



West Wycombe Combined School

Newsletter

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“Nurturing Potential, Inspiring Minds, Excellence for All”

Kindness

Respect

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents & Carers,

Thank you to parents who came along to our workshops and parent update session, along with the Book Look. We hope you found the sessions supportive and informative.

On Wednesday, we held our first British Values Day! The purpose was to teach the children about the values we have as a country and to learn more about other religions that exist in the UK. Our hope is that, by educating the children to understand other beliefs and ways of living, that we further support the development of tolerance. Thank you to the parents who took part and our Chair of Governors, Tony Eccleston, who all came along and spoke to the children about their religions. We would also like to thank Mrs McCartney for her work arranging our British Values Day! She did a fantastic job of giving the children a range of speakers and the children learned so much.

We have lots of exciting things planned over the next few months, so lots to look forward to.

Have a wonderful Easter holiday!

Best wishes,

Ms A Preston
Headteacher

Happy Easter!



End of term

We break up for Easter holidays on 29th March at 1.45pm.



Office Helpers



We are trialing a new initiative whereby a couple of our Y6 children will man the office phones for half an hour at lunchtimes. They will take messages for Mrs Roberts and Miss Csumrik, but we would ask that parents do not leave any sensitive messages with them during this time. The children will also alert a member of staff if they see someone at the gate, through the CCTV, but will be unable to allow anyone in themselves.

The idea behind this initiative is to develop another aspect of responsibility for the children. We are so proud of how involved our Y6 children are in the day to day running of the school and how maturely they support the other children in school through their other various roles; this is another opportunity to for them to develop a further role of responsibility.

We will trial it over the next few weeks and, if all goes well, we will then work out the finer details of who takes part and when etc.

Year 3 Teacher

We are pleased to announce we have recruited a new teacher, who will be joining us from Easter, to teach in Y3. Mr Courtney originates from Canada but has been teaching in a school locally recently and he is very excited to join the team in April. He will be spending a couple of days with us next week, so feel free to say hi if you see him at the gate. There will be a transition between Mrs Hutton and Mr Courtney over these days next week, so he will be up to speed on the children and their needs moving forward.



Safeguarding

Absences

Remember:

- If your child is not going to be in school please call the school office before 10am to report their absence.
- If we have not heard from you by 10am we will attempt to contact the home by phone or Parentmail text. We will continue to call the telephone numbers in order on your child's contact list.
- If we still have not been able to ascertain where your child is then we may make a home visit.
- However, if we still haven't been able to get a response then we will report it to the police as your child will then be classed as a 'missing child in education'.

This is to ensure that we know where your child is and that you are all safe. Please let us know in good time why your child is absent from school.



Lunch

During the week of the Y6 PGL trip, week commencing 11th June, we are looking for some parent helpers to support at lunch times throughout the week. This is a result of us sending four members of staff to help on the trip.

If you are able to offer any time to come along and help us between 12-1pm that week, please get in touch with the office. Any help would be appreciated!



Easter Colouring Competition

Nusayba, in Y4, has arranged for the children to have the opportunity to take part in an Easter colouring competition. This is run through Tesco and, any children who are entering, should donate £1 per entry. The proceeds go to Motor Neurone Association and Scan Appeal. There are prizes for the selected winners.

If you would like your child to enter, please send in the colouring (on the sheets which are being sent home) into the office along with your £1 donation. The deadline for entering is 27th March.

Thank you to Nusayba and her family for supporting such a good cause.



Attendance

for the year so far!

Reception	- 95.1 %
Year 1	- 93.1 %
Year 2	- 93.7 %
Year 3	- 93.3 %
Year 4	- 96.0 % *
Year 5	- 95.8 %
Year 6	- 96.0 % *

Dates for your diary

23 rd March	PTA Sponsored Bounce & Sports Relief
26 th March	Ricky Brown Dance Workshop – all Classes
27 th March	Reception and Y1 trip to Lost World Park
	Y3 Football tournament
28 th March	Platinum Reward Time
	3.45pm – Girls Football match
29 th March	Headteacher's Breakfast
	Break up for Easter – 1.45pm
16 th April	INSET DAY
17 th April	Children return to school
27 th April	Mufti day – May Fair donations
29 th April	Nearly New table top sale – village hall
7 th May	Bank Holiday
12 th May	WWCS May Fair



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