



West Wycombe Combined School

Newsletter

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“Nurturing Potential, Inspiring Minds, Excellence for All”

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents & Carers,

Finally Spring appears to be in reach, following our last outburst of snow! Thank you to parents for being so supportive when we had to make the decision to close the school again. It is never an easy decision but the safety of everyone is paramount.

I know many children were concerned about the chicks – please see ‘Chick update’ for more info.

We have moved our assessment week to next week, week commencing 12th March. This will help to better inform us of the children’s progress this term in preparation for Summer term.

We have our parent workshops this week. Please come along and learn more about how we teach maths, English and phonics across the school. We will start by having a short presentation by governors at 2pm, followed by the workshops and finally, a Book Look in classroom.

2pm – Governors’ presentation

2.30 – English, maths and phonics workshop

3.30 – 5pm – Book Looks

During the afternoon, you are welcome to pop in to see the leaders who are presenting the workshops to find out about anything you are unsure of or to see a practical demonstration of the way we teach these subjects. The governors will also stay around so parents can talk to them about anything you wish to.

We hope to see you then.

Best wishes,

Ms A Preston
Headteacher

Art Competition

Year 6 are running another art competition. The artwork should be based around the following books:

KS2 - The Diary of a Wimpey Kid.

KS1- Biff, Chip & Kipper books.

The competition is running from 9th March to 23rd March. Good luck children!



Kindness

Chick Update



Respect

Today we said goodbye to our wonderful 8 chicks, as they embark on their next adventure to their new home. The project has been an amazing experience, not only for the children but for all involved. We have thoroughly enjoyed having them and the children have been so gentle and caring towards them. We even had a ‘chicken assembly’, led by our own governor/ chicken expert! Thank you to Mr & Mrs Warnock-Horn for sharing their lovely chickens, Chicken Nugget and Chicken Nando, in assembly. The children enjoyed learning about the growth and maintenance of chickens!

Here is a taster of our time with the hatching eggs!



Brand new chicks



Final goodbye

The start of the hatching



After a day at WWCS



Safeguarding

Childnet film competition

Childnet International has launched a film competition for children and young people aged 7-18 to share their understanding of online safety issues. The competition is open to UK primary and secondary schools and youth organisations. The closing date is 11 June 2018.



Lunch

Please make sure the children bring to school a drink to have with their lunch – either a bottle of water or a healthy alternative.



Girls Football

Well done to the WWCS Girls Football team, who played against Princes Risborough Primary School this week. They eventually finished the match as a draw – 2-2. Thank you to Mrs Piercy for leading the team and organizing another successful match. Well done girls!



Sharing Religions

As part of our duty to cover religious education and promote spiritual and cultural education, we are running an RE day for the children. This will be an opportunity for the children to learn information about the key religions in the UK. As part of this, **we are looking for parents who may be willing to talk to the children about the practices and beliefs of their religion.** We currently have Mrs Marks, who was a previous member of staff, who will be talking to them about Judaism. We would love to hear about anyone who could come in to talk to the children about Hinduism, Islam, Sikhism or Buddhism.

RE Day will be on 21st March.



Respect

Polite Reminder

Pick up time is 3.10/3.15pm.

Please ensure children are picked up on time from school.

Attendance

for the year so far!

Reception – 95.2 %

Year 1- 93.1 %

Year 2- 93.5 %

Year 3- 93.6 %

Year 4 - 96.3 % 🌟

Year 5 – 95.7 %

Year 6 – 96.0 %

Dates for your diary

12 th March	Assessment week
13 th March	Y3 trip to museum 2.30pm – Governor talk, Parent Workshops & Book Looks until 5pm
15 th March	8pm – PTA meeting
20 th March	New Mozart Concert
21 st March	RE Day
22 nd March	Y6 trip to Oxford Museum of Natural History
23 rd March	PTA Sponsored Bounce
26 th March	Ricky Brown Dance Workshop – all Classes
27 th March	Reception and Y1 trip to Lost World Park



Academic Dates

Autumn Term 2017

Wednesday 6th September - Friday 20th October 2017
Monday 30th October - Tuesday 19th December 2017

Spring Term 2018

Thursday 4th January - Friday 9th February 2018
Monday 19th February - Thursday 29th March 2018

Summer Term 2018

Tuesday 17th April - Friday 25th May 2018
Tuesday 5th June - Tuesday 24th July 2018

Inset days:

Monday 4th September 2017
Tuesday 5th September 2017
Wednesday 3rd January 2018
Monday 16th April 2018
Monday 4th June 2018