



From the Study

13th September 2018

Dear Parents

Welcome to the first edition of From the Study for 2018-19. I hope the new academic year has started positively for you and your children; certainly staff have been impressed with the purposeful approach shown by pupils and how the Reception children and other new joiners have settled in.

At the time of writing this, we have already held two information sessions for parents, with another one planned for later in the month. Thank you for the support you have shown – I would like to emphasise our interest in your views so please do come and see me to pass on positive comments or concerns.

The diary is already filling up with our usual plethora of activities: we are looking forward to our first round of Forest School activities next week, a whole school team building trip to the Wilderness Foundation next Friday as well as our first sports fixtures of the year. We were delighted to welcome back for two days work experience ex-pupil Oliver Williams who is about to embark on a Fast Track Graduate Teaching programme – good luck Oliver!

Following a productive initial meeting with FOWL I am delighted to announce their first event, a MacMillan Coffee Afternoon and second hand uniform sale under the new gazebo on Wednesday 25th September from 3pm to 4pm, please put this date in your diary. More FOWL event details to follow soon!

Good luck to the Form 6 girls sitting the Chelmsford County High exams this Saturday and all those Form 6 pupils sitting the CSSE 11+ exams on Saturday 22nd.

I'm sad to inform you that after 8 years at Widford Lodge Miss Faye will be leaving our Pre school team on 19th October. We wish her well in her new career working in a law firm. We are recruiting for a new member of staff to join us.

If parents are parking in the morning, please could you park on the street opposite school. This enables staff to park on the school side of the road for the day.

I have already received several requests for absence for holidays during term time. Unfortunately, as mentioned last year, we are now bound by stricter safeguarding rules that require us to monitor and report pupil absences. I'm afraid that requests for more than one day's absence are therefore highly unlikely to be authorised and, if taken, will then have to be recorded as unauthorised.

Please read the attachment from SchoolwearPlus about their forthcoming move.

Dates for your diary A full list is available on our website

Date	Event	Time
15/09/18	Chelmsford County High School Entrance exams	
17/09/18	Alison Shore starts speech & drama lessons	
	Faye Engeabrecht, Moulsham High School to talk to Year 6	10:48
17-19/09/18	Forest School sessions	All day
19/09/18	U10 Hockey & Rugby vs St.Cedds (A) - Chelmer Park	14:30
20/09/18	Cross Country Years 5&6 at Melbourne.	15:00
	Volunteers to demonstrate toys to 1E	14:00
21/09/18	The Wilderness Foundation. Years1-6	All day
22/09/18	CSSE 11+ Exam	
23/09/18	Brentwood School U11 Rugby Tournament	10.00-15.00
25/09/18	Oaklands Museum trip - Form 1	08.30-12.30
	Parents intro to the new year, in the Hall. Years 4,5,6	18:00
26/09/18	Harvest Assembly	08:45
	U11 Rugby & Hockey A & B (Home) vs Brentwood	14:30
27/09/18	Book Fair	
	U9 Hockey vs St Cedds (Home)	14:30
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28/09/18	European Day of Languages	All day
	Book Fair	

Term dates

As a reminder, dates for this year are as follows:

Academic Year – 2018/2019

Christmas Term 2018

Term Starts Wednesday 5th September
 Half Term Monday 22nd October Friday 2nd November
 Term Restarts Monday 5th November
 End of Term Wednesday 12th December

Easter Term 2019

Staff Inset Day Monday 7th January
 Term Starts Tuesday 8th January
 Half Term Monday 18th February to Friday 22nd February
 Term Restarts Monday 25th February
 End of Term Friday 5th April

Summer Term 2019

Staff Inset Day Monday 29th April
 Term Starts April Tuesday 30th April
 Half Term Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May
 Term Restarts Monday 3rd June
 Term Ends Thursday 11th July
 Staff Inset Day Friday 12th July

To help parents looking to book holidays next year, we have set the dates for Autumn term 2019:

Academic Year 2019/2020

Staff Inset: Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd September 2019
 Term Starts: Wednesday 4th September 2019
 Half term: Monday 21st October-Friday 1st November 2109
 Term Ends Thursday 12th December 2019

Headteacher's award

Well done to Harry Pitt (4D) - English

Christmas holiday club

A Christmas holiday club will run at school on both 13th December and 17th December 2018.

Further details will be provided later this term.

Travelling book fair

We have a Book Fair arriving on the 27th September. It will be here for a week. Please come and have a look at the books on offer for sale.

The school library gets a percentage from the total amount of money collected so that we can buy some lovely new books for the library!

The school librarians will be selling the books; they will be based on the playground first thing in the morning and after school each evening. William Liddle is the 'Head Librarian' and he will be available if anyone needs advice or guidance.

Menu

Day	Main course	Pudding
Every day	Salad, cheese, ham and tuna	Fresh fruit, Yoghurts, Cheese & biscuits
Monday 17 th Sept	Meat Feast pasta (CG) Vegetable pasta (CG) Carrot. Cucumber	Vanilla sponge (E) (CG) (M)
Tuesday 18 th Sept	Sausage casserole (CG) Vegetarian casserole (CG) Rice. Broccoli	Jelly
Wednesday 19 th Sept	Assorted pizza (CG) Vegetarian pizza (CG) Cucumber. Sweetcorn	White chocolate cheesecake (M) (CG)
Thursday 20 th Sept	Roast turkey. Yorkshire pudding (CG) (E) Vegetarian kiev (CG) Roast potato. Cauliflower. Fine beans	Flapjack (M) (G)
Friday 21 st Sept	Classroom Lunch – Chat-ham Green	
Monday 24 th Sept	Gammon Steaks Vegetable kiev (CG) New potatoes. Broccoli. Carrots	Lemon drizzle cake (CG) (E)
Tuesday 25 th Sept	Shepherd's pie (M) Quorn pie (M) Peas. Cabbage	Natural yoghurt & honey (M)
Wednesday 26 th Sept	Roast beef & Yorkshire pudding (CG) (M) (E) Roast potato. Cauliflower	Chocolate pudding & chocolate sauce (CG) (M) (E)
Thursday 27 th Sept	Pasta carbonara (CG) Vegetable pasta (CG) Grated carrot. Cucumber	Chocolate chip cookies ((CG) (M)
Friday 28 th Sept	Languages Day Pulled pork & barbecue sauce Chicken Hawaiian Plantain & sweet potato Rainbow rice	Tropical fruit salad Coconut cake (CG) (E)

Please note—menus may change.

Index: (CG) – contains Gluten, (E) - Contains Eggs, (M) – contains milk, (F) contains fish. Alternative versions for meals containing any of these is provided for those children with allergies or intolerances.

Reception news

Miss Taylor and Mrs White are very proud of all the children in the Reception classes. You have all settled in well, make lots of new friends and have enjoyed playing at school. Well done everyone, a super start to the year!



Chinese

This week we were delighted to welcome Mrs. Huo from Anglo-European School. Mrs Huo will be joining us every Tuesday afternoon to teach some taster Chinese sessions to all of the children in the Prep School on a rolling programme.



We learned how to count to 10 in Mandarin and then enjoyed putting this into practice, whilst playing a traditional Chinese game: Jiàn zì. This proved to be very entertaining, and congratulations to Ben for becoming the first ever Widford Jiàn zì champion!

Four lucky pupils won a Jiàn zì to take home, so keep practising those skills!

Politeness and Courtesy cup

The winner for the week ending 14th September was William Liddle (6H).

Important reminders

At the start of each academic year, there are a few reminders we need to give you:

The school's Proprietor, Louise Gear can be contacted via the main school office, by telephone on the school's number during the day and 01245 352581 out of normal school hours or by email on lgear@widfordlodge.co.uk

We have recently updated a number of our policies, which are available for you on our website. These include our safeguarding policy and our complaints policy.

Our school aims are to educate pupils through a broad and balanced curriculum so that they can meet the challenges of the wider world. Children of all abilities are educated in a purposeful, safe and secure environment where emphasis is placed on the traditional values of honesty, courtesy and respect of self and other.

Our curriculum booklets have been updated for each year group and are available from on the website; these give details of the areas to be covered for each subject as well as details of homework and expectations, so do have a look.

Form 1 news



Form 1 have made a great start to their year. Mrs Eggleton and Miss Hall are very proud of all they have achieved so far.

They have started to learn about mapping in their geography lessons and been busy making their own fairy tale forest maps. They have enjoyed sharing different routes with their friends!



School Council News

New benches!

Thank you to all those children who came to the School council Games Night back in July. With the money raised, we have been able to purchase three new picnic benches for the playground.



The Prep children are in the process of selecting new school councillors. We look forward to working with them during this term.

Mrs White

Tennis success

Nathaniel Herbert has had an unbelievable month playing 9 and under Tennis - he has achieved the following :

Kings Rochester - Grade 4 - Runner up
Great Missenden - Grade 3 - Runner up
Frinton-On-Sea - Grade 3 - Winner
Felixstowe - Grade 3 - Winner
The Grove Chelmsford - Grade 4 - Winner
Essex Closed Thorpe Bay - Grade 3 - Winner

To put this in context Grade 4 level is county level Grade 3 is regional and it is the highest level that is played as there are no national competitions at 9 and under level

In addition Nathaniel played in the County cup representing Essex. The team came 3rd out of a very strong 5 county group with Nathaniel being the top performing boy for Essex

Nathaniel is part of the Aspire academy at Billericay LTC training under Kirk Butler. The Aspire academy has also had incredible success this year producing the majority of County players in all age groups.

Well done Nathaniel!

South Downs Challenge

Thank you for your fabulous support which certainly helped us complete 55km of the South Downs Challenge in memory of Old Widfordian, Joe Jenkins and Renew Counselling over the summer holiday.



The blisters and aching feet were a small price to pay, as Mrs T & I, along with ex-parent, Jane Whitten have so far raised over £6,000!

We were delighted to be greeted at the finish by Joe's mum which made the whole experience even better.
(Should you like to make a donation please go to Just Giving and search for Simon Trowell).

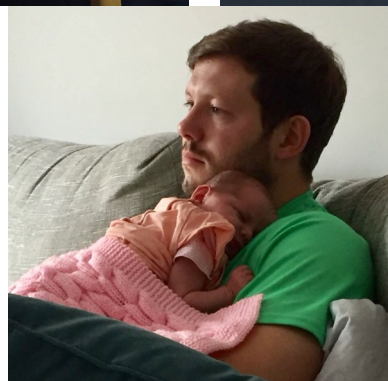
Simon Trowell

Save the date!

A quiz night in support of the Rise & Shine charity will be held on **Friday 23rd November**. More details to follow.

A new baby!

Many congratulations to Mr Hopgood and his partner, Tanya, who welcomed baby Isla into the world on 28th August. We all can't wait to meet her! I'm sure you will join with us as we send both Mr Hopgood and Tanya our very best wishes as they embark on the exciting adventure that is... parenthood!



FOWL news

Please add the following date to your diaries:

Date	Event
25/09/18	Macmillan Coffee afternoon and Uniform sale.

Many further events to be announced throughout the year!

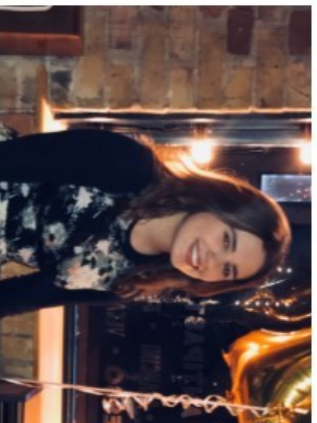
Found!

Found over the summer holiday whilst preparing classrooms for the next school year (this may have been lost up to 12 months ago), now in lost property:

- white oval plate approx. 18" wide.

Request for support from ex-Widford Lodge pupil:

Jess Steadman



**16 year old A level student at
Chelmsford County High
School, KUGB Young Leader,
DBS Checked
(achieved 11 grade 9s (a**) at GCSE)**

If interested, contact me for rates and availability

10% off first booking

Offering:

(on evenings and weekends)

- * Babysitting
- * Homework Help
- * Tutoring to help with 11+ (or any secondary school entrance tests) and GCSE preparation

Contact Details

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All monies will go towards my expedition to Uganda with school in summer 2019. Whilst there, I will be doing project work and teaching at the Living Hope School and Orphanage in Kampala.

In order to help people globally
I first need to act locally

