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10th December 2015

Week 'B'

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Autumn Term 2015

End - Friday
18th December
2015

Thursday 10th December

Carol Service
St Mary's Church
7pm

Tuesday 15th December

Community Party. School closes at 2.30pm

Friday 18th December

Last day of term. School closes at 12.45pm

Spring Term 2016

Start - Monday
4th January 2016

End - Friday
24th March 2016

Friday 29th January

Staff Training Day: School closed to students

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

I am not sure if I am yet allowed to share this with you, but it looks like we are one of six winners of the prestigious *Art on the Underground* prizes. This could result in a group of students working with artist Jasleen Kaur on a day long workshop in Walthamstow Central underground station next term, with their work then being displayed there. Stop Press: see inside for details.

Congratulations to all members of the ball crew who helped at the Wheelchair Tennis Masters Tournament last week at the Olympic Stadium. They worked hard all week – and weekend. Thank you also to Ms Wood and Ms Warren who gave up time to support the girls. We have also received a number of compliments, here is one:

The ball crew were absolutely brilliant throughout and every member of the team contributed to making the event a huge success, please can you thank them all personally and let them know that we received lots of compliments about their involvement and commitment. We appreciate this project has involved a big commitment from the staff and pupils but I hope you all agree it has been worthwhile. Personally I felt really proud seeing them in action and they should all feel really proud of themselves and what they have achieved.

Christine Spowell, Tennis Foundation.

The student-run Debate Club was launched on Tuesday. The topic, 'This house values happiness over academic success' attracted a large audience from Years 7-11, as well as a number of staff. I was so impressed by the quality of the debate. Although no vote was taken, there were plenty of speakers ready to contribute on both sides. Well done to *Lillian Ngo*, *Ellie Flowerday* and *Emine Omer* from Year 11 for organising this.

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Wednesday and Thursday see our choir performing in two prestigious local events. On Wednesday they performed at Walthamstow Assembly Hall and, then at our own Carol Concert at St Mary's Parish Church, starting at 7pm. All are welcome.

On Thursday, the KS3 Drama club, following their success at the Pleasance Theatre earlier this term, will be performing Shakespeare's 'As You Like It' at lunchtime for staff and students.

Friday is our annual students' Christmas lunch so the dining hall will be decked with boughs of holly – well, decorations and crackers at least. A huge 'thank you' in advance to our catering staff for their hard work.

As we near the end of term, our staff are enjoying the contents of a giant advent calendar, which is taking pride of place in the staffroom. We are grateful to the family of Sehar Mehmood, IIC, for their kind donation. The Leadership Team were thrilled to find themselves the recipients of a sequined Santa hat on December 2nd!

Next Tuesday, we welcome elderly members of our community into school for our annual Community Party. Arrangements are well under way with great precision, under the auspices of interim Assistant Headteacher, Ms Philippou. This is, in fact, a huge community event for our entire school, with every member of staff with a role to play, and Year 10 students setting up the event, running the cloakroom as well as greeting and entertaining guests.

N.B. Please note school closes at 2.30pm on Tuesday 15th, and 12.45pm on Friday 18th December, the last day of the Autumn term.

Best Wishes
Meryl Davies

Stop Press: Art on the Underground

Walthamstow School for Girls has been selected by Art on the Underground as one of six schools to work with artist Jasleen Kaur for *Crafting the Line*. This project explores the artists' filmic journey along the Victoria Line, above ground, along with shops and cultural sites along the Line as inspiration for the pupils to produce 3-D products or souvenirs to be presented in their local Underground station. This is part of *Underline: Art & Music for the Victoria line*, an exciting 18 month programme of artists' commissions, free events and projects.

For information about Underline visit: art.tfl.gov.uk/underline/

For information about Crafting the Line visit: art.tfl.gov.uk/projects/crafting-the-line/
Underline Schools Programme in partnership with A New Direction and ReachOutRCA.
Supported using public funding by Arts Council England.



A Year 11 student opening day one of the giant Advent Calendar

Community Party 2015

Please note: **Due to the Community Party, Tuesday 15th December 2105, students will be dismissed at 2.30pm.**

Only students who have volunteered to help with the party (and have parental permission to do so) will be allowed to stay on the premises.

Parents/carers who collect their daughters from school need to make arrangements to collect them at 2.30pm promptly. Permission letters for student helpers have been going out shortly.

Mrs Finamore

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2015/16

Autumn Term 2015

End - Friday 18th December 2015

Thursday 10th December

Tuesday 15th December

Friday 18th December

Carol Service, St Mary's Church 7pm

Community Party. School closes at **2.30pm**

Last day of term.

School closes approx. **12.45pm**

Details in this Newsletter

Christmas Holiday - Friday 18th December 2015 to Friday 1st January 2016

Spring Term 2016

Start - Monday 4th January 2016

Information for Parents / Carers and Students

The final day of the Autumn Term is Friday 18th December 2015

- ALL lessons 1 – 3 are as normal.
- At 12.25pm, students will go back to their form rooms to clear up and will be dismissed by SPLs and Leadership Team at approx 12.45pm.
- No student will be allowed to remain in school and the gates will be locked at 1.15pm
- There will be a normal break time offer in the canteen, but NO lunch provision.
- If you wish to order a packed lunch (FSM) please see Ms. King in G43 by Wednesday 16th December
- Friday 18th December will be a non-uniform day.
- 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.
- All proceeds will go towards the school Community Party for the elderly.

The first day of the Spring Term for students is Monday 4th January 2016

- All students are expected in full school uniform and to be in school by 8.45am as normal.
- The Focus of the Fortnight from 4th January will be on Uniform and Lanyards
- This will be a Week B.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday!
Ms.K.H.Pratt / Assistant Headteacher.

Judo Prize for WSWG Student

On 14th November, Rochelle Talbot, 10S, competed in the London Area British School Judo Championships.

Rochelle fought a very hard battle to win a bronze medal in her age group. This is a fantastic achievement and Rochelle was a credit to both Walthamstow School for Girls and her club, Equinox Judo Club.

Congratulations Rochelle!

Ms Wood
Interim Head of P.E.



Attendance League for November 2015

Well done to **7G, 8W, 9S, 10C** and **11G** for being October winners and **7F, 8G, 9W, 10G** and **11C** for the term so far.

Winners postcards for the month of October have been distributed to form tutors to share with their form groups, along with postcards from the Headteacher.

Don't forget there will be prizes for the forms with the highest year to date figures each term and new pin badges for 100% attenders each term.

Ms King
Attendance Manager

Lost Property

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.

A reminder to parents and carers that if your daughter's clothing has her name and form marked in it, it can be returned to you more easily.

Any items not collected before the end of term will be disposed of.



School Office

WSFG Annual Community Party

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

We still need new and unused gifts suitable for our community party; please ask your daughter to bring them up to the Humanities faculty in school. We are usually particularly short of gifts that are suitable for men.



Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

Ms Philippou

Interim Assistant Headteacher



WSFG Community Party 2014

Our School History

As you can see, each year we hold a Christmas celebration for the elderly members of our community. This event has been part of the school calendar for many years. Here is an extract from the school magazine, *The Iris*, of 1970;

Ms Kelly
LRC

The Old Folk's Party

For the upper sixth the old folk's party began at the beginning of the Autumn term with intermittent rehearsals for the so-called entertainment which was to take the form of an Old Time Music Hall. Presents for each old person had to be bought and finally the invitations were sent out.

The great day arrived, last minute preparations took the form of more rehearsals in the hall and the decoration of the tables in the dining area. At last we were ready; well, we thought we gave a good impression of being ready anyway.

Five o'clock, and all our guests were in their places, pulling Christmas crackers and displaying a fine array of paper hats; the occasion had begun. After demolishing the supply of "goodies" prepared by the Lower VIth Domestic Science department the old folk adjourned to the hall for the (and I say this in complete modesty) most interesting part of the whole evening, when the upper sixth proved themselves masters of the stage- "that's our story and we're sticking to it!" However, it was Miss Fair who did the warming up with much appreciated renderings of "Just a song at twilight", and "My Old Man said follow the van". We were most encouraged by a comment of one of our audience who was heard to say, "She ought to be on 'Opportunity Knocks!'" -the fact that the same person, later during the performance, held a conversation with Miss Barnard about "Peyton Place" we preferred to ignore.

The entertainment drew to a close with community singing during which the old folk showed their own ability to entertain. At last it was time for Father Christmas to make an appearance, and we could not help but notice how much he resembled Sid! The evening closed with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" after ginger wine and mince pies had been served. As we saw the smiles on the varied faces we could not help but feel that the result was well worth all the preparation, and we shared a tinge of sadness at the fact that it was all over.

Janet Skipp, U.VI



eat or heat

**It's Christmas and Eat or Heat
need your donations!!**

You can donate tins and jars, packets of rice, pasta or cereal,
canned fruit, canned vegetables and canned meat.

Also as it is Christmas you can donate
mince pies, Christmas Puddings,
chocolate selection boxes and biscuits.



*For every item donated your
form will get a point.
The form with the most points will
get a prize next week.*

There is a green donation box in
the house on the ground floor by
**the LLD office G65 by
the morning of Tuesday 15th December
(by the Christmas tree)**

***Please write your form on the items you are donating,
or let Ms Rae or a member of the LLD know
which form you are from
so we can add to your points total.***

Competition

Win
a trip to the
Royal Opera
House



Twenty lucky girls have the chance to attend a matinée performance of Puccini's famous opera, Tosca, considered by many to be one of the greatest operas. This follows the visit to WSFG by the renowned Director of the Royal Opera House, Kasper Holten, last term.

- Research the opera's plot, the setting and the characters.
 - Write the story in your own words.
 - Why is it called a "tragic melodrama"?
- Write a few sentences saying why you want to visit the opera.
- Preferably typed (maximum 1 side of A4 paper).
- Remember to add your name and tutor group to your entry and return to Ms Davies via the front office.

Closing Date Thursday 17th December 2015

Good luck!

WHAT'S ON IN WALTHAMSTOW AND BEYOND

WALTHAMSTOW

THURSDAY 10TH AND FRIDAY 11TH DECEMBER; CHRISTMAS TWILIGHT MARKET, TOWN SQUARE AND GARDENS, HIGH STREET, E17, 5-10PM, FREE. Stilt-walkers, musicians and Father Christmas will be visiting the new Twilight Market this week. Stalls include street food, crafts and refreshments, with face painting and other activities for families. See : www.streetconcepts.co.uk

FRIDAY 11TH AND SATURDAY 12TH DECEMBER: EAST LONDON BRASS WILL ACCOMPANY A SCREENING OF RAYMOND BRIGGS' CLASSIC FILM, THE SNOWMAN, AT TRINITY UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, ORFORD ROAD, E17, £10, £5 CONCESSIONS.

The performance will be at 8.30pm on Friday, and 11am, 1pm, 3pm and 5pm on Saturday. To book, see: www.elb.yapsody.com or www.east-london-brass.co.uk

SUNDAY 13TH DECEMBER: HANNUKAH CELEBRATIONS, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, TOWN HALL, FOREST ROAD, E17 6HE, 4-6PM, FREE, BUT REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL. To celebrate the Jewish Festival of Lights, there'll be a traditional candle lighting ceremony, plus music and dance, and kosher refreshments. Booking essential: email: culture@walthamforest.gov.uk

TUESDAY 15TH DECEMBER; CAROLS IN THE VILLAGE SQUARE, CORNER OF EDEN AND ORFORD ROADS, E17, 7PM, FREE, WITH EAST LONDON BRASS. Enjoy some carol singing, hot drinks and mince pies with your neighbours. Wear warm clothes and bring a lantern/torch if possible. Songsheets can be downloaded from : www.walthamstowvillage.com
Organised by the Walthamstow Village Residents Association- all welcome.

UNTIL MONDAY 21ST DECEMBER: EAT OR HEAT WILL BE COLLECTING GROCERIES AND TOYS FOR DISTRIBUTION TO LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEED ON 22ND DECEMBER. Any donations of non- perishable foods (eg tins, packets, jars) can be delivered to Eat or Heat's collection point at the Quaker Meeting House, Jewel Road, E17 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays between 6.30-7.30pm, or the box outside the LLD office in the House. Seasonal food eg boxed mince pies, sweets and chocolates would be very welcome, also NEW toys for 0-16 year olds. See www.eatorheat.org for more information. Volunteers welcome too!

BEYOND WALTHAMSTOW

SATURDAY 12TH DECEMBER: CONCERT IN AID OF HAVEN HOUSE CHILDREN'S HOSPICE AT WOODFORD BAPTIST CHURCH, 32 GEORGE LANE, SOUTH WOODFORD, E18 1LN, 3.30PM, £7, 3-15 YEARS, UNDER 3S FREE. An evening of carols, seasonal refreshments and Father Christmas, to raise funds for the local children's hospice. To book, email: events@havenhouse.org.uk or ring 0208 506 3638.

SATURDAY 12TH DECEMBER: CHRISTMAS MARKET AND ELVES' WORKSHOP, LEYTONSTONE LIBRARY HALL, CHURCH LANE, E11 1HG, 12-5PM, FREE. This festive market will feature stalls selling fashion for humans and animals, local crafts, food and jewellery, plus craft activities for children at the Elves' Workshop, 1-2pm and 3-4pm. NB places at the workshop need to be booked: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/leytonstone-designers-elves-workshop-12-december-tickets-18688562995/ or email: admin@www.leytonstonedesigners.co.uk

SATURDAY 12TH DECEMBER; WALTHAM FOREST YOUTH ORCHESTRA IN CONCERT, ST JOHN'S CHURCH, CHURCH LANE, E11 1HH, 7pm, £5. The young musicians trained by the borough's Music Service will be performing a seasonal selection of music. Tickets available at the door or from: music.service@walthamforest.gov.uk Tube: Leytonstone.

SATURDAY 12TH DECEMBER: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED, LEYTON FLATS, HOLLOW PONDS, WHIPPS CROSS ROAD, E11 1QW, 10AM-2PM, FREE. If you enjoy the outdoors and want to improve the local environment, join other volunteers to help clear the grasslands at Hollow ponds. Wear suitable clothing and take a packed lunch. Contact: Eric.henderson@cityoflondon.gov.uk or ring; 0207 332 1911 for more information.

SUNDAY 13TH DECEMBER: CHRISTMAS FAYRE IN NATURE, PIMP HALL NATURE RESERVE, OFF 48 KINGS ROAD, CHINGFORD, E4 7HR, 3-7PM, FREE. Live music, craft activities, dance, stalls, wildlife photographic competition and refreshments, all in the lovely surroundings of the nature reserve. Email: amy@hornbeam.org.uk for more information.

SATURDAY 12TH AND SUNDAY 13TH DECEMBER: THE POUND SHOP, LANCASTER ROOMS, SOMERSET HOUSE, THE STRAND, WC2R 1LA, 10AM- 4PM, £3. This is a pound shop with a difference- past season stock and samples from over 50 designers (clothes, homewares, jewellery etc), with prices from £1 to £100! Ideal for budget conscious style lovers. See: www.thepoundshop.org for details. Nearest tubes: Charing Cross or Covent Garden. Why not try the ice skating outside Somerset House afterwards?

DAILY UNTIL 23RD DECEMBER; WINTERVILLE, VICTORIA PARK, GROVE ROAD, E3 5TB, FREE. Times vary: 3-10pm Monday to Thursday, 3-10.30pm on Fridays, 11am-10.30pm on Saturdays, and 11am- 10pm on Sundays. East London's answer to Hyde park's Winter Wonderland is even better than before, with an ice rink, pantomime, outdoor cinema, Moscow State Circus , crazy golf and funfair, as well as lots of interesting stalls, food etc. See: <http://www.winterville.co.uk>. NB entry charges for pantomime, circus and cinema apply. Nearest tube: Mile End. Main entrance is via the Crown Gate, Grove Road.

DAILY UNTIL 24TH DECEMBER: SOUTHBANK CENTRE CHRISTMAS MARKET, SOUTHBANK CENTRE, BELEVEDERE ROAD, SE1 8XX (BETWEEN WATERLOO BRIDGE AND THE LONDON EYE), FREE.

This is an established part of the Southbank Centre's Winter Festival , with wooden chalets, fairy lights and music along the banks of the River Thames. Nearest tubes: Waterloo or Embankment. See: www.southbankcentre.co.uk or ring 0207 749 6850.

Enjoy your free time!
Mrs Finamore



CHRISTMAS concert

Thursday 17 December 2015 7.30pm
St Mary's Church, Walthamstow E17 9RJ

London Forest Choir
Jonathan Rathbone conductor
Eleanor Grant soprano
Sylvan Ensemble

Carols old and new for choir, orchestra and audience

Tickets £12 on the door or £10 in advance from 020 8531 4837 or online at www.londonforestchoir.org. Students and benefit recipients half price; children £2

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