



West Wycombe Combined School

Newsletter

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents & Carers,

We have had another busy couple of weeks at WWCS. You will notice we have had a metal fence installed against the wall that links the pre-school to the main Victorian building. This was installed to ensure the wall was safe for children, given there is a 6ft drop on the other side. We are working with the council to make further improvements to the school over the next academic year.

We have our Open Days booked for 1st November and 15th November at 10am. Please share these dates with anyone who may be interested in applying for next year.

Also, I would like to thank parents for the positive feedback regarding the new homework diaries. We hope you find them a beneficial tool to support the children's learning.

I will not be in school for the week commencing 8th October. Unfortunately, I need to have a shoulder operation so Mrs Sutton and Mrs Alexander will be the main points of contact in my absence. I hope to be available the following week.

Best wishes,



Ms A Preston
Headteacher

After School Club

Little Flyers after school club is contactable at:

admin@littleflyersstokenchurch.co.uk

GDPR Forms

Thank you to the parents who have sent back their GDPR forms. If you have not done so yet, please ensure these are sent to the office by Wednesday 26th September.

Facebook

Remember to join us on Facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/WestWycombeCombinedSchool/>



Green Tokens - Waitrose

Thank you to those of you who have been using the Green Token scheme at Waitrose. There is only a week left so please keep getting those tokens, where you can!



Parking

Please remember that all parents must use the carpark at the garden centre for dropping off children and picking up. This is to ensure that children are safe when travelling to and from school and to manage the traffic levels past the school.

The only exceptions are for parents or children with disabilities or physical needs, which have been pre-arranged with the school.

Please also take care when walking to school. We have had concerns raised, about the safety of some of our children, from the nearby businesses. They are reporting that some children are walking ahead of their parents and then playing dangerously in the car park below the school or on the road. There are a number of cars that come in and out in the mornings so please make the children aware that doing this is not safe.



Fire Alarm

Thank you for supporting the staff and children when the fire alarm rang this week. It was not a drill but there was no apparent reason for it ringing. We have had the company out to check the systems and it all seems in order. Although it went off at a challenging time, it is always beneficial to experience a drill at these times, as they often expose different logistical issues that need to be considered, in case of a real fire. We have a clear system when it comes to our fire drill practice and the children did well to follow instructions. Thank you to the staff who worked together to overcome any issues that did arise. We will be having a fire drill soon, which we do termly, to ensure the processes work as efficiently as possible.

Accelerated Reader Books

We are looking to expand our reading books for the children over the coming year. If parents have any books which are no longer used or required, we would really appreciate any donations to the school.

If you would like to check if any of the books you have at home are part of the AR scheme, you can check by visiting the following link:

<http://www.arbookfind.co.uk/default.aspx>

Dates for your diary

26 th September	Y5 & 6 E-Safety Production
27 th September	RGS boys support begins
28 th September	2pm - PTA AGM
3 rd October	Reception class assembly
4 th October	Flu vaccines R-Y5
10 th October	9am - Early Years Stay & Play for parents
w/c 15 th Oct	Sponsored read begins
16 th October	3.30-7.30pm - Parents' Evening
17 th October	Y3 class assembly
	3.30-5.30pm - Parents Evening
19th October	3.15 - Half Term



29th October	INSET day
30 th October	Children return to school
1 st November	10am - Open day
6 th November	2.30pm - Phonics workshop for parents
15 th November	10am - Open day
22 nd November	6pm - Bedtime stories (Rec & Y1)

Academic Dates 2018/19

Autumn Term 2018

Thursday 6 September – Friday 19 October 2018

Tuesday 30 October – Wednesday 19 December 2018

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

Attendance

Attendance will continue to be a key focus for us this year. Please support the children to ensure they have good attendance and they arrive in school on time every day. Term time holidays are not permitted and will incur fines.

Please remember the gate shuts at 8.45am each morning. Should you arrive past this time, children will need to come in through the front entrance. It is important the gate is able to shut on time, in order to ensure that senior leaders are in class on time and for assembly etc. to start on time.



every day counts

ATTEND TODAY -
ACHIEVE TOMORROW!

Musical Instruments Y5 & 6

Children in Y5 & 6 have now begun their whole class music lessons. In Y5, they are learning to play the ukulele and in Y6, the guitar. The feedback from the children so far is very encouraging.

Our hope is that the children engage with this opportunity to learn to play an instrument. The instruments that they use are borrowed from the music centre, but we would be delighted if children wished to purchase their own instruments, so they can practice at home also. They would be welcome to bring them in to their music lessons, if they wish to. Guitars and ukuleles can be purchased from various retailers, such as Argos or Amazon, starting at about £20. This is optional.



Chamber Music Festival

Mrs Sutton, Mrs Walshaw and Year 5 would like to thank Lawrence and Carol Power for inviting us to attend the West Wycombe Chamber Music Festival on Friday 14th September. It was a most enjoyable afternoon.

After a lovely walk up the hill to St. Lawrence's Church, we were entertained by outstanding music ranging from The Brexit Polka to Ferdinand the Bull. Our favourite piece was Ferdinand the Bull!! - it was hilarious! We look forward to, perhaps, doing some collaborative work with Lawrence towards the end of the academic year.

Mrs Sutton