



West Wycombe Combined School

Newsletter

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents & Carers,

Firstly, I wanted to thank parents for the overwhelming support we receive from you all. As I am sure you are all aware, we have had to manage some logistical challenges from being short-staffed this half term and we are pleased that we have managed to make arrangements which have meant that all of the children have a strong teaching team around them. We understand change can be unsettling but our parents have been very supportive of the decisions made, which we greatly appreciate. We have also received some lovely comments, cards and feedback from parents recently, which has really brightened our days along with having offers of additional help from individual parents also.

We have a strong staffing team at West Wycombe, which we are very grateful for. They are all working hard to ensure the children enjoy school and learn interesting topics but they also are very supportive of the school, offering to do additional jobs whilst we manage a short period of limited staffing this term. It really epitomizes what West Wycombe School is all about.

Best wishes,
Ms A Preston
Headteacher



Hot Dinners

We recently asked parents on Facebook about whether they would like to have hot dinners available for the children. We had an overwhelming 'Yes' in response, in the majority, and as a result, we have secured a new provider, Innovate Services, to offer hot school meals from January. This is an exciting development for our school and we believe that this will have an impact on the children and their learning.

Parents of children in Early Years and Key Stage 1 will continue to benefit from free school meals, under the Government's scheme (UIFSM), along with those families who qualify for Free School Meals (FSM); they will be able to order online with no costs. Parents of children in Key Stage 2 will be able to purchase their hot meals online. There will be a packed lunch option for school trips and for children who wish to still have a packed lunch.

There will be a free taster session for all parents on 26th November at 3.30pm in the hall. Please come along to taste the food and find out more about how to order from January.



Book Looks

12th December 3.15-5.15pm

We will be running our Book Look event this term on 12th December. **Parents can turn up anytime between 3.15 to 5.15pm** to look at their children's books and class teachers will be available for informal discussions, should you wish to. You are welcome to have a wonder around the school to see other classrooms, so you can see the fantastic work that has been taking place in lessons.



Suggestions Box

We appreciate receiving all feedback and ideas from parents and children, therefore, we are installing a new suggestions box outside the office over the next week. Please pop in and contribute ideas you may have to help us to make the school the best it can be.



Safeguarding

We have been learning about bullying this week as part of the annual anti-bullying week, which is held nationally. Bullying is a really important topic for our children to be aware of and what to do if they think they are being bullied. We have discussed with the children that bullying is intentional and happens more than once. We have also shared with children the importance of them talking to adults if they are worried about anything. Whether it is suspected bullying or individual incidents that children are concerned about, it is really important that they share these with adults at school. We are lucky that bullying is rare at WWCS but please encourage children to talk to staff if they are ever worried about anything.



Young Carers

Mrs McCartney is starting a Young Carers support group in school. This is an initiative that we feel is important and it can make a real difference to any children who are caring for a family member. If you think your child may benefit from support as a result of caring for someone else, please contact Mrs McCartney, who can discuss what is involved.



WWCS Newsletter Reporters



Farley Dow



Scarlett Luxford



Bryn West

From Year 6:



Kyla Marley



Sufyaan Mohammed

From Year 5:

We would like to introduce you to our newly appointed Newsletter Reporters from Y5 & Y6. They will be sharing their latest news with you in our newsletters and keeping parents abreast with the inside scoop from West Wycombe Combined School!



Attendance

Reception-96.2 %
Year 1- 95.0 %
Year 2- 96.8 %
Year 3- 95.3 %
Year 4 – 94.5 %
Year 5 – 96.0 %

Year 6 – 98.2 % 🌟🌟

Our whole school attendance this term to date is 96.1%, which is a big improvement from last year. Well done children!



Dates for your diary

22 nd November	Y3 trip - Amersham Field Centre
	6pm-Bedtime stories (Rec & Y1)
23 rd November	Mufti Day – Chocolate donations
	MIND Peer mentoring training ^(Y6)
w/c 26 th Nov	Whole school assessment week
26 th November	3.30 - Hot dinners taster session
28 th November	Y6 Class assembly - 9am
7 th December	2-3pm - Early Year Stay & Play
10 th December	am - Image Theatre – Pinocchio
11 th December	9.30am - Early Years & KS1 Christmas Play
	Y4 & Y5 Visit to Wycombe Swan (Arrival back to school at 4.30pm)
12 th December	1.30pm - Early Years & KS1 Christmas Play
	3.15-5.15pm - Book Look
13 th December	7pm - KS2 Christmas Concert
18 th December	am – Headteacher’s Breakfast Pm – Platinum Reward Time
19th December	End of term 1.45pm



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