speech before presenting the certificates and trophies.



In school this week some Year 7 students have been participating in a challenge project on recycling, where they have been upcycling a fish bowl into a mini garden terrarium. Our Year 8 basketball team beat Fredrick Bremer 16-8. Well done to the team members: *Jessica, Roya (8W), Sylvie, Jae Ming, Arani, Rebeca, Rachel (8F), Molly (8G), Sasha (8C) and Deja (8H)*. On Wednesday a number of Year 9 students attended a workshop run by the Old Vic Schools Club whilst on Thursday, another group visited Willowfield School to take part in a leadership workshop. On Friday the Year 9 badminton team will be competing in the borough competition, we wish them the best of luck.

Meryl Davies
Headteacher

WSFG Community Party – Early School Closure

Please note that due to our annual Community Party, school will finish an hour earlier than usual at: **2:30pm on Tuesday 12th December 2017.**

Students who have signed parental permission to support the event will stay in school to help.

They will finish at **approximately 4:30pm** (please note that year 8 students helping with washing up or students helping us to clear away may be slightly later).

Thank you for all of your support for this event. We are very much looking forward to welcoming our elderly guests.

Many thanks,
Ms Philippou
Assistant Headteacher



**Carol Concert
Thursday 14th December
St Mary's Church
Church End
Walthamstow
6.45 for 7pm start**

Featuring the steel pan bands, the choir
and orchestra.

All parents, carers, students, staff,
governors and alumnae are warmly invited



Information for Parents / Carers and Students

**The final day of Autumn Term is
Wednesday 20th December 2017**

- ☆ ALL lessons 1 – 3 are as normal.
- ☆ No student will be allowed to remain in school and the gates will be locked at 1.15pm
- ☆ There will be a normal breaktime but no lunchtime offer in the canteen.
- ☆ Wednesday 20th December will be a non-uniform day with proceeds going towards the Community Party for the elderly.
- ☆ The cost of wearing non-uniform will be **£1.00** and must be paid **IN ADVANCE** to Form Reps.
- ☆ The jewellery rules still apply on this day and lanyards **must** be worn.

**The first day of the Spring Term for students
is Thursday 4th January 2018**

- ◆ All Students are expected in **FULL** school uniform and to be in school at the normal time of 8.45am.
- ◆ Further details will be in the green sheet and on the school website.
- ◆ The Focus of the Fortnight will be on correct Uniform and Lanyards.
- ◆ This will be a Week B.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday!

Ms Pratt

Assistant Headteacher.



NEGLECT NOT THE GIFT THAT IS IN THEE

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7th December, 2017

Uniform Reminder for January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

As you are aware, the school changed the uniform requirement regarding the colour of outdoor coats last term from plain dark to black, to take effect from the start of this autumn term.

This was communicated to you via our weekly Greensheets from the beginning of June and your daughter was told about this change in assemblies. It was also made clear on the uniform section of our website, where parents are asked to ensure when purchasing new items of uniform, that they are of the permitted styles. The majority of students returned to school with black coats or jackets and look very smart indeed.

It has been brought to my attention that a number of parents and carers had not seen this message in the Greensheet, nor had they been given the information by their daughters, and they have purchased new non-black coats during the holidays.

I have heeded your communication with the school and fully appreciate your concern on this matter.

As a result we have delayed the introduction of these changes, with the exception of Year 7 students.

Please note the revised uniform requirement regarding coats:

Year 7	Plain black outer coat	(compulsory)
Year 8	Plain black outer coat	(compulsory from January 2018)
Year 9	Plain black outer coat	(compulsory from January 2018)
Year 10	Plain dark outer coat	(as previously required)
Year 11	Plain dark outer coat	(as previously required).

If any parent or carer experiences financial hardship as a result of these changes, please contact your daughter's SPL directly.

Please also make sure that your daughter's coat and blazer are both clearly labelled with her name and form.

Yours sincerely

Meryl Davies
Headteacher



Christmas Card Competition Winners and Finalists

There is so much artistic talent in the school and the students have so many clever ideas, which made it a great pleasure to be one of the judges of this year's Christmas Card competition, alongside Ms Pratt and our Head of Art, Ms Wills.

We first decided on four finalists from each year group and then selected a winner and a runner up for each.



Congratulations to Year 7 finalists:
Sophia (7W), Bushra (7W), Ellie (7C) and Lily (7C).

Sophia's design was chosen as the winner in this group for her choice to use a simple, yet effective main feature, the Greek Theatre and school symbol, and for her bold choice of colours. It was impossible to choose a runner up from the three finalists as they were all wonderful designs and beautifully drawn.

The judges were very impressed with the Year 8 entries and chose another card inspired by the work of William Morris as the winner. This was designed by Adoja (8G) and the judges liked the use of colour which worked particularly well as a card. So well, indeed, that it was selected as the design for the WSFG e-card which can be viewed on the website.

Judges also liked the work of Molly (8G), the runner up, for her interesting work in black and white, which subtly incorporated the WSFG logo at the top of the card. Also commended were Frida (8G) who cleverly used the school logo as baubles to decorate her tree and Siwan (8H) for her card in the shape of a bauble which is a fantastic idea, although we found it impossible to do it justice as a card which could be reproduced in any quantity.



The winning card in the Year 9 group was designed by Marianne (9H) and inspired by the work of Robert Delaunay. The judges especially liked the use of colour and brushwork. The runner up was Aliyah (9H) for her skilful use of perspective on the bauble and other finalists were Meryem (9H) for a design inspired by Vincent van Gogh and Aoife (9F) for a very clever and stunning design, using black and white, with cut outs, which again was greatly admired but we were not able to reproduce the design well as a card.



We had over one hundred entries this year, some of which, although spectacular, were received after the deadline or even after the judging had been held. You will be able to see how difficult the task was for the judges as many of the cards will be displayed in the school foyer during the countdown to the Christmas holidays. A huge thank you to the Art Department for encouraging the students to participate and congratulations to all those who submitted an entry.

Ms Davies
Headteacher

100% Attendance for November

Below are the attendance figures for November 2017 and total so far. Winners postcards for the month of November are in form tutor pigeon holes ready to share with thier form groups and pin on your noticeboards.



Well done to 7C, 8S, 9S, 10S & 11H for being November winners.

Year to date winners are 7C, 8C, 9S, 10S & 11H. Don't forget, winners for each term receive a Form treat and 100% attenders receive a new star badge.

Our Headteacher will also be sending postcards to the successful forms.

Ms King
Student Attendance Manager

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURES OR SEVERE WEATHER

In the event of an emergency school closure the decision on whether the school stays open will be taken by the Headteacher after carrying out a risk assessment. In the event of severe weather, the school will remain open whenever possible.

Information about any closure will be available

on the school's website:

www.wsfg.waltham.sch.uk

by phone:

020 8509 9446

or via a text message

We aim to send text messages to parents and carers, although there are sometimes delays in getting these messages through promptly, so please check the school's website for up to date information. Please ensure that the School Office has on record up to date addresses and telephone numbers including a mobile number and the person to contact in the case of a student emergency. It is essential that the school has at least **one** land line and a mobile number.

eat or heat

Christmas Collection

Dear Parents/Carers, students and staff

This year we will be collecting donations to support our local foodbank, “Eat or Heat”, for Christmas. They are really busy this year with a high rate of referrals and need our help more than ever. Items urgently needed include ...

Tinned meat – including Halal

Tinned vegetables

Tinned fruit/desserts

Tinned vegetarian meals



Plus, especially for the festive season, the following treats ...

Christmas puddings

Christmas crackers

Mince pies

Sweets/chocolates

Biscuits

There will be collection points in the following places in school, from **Monday 4th until Friday 15th December ...**

Downstairs in the House

Staff Room

G43 – Ms Philippou’s office

G05 – Ms Desbenoit’s office

Thank you in advance for all your kind donations.

Ms Dowling, Ms Phillippou.



Community Christmas Party.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Each year at WSFG we host a community Christmas party. This is a very special event which is really important to us when the whole school comes together to organise a celebration with food, gifts and entertainment for the elderly members of our community. We like to show them how much we appreciate and value them and to make sure they have a good time with some great company.

This year, our community party will take place on the afternoon of Tuesday 12th December.

We urgently require any unwanted (brand new) gifts that we could offer our guests, please send them to the Humanities office via your daughter(s).

Last year was one of our best ever community parties and, with your support, we'd like to make sure this year is even more memorable.

Thank you.

Ms Philippou
Assistant Headteacher



WSFG Diversity Calendar for the month of December



December
2017

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Week 1					1	2	3
Week 2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Week 3	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Week 4	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Week 5	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

December is Universal Human Rights Month | Spiritual Emergence Month
UK Disability History Month

○ Last Quarter ● New Moon ○ First Quarter ○ Full Moon

Special Days

- 1st Mawlid al-Nabi – Islam
- 1st World AIDS Day
- 2nd International Day for the Abolition of Slavery
- 3rd International Day of Persons with Disabilities
- Advent Sunday – Christian
- 4th Saint Nicholas Day
- 8th Feast of the Immaculate Conception – Christian
- Kokoro (Bodhi Day) – Buddhist
- 9th International Anti-Slavery Day
- 10th Human Rights Day
- 12th Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe – Catholic/Christian
- 13th Chankayubi – Judaism
- 18th International Migrants Day
- 20th International Human Solidarity Day
- 21st Winter Solstice
- Yule – Wicca – Wiccan/Pagan Northern and Southern hemispheres
- Yule – Christian
- 24th Christmas Eve – Christian
- 25th Christmas Day – Christian
- Bank Holiday – England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and ROI
- Feast of the Nativity – Orthodox Christian
- 26th Saint Stephen's Day – Christian
- Boxing Day
- Boxing Holiday – England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and ROI
- Zarathushtra's Day (Death of Prophet Zarathushtra) – Zoroastrian
- 28th Holy Innocents – Christian
- 31st New Year's Eve
- Watch Night – Christian
- Feast of the Holy Family – Catholic/Christian
- Hegnesny

All Jewish holidays begin on sundown on the evening before.

Project Peru Christmas cake raffle 2017

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BUY A RAFFLE TICKET FOR ONLY £1
AND TRANSFORM THIS BEAUTIFUL CAKE INTO A YEAR AT SCHOOL
FOR ONE OR MORE CHILDREN!

Raffle tickets on sale from Ms Landon in Humanities and at the
Community Party on the 12th December.



For more information: www.projectperu.org.uk
Project Peru: Reg.Charity Number 1049413

Project Peru

Looking for gifts for your friends or little brothers and sisters?
Or perhaps a stocking filler?!

8G will be selling colourful, handmade friendship bracelets, finger puppets and Christmas cards every Thursday and Friday lunchtimes in the LRC. All crafts come from a women's co-operative in one of Peru's largest and poorest shanty towns.

All proceeds go to Project Peru, a small, totally voluntary UK based charity who support a refuge for children living in extreme poverty in the desert shanty towns of Lima. For more information on the charity visit <http://www.projectperu.org.uk>

Ms Landon

Follow this link to Christmas cards

<http://projectperu.org.uk/uk-activities/craft-sales/las-laderas-christmas-cards.htm>



PROJECT PERU SALE!

8G are raising money for a charity called Project Peru who run a refuge for children living in extreme poverty in the desert shanty towns of Lima. We are going to be selling:

£2

**Finger
Puppets
&
Friendship
bracelets**



**THURSDAY
&
FRIDAY**

**LUNCH
TIMES**

IN THE LRC

For more information contact Ms Landon or 8G!

Merry Christmas

Countdown to Christmas



See our festive treats
every day until
the end of term

Friday 15th December
WSFG Christmas
Jumper Day!



Wear a Christmas Jumper with your uniform for a donation of 50p.

Donations will be collected by Form Reps on the day.

Proceeds will go to charities of Year Group choice.

Wednesday 20th December 2017

Non-Uniform Day to support
the WSFG Community Party



£1.00 payable to Form Representatives **IN ADVANCE** by Monday 18th December.

Wear non-uniform on the last day of this term to support the WSFG Community Party.

Jewellery rules apply and lanyards must be worn.



Lost Property

We have a large amount of lost property since returning at the beginning of the term.

Any unnamed items not claimed by Wednesday 20th December may be disposed of.

Please make sure all clothing, including P.E. kit, is clearly labelled.

Students are reminded that you can collect lost property at **3.30pm** every day.

Parents and carers may also collect lost property **any day after school.**



Ms Jolliffe
 Student Services

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coffee and gelato

Eradicating Forced Marriage, FGM and Honour Abuse
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Raffles prizes!

Performances from talented musicians

WSFG Steel Pan Band

& an original play!

at

Walthamstow School for Girls

Monday 18 December

6-8pm



TICKETS: info@educate2eradicate.co.uk

Adults £6

U16s £5

WSFG Students £4



CHRISTMAS concert

Carols for choir, orchestra and audience plus
Jonathan Rathbone's *Christmas Truce*

Thursday 21 December 2017

7.30pm

St Mary's Church, Walthamstow E17 9RJ

London Forest Choir
Jonathan Rathbone conductor
Mark Williams baritone
Sylvan Ensemble

Tickets £14/£12.
Book online and reserve
numbered seats at
www.londonforestchoir.org
(or telephone 020 8281 6090)
Students and benefit recipients
half price; children £3/£2

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CHRISTMAS MEAL APPEAL



WIN A LUXURY CHRISTMAS HAMPER!

African Adventures Foundation is delighted to launch its annual **Christmas Meal Appeal**. We want to hold Christmas parties at our partner projects in Ghana, Kenya and Zanzibar, providing each child with a special meal and celebration.

Over the last three years, thanks to our generous donors, African Adventures Foundation has raised over £10,000 to provide a festive meal and party to the 20,000 children we work with across our partner projects.

This year, we would like to raise another £3,000.

This year, we are raffling off a luxury Christmas hamper full of festive treats and African goodies, which African Adventures is donating, to our fantastic supporters to help raise the funds we need to make these parties happen.

£5 is enough for a project to provide a festive meal for ten children, so buying a few strips of tickets can make a massive difference. Plus, you'll have a greater chance of winning the hamper!

Can you help us reach our target?

DONATE NOW

To donate follow this link:

<https://aaf.african-adventures.co.uk/christmas-meal-appeal>

"EVERY YEAR THE CHRISTMAS MEAL APPEAL GIVES OUR CHILDREN THE SPECIAL MEAL AND PARTY THEY DESERVE."
FRED EGESA - KENYA CO-ORDINATOR,
AFRICAN ADVENTURES

**The draw will be on
Friday 22nd December**

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THE SSE WOMEN'S FA CUP FINAL
Saturday 5 May 2018, Wembley Stadium



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Ms Davies

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Join the thousands of children, parents, schools and junior football clubs all in attendance and experience the unique Wembley atmosphere.

Remember, adult tickets drop to just £7.50 when you book as a group of nine or more.

Come together to celebrate the very best in women's domestic football and help create history again.

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School Calendar for 2017-18

Autumn Term 2017

End: Wednesday 20th December

Tuesday 12th December	Community Party school closes at 2.30pm
Wednesday 13 th December	INSET for staff. School closed to students.
Thursday 14th December	Carol Concert 7pm
Wednesday 20 th December	School closes at 12.30pm

Spring Term 2018

Start: Thursday 4th January End: Thursday 29th March

Thursday 25th January Year 11 Parents/Carers Subject Evening 4.30-7.30pm

Half Term

Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February

Thursday 22 nd February	Year 9 Parents/Carers subject Evening 4.30 –7.30pm
Thursday 15 th March	Year 8 Parents/Carers Subject Evening 4.30 –7.30pm

**Good Friday Bank Holiday 30th March -
Easter Monday Bank Holiday 2nd April**

Thursday 26th April Year 7 Parents/Carers Subject Evening 4.30 –7.30pm

Summer Term

Start: Monday 16th April End: Friday 20th July
May Bank Holiday Monday 7th May

Monday 14th May - Year 11 GCSE Examinations
Friday 22nd June

Half Term

Monday 28th May - Friday 1st June