



West Wycombe Combined School

Newsletter

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“Nurturing Potential, Inspiring Minds, Excellence for All”

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents & Carers,

This week, our Charity Reps - Farley Dow and Bailey Evans - have prepared an exciting fundraising event. They are running an animal art competition in aid of Battersea Dogs' and Cats' Home. Children should pay a minimum donation of £1 to enter. Children should simply submit a piece of artwork based on animals, to take part. Artwork can include drawings, paintings, clay models, origami etc. Bailey and Farley will choose the winners on 6th March, with results announced in assembly on 8th March. There will be four winners:

- Two runners-up, who will win 10 house-points each
- Two the winners, who will be invited to visit Battersea Dogs' & Cats' Home in Old Windsor, where they will get to meet some furry residents and be able to present the money raised by the school to the charity.

Art work should be submitted to the office by 6th March.

Interim Reports will be given out to parents early in March. These will provide a snapshot of how your children are making progress. Parents will then have an opportunity to talk through any questions and further detail during parents evening.

Please can I remind parents again that there are **clear parking procedures** in place for parents when picking up and dropping off children. There continues to be individual parents who feel they do not need to follow these rules, which is very disappointing. Neighbours have complained to the school about cars and vans parking outside the school to drop off children and driving carelessly. It is not acceptable that 99% of parents park where they should and walk across the hill but there continues to be a small number who drive straight to the school, despite ongoing reminders. Details of number plates will be handed to the police. I would like to thank those parents again who continue to follow the policy and prioritise the children's safety.

Best wishes,

Ms A Preston
Headteacher



Half Term Dates

Please remember we break up on :
Friday 15th February at 3.15pm

And return on:

Monday 25th February at 8.45am



Smart Watches

Just recently, we have had to deal with an issue in school regarding a Smartwatch and photos potentially being taken by the child wearing it. Fortunately, no photographs were taken in this case, however, it did highlight to our Senior Leadership Team the potential safeguarding risk that this could bring, into a school setting.

We are therefore requesting that children do NOT wear a Smartwatch to school, if it has the functionality to take photographs on it.



SATs

SATs parent workshops will take place on 21st March for Y2 - 3-3.30pm - and Y6 - 3.45 - 4.15pm

Y6 Boosters

We recently started intensive booster work with Y6, in preparation for the SATs in May. The booster work is being delivered by Mrs Sutton, Mrs Rowley and Mrs Woon.

Mrs Woon is working with us short-term; she is an experienced leader of education and she is working with Y6 for two days a week over the next few months.

SATs Dates:

Key stage 1

May 2019	Key stage 1 test period
Week commencing Monday 10 June 2019	Phonics screening check week

Key stage 2

Date	Activity
Monday 13 May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2
Tuesday 14 May	English reading
Wednesday 15 May	Mathematics papers 1 and 2
Thursday 16 May	Mathematics paper 3

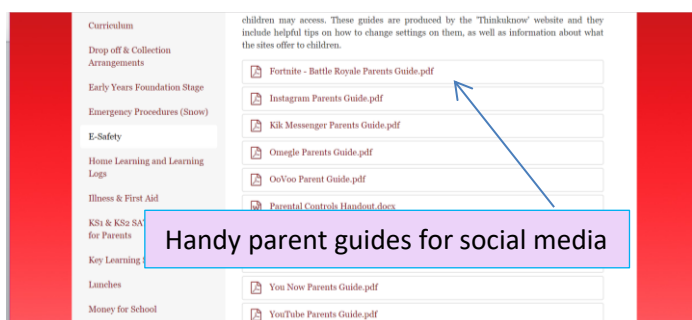
Safeguarding

ESafety

As it is E-Safety week, we wanted to share some useful information for parents, in order to support children to stay safe online.

We have lots of resources on E-safety on our school website, including parental guides to most of the popular social network platforms, links for reporting concerns and videos to help parents talk to their children about the need to stay safe online.

<https://www.westwycombe.bucks.sch.uk/website/e-safety/296656>



Parental controls are an important way to keep your child safe online.

Parental controls can be used to block upsetting or harmful content, control in-app purchases or manage how long your child spends online. And the good news is parental controls are really easy to set up.

Innocent searches sometimes reveal not so innocent results. So if you're worried about what your child is searching for online, who they're talking to or what they're seeing, the NSPCC can help.

It's simple to get started. And, along with talking to your child regularly, using parental controls is one of the best ways to help keep children safe online. You'll find lots more information below - or give the NSPCC a call on **0808 800 5002**.

Net Aware a guide to social networks

Net Aware reviews around 40 of the most popular social networking sites, apps and games used by children and young people. It also gives the views of parents and children.

Net Aware is a great resource where you can find information about:

- suitable ages
- privacy settings
- appropriate content
- safety and support settings

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>



Attendance

Reception-93.8 %

Year 1- 95.8 %

Year 2- 96.2 %

Year 3- 95.2 %

Year 4 - 94.8 %

Year 5 - 96.1 %

Year 6 - 97.0 % 🌟



every day counts
ATTEND TODAY -
ACHIEVE TOMORROW!

Dates for your diary

13th February

14th February

15th February

Year 2 class assembly

2pm - Early Years Stay & Play

Half Term

4.30-6pm - Valentines Ball (PTA)



25th February

6th March

7th March

12th March

13th March

13th March

15th March

18th March

21st March

Children return to school

Battersea Art Competition closes

World Book Day

3.30-7.30pm - Parents Evening

3.30-5.30pm - Parents Evening

Year 3 class assembly

Red Nose Day - Mufti (PTA)

Assessment week

3pm - Y2 SATs Workshop

3.45pm - Y6 SATs Workshop

Y3 & 4 visit to Hindu temple

Year 2 class assembly

Mother's Day coffee & cake morning (PTA)

9.15am - Early Years Stay & Play

3.30pm -PGL meeting Y6 parents

End of term 1.45pm

Y4 swimming starts

1st April

3rd April

5th April

25th April



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 5th September

Monday 29th October

Wednesday 2nd January

Tuesday 23rd April

Monday 3rd June