



West Wycombe Combined School

Newsletter

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"Nurturing Potential, Inspiring Minds, Excellence for All"

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents & Carers,

The children have had a wonderful week this week ... not just because of the four day week but also because they had their Ricky Brown Dance workshops on Tuesday. The children learned a high pace new choreography for a dance in their session which they performed for some of the staff and I at the end. The children were so well behaved and really engaged with their dancing. It was lovely to see. Thank you Ricky for visiting us for a second year – we will look forward to the next workshops.

We have had another busy few weeks, preparing for SATs etc. and the Y6 residential trip. We have been short staffed this week but I would like to thank the staff team as they have been incredible, supporting the school and doing extra duties to help keep everything running as usual. We try very hard to ensure there is consistency wherever possible and the additional duties our staff do when we have staff sickness makes it possible.

We have been hoping for better weather but to no avail recently. Hopefully it will improve soon but please ensure children come to school with a coat in the meantime as some of the playtimes are particularly cold or wet at the moment and it is important that children are still able to enjoy the fresh air.

Best wishes,
Ms A Preston



Raffle Ticket Competition

Today the children have been sent home with two books of raffle tickets today.

The raffle prizes are:

1st - George & Dragon £50 voucher

2nd - Family day out

3rd - Dashcam

along with many more prizes to win!

There will be a raffle ticket competition for the children - **the class with the most ticket sales will win their own mufti day!** Children can sell as many tickets as possible.

All funds raised will go towards the improvement of resurfacing the playground. All tickets sold or unsold should be returned to the school office by Thursday 16th May.

The May Fayre will take place on Saturday 18th May 2019.

Mental Health Trailblazer

We are thrilled to share that we have been chosen to be one of the few schools who will be taking part in the Mental Health Trailblazer projects that the NHS is launching in the UK.

As part of this project, we will have a mental health support team (MHST) who will provide in-reach support; the primary focus of these teams will be to deliver evidence based interventions to children and young people that have emerging low to moderate mental health needs bridging the gap between schools and specialist NHS services, and increasing the awareness of mental health and wellbeing in the educational environment.

We will also have a senior member of staff undertaking training to be the Mental Health Lead in school in the near future.

This is an extremely exciting project for us to take part in, as supporting our children's emotional and mental health is a key priority for us as a school and this will hopefully go some way in supporting children who otherwise wouldn't have met threshold for support. You can read more about it here:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/mental-health/cyp/trailblazers/>



Red Card Medical System



We have been reminding children recently about the use of our red medical cards in classes. Each class has a card as shown above – they are there for children to use if there is an emergency and an additional adult is needed in class. For example, on the unlikely event a teacher collapsed in class or if a child became very ill and an additional adult was needed, the children know to take the card to the office or a nearby classroom and help will come.

Thank you to Dulux

A big thank you to Stuart at the **DULUX DECORATOR CENTRE IN HIGH WYCOMBE** who kindly donated lots of paint for our school to help with updating a number of areas.



Safeguarding

Online safety

SWGfI has released a report on the role of technology within families and online safety. Responses have been collected from over 20,000 children and SWGfI also worked with Mumsnet and the Internet Watch Foundation to gather information from 1,035 parents about their. Parents' biggest concerns were harmful content, bullying, and inappropriate contact. Almost two thirds of children reported having online 'house rules' but over 60% know how to bypass some or all of these rules. The report concludes that 'house rules' help address some concerns but cannot replace an open dialogue about online safety.



Attendance

Reception-94.0%

Year 1- 96.7%

Year 2- 96.4%

Year 3- 95.6%

Year 4 – 95.4%

Year 5 – 96.6%

Year 6 – 96.7% 🌟



**Whole school attendance is:
95.8%**

Ricky Brown Dance Workshop – Newsletter Reporter

Hello it's Kyla M. Today my newsletter is to inform you about Ricky brown on Tuesday. All the years had a chance to dance. Everyone really loved to see Ricky again and dance again. There was a lot of dance going on in the hall all day. All the children learnt a new routine and learnt some new songs! We loved having Ricky and we hope to see him again next year!



Y3 Art Competition

Following on from the success of the latest art competition, Y3 have decided to take the lead in a new art competition, to raise money for endangered species. They are asking children to make some art work about any endangered species and submit it with a £1 donation. The winner will be able to choose an endangered animal to sponsor. Art entries must be received by 24th May. .



Dates for your diary

13th – 17th May
18th May
w/c 20th May

KS2 SATs week Y6
WWCS May Fayre
Y2 SATs week
Y6 residential trip to Liddington
Half Term 3.15pm

24th May



3rd June
4th June
7th June

Inset day
Children return to school
Y6 transition workshop (first of four sessions)
Y1 phonics testing week
Y5 class assembly
9am-10.15 – EY Stay & Play
Class photos
Assessment week
MIND session with Y6
Sponsored bounce PTA
Y5 Parent meeting – Secondary transfer test & PGL trip

10th June
12th June

14th June
w/c 17th June
20th June
21st June
25th June

Y4 class assembly
Transition Day
R & Y1 class assembly
6pm – Talent Show
Final Y4 swimming lesson
Rec & Y1 Trip to Lookout Centre
Sports Day
7pm - Y6 production
Reserve Sports Day
HT Breakfast &
Platinum Reward Time

26th June
2nd July
3rd July

4th July
5th July
12th July
17th July
18th July
23rd July

24th July

End of term 1.45pm



Academic Dates 2018/19

Summer Term 2019

Wednesday 24 April – Friday 24 May 2019

Tuesday 4 June – Wednesday 24 July 2019

Inset Days:
June 3rd 2019