



# West Wycombe Combined School

## Newsletter

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**"Nurturing Potential, Inspiring Minds, Excellence for All"**

### Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents & Carers,

We have had another busy few weeks after returning from half term. We held our first Full Governing Body meeting in February, with our new governors on board. The FGB now consists of: Maggi Bull (Chair), Paul Grant (Vice Chair & Parent), Tony Eccleston, Chris Dollin, Ade Adefarakan (Parent), Helen Macdonald (Staff), Natalie Caine (Parent), Christine Hathaway (National Trust), Sue Maddix and myself (Ex-Officio). We are thrilled to have formed a new FGB and that a number of the existing IEB have committed to the board as the school moves forward.

We are passionate about working with our children to raise their ambitions and inspire them for their futures. If any parents are willing to come into assembly to talk to the children about their careers, we would love to hear from you. Please get in touch with the office if you are interested.

We sadly said goodbye to Miss Sadiq, who has decided to return to the world of nursery children. She has been a brilliant TA for us over the last year and we wish her the best in her next adventures. She has promised to return for some of the events coming up. Miss Sadiq was very thankful for the kind gifts and the lovely words shared with her on her departure. She is very fond of the school and was very sad to say goodbye.

Best wishes,  
Ms A Preston



### Battersea - Art Competition

A big congratulations to **Farley & Bailey in Y6**, who organised and ran a fantastic art competition in aid of Battersea Dogs & Cats home. Not only did they think of the competition themselves, but they have invested lots of time in the organisation, raising money and encouraging the children to take part. Well done to both of you – we are very proud of you!

We would also like to say a big **THANK YOU** to Mrs **Dow** for spending hours making the animal themed cakes and biscuits for the cake sale last week, which raised over £100. We really appreciate your support. The cakes were so popular we didn't get time to take a picture of the full range, as they flew off the shelves so quickly but you can see a small range of what was on offer below.



**In total, Farley & Bailey raised £127**, which will be hand delivered with our winners to Battersea Dogs and Cats home soon...

We had some incredible entries to the art competition, which made the judges' decision a challenging one. Well done to all of the children who took part!

**Art Competition Winners are:**

**Beau in Y1**

**Geethika & Anna in Y6**



Just a few of the other incredible entries:



### School Transportation Consultation

Bucks County Council has carried out a public consultation on changes to Home to School Transport. Please find attached the letter from transport team.

[https://www.westwycombe.bucks.sch.uk/storage/secure\\_download/Q0pmdVpxRG1TTJhU0ZRQmJ3eEs3Zz09](https://www.westwycombe.bucks.sch.uk/storage/secure_download/Q0pmdVpxRG1TTJhU0ZRQmJ3eEs3Zz09)

### Mother's Day Coffee Afternoon *Correction to time*

**The PTA are running a coffee afternoon to celebrate Mother's Day on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019 from 2pm-4pm.**

*(This is a correction from the previous newsletter, which stated it was a morning event.)*

Mums will have the opportunity to read some lovely things written by the children and to be entertained by the school choir. We hope to see you there!



## Safeguarding



### Mental health and wellbeing in schools

Mental Health is an important topic for us as a school, which is why we are working towards achieving a Mental Health in Schools award over the next 12 months. As part of that, we are conducting wellbeing surveys for our KS2 children over the next few weeks, so we can identify where children may need additional support.

Supporting children with mental health needs is vital in both primary and secondary schools.

Young Minds are encouraging children and young people aged 13 and over to participate in Ofsted's consultation on their new inspection guidelines. #TellOfsted enables children and young people to highlight the need for wellbeing and mental health to be included in inspections. The Ofsted consultation closes on 05 April 2019.

Any children over 13 years old who would like to contribute towards the consultation, can do so by following this link:

<https://act.youngminds.org.uk/tellofsted?source=widget>



### SATs

**SATs parent workshops will take place on 21<sup>st</sup> March for Y2 - 3-3.30pm - and Y6 - 3.45 - 4.15pm.**

All Year 2 & Year 6 parents are welcome!



### Academic Dates 2018/19

#### Spring Term 2019

Thursday 3 January – Friday 15 February 2019

Monday 25 February – Friday 5 April 2019

#### Summer Term 2019

Wednesday 24 April – Friday 24 May 2019

Tuesday 4 June – Wednesday 24 July 2019

#### Inset days 2018-19:

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

### Attendance

Reception-94.1 %

Year 1- 96.1 %

Year 2- 96.4 %

Year 3- 95.5 %

Year 4 – 95.0 %

Year 5 – 96.5 %

**Year 6 – 96.8%** 🌟



**every day counts**

ATTEND TODAY -

ACHIEVE TOMORROW!

### Dates for your diary

12<sup>th</sup> March

3.30-7.30pm – Parents Evening

13<sup>th</sup> March

3.30-5.30pm – Parents Evening

13<sup>th</sup> March

Year 3 class assembly

15<sup>th</sup> March

Red Nose Day – Mufti (PTA)

**18<sup>th</sup> March**

**Assessment week**

21<sup>st</sup> March

3pm – Y2 SATs Workshop

3.45pm – Y6 SATs Workshop

25<sup>th</sup> March

Y3 & 4 visit to Hindu temple

27<sup>th</sup> March

Year 2 class assembly

29<sup>th</sup> March

2-4pm - Mother's Day coffee & cake afternoon (PTA)

1<sup>st</sup> April

9.15am – Early Years Stay & Play

Easter bonnets & eggs due in

3<sup>rd</sup> April

3.30pm -PGL meeting Y6 parents

4<sup>th</sup> April

am - Headteacher's breakfast

Pm - Platinum reward time

**5<sup>th</sup> April**

**End of term 1.45pm**



**23<sup>rd</sup> April**

**Inset Day**

24<sup>th</sup> April

Children return to school

**25<sup>th</sup> April**

**Y4 swimming starts (weekly)**

1<sup>st</sup> May

3.15-5pm - Book Look

6<sup>th</sup> May

Bank Holiday

7<sup>th</sup> May

Ricky Brown Dance workshop

13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> May

KS2 SATs week Y6

18<sup>th</sup> May

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### Medical Request

Please can parents ensure that children bring back spare uniform (cleaned), including underwear, if they borrow them from school. We are running low on spare underwear – if anyone is able to donate any (in good condition), we would be very grateful.

