



# West Wycombe Combined School

## Newsletter

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### Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents & Carers,

I would like to start by thanking the parents who came to school for our new Book Looks last night. It was lovely to see the children so excited to share their good work with you.

We have had a busy couple of weeks in the run up to Christmas. My first experience of the West Wycombe Christmas fayre was fantastic. Seeing how festive the village felt was amazing and there is such a strong community spirit in West Wycombe (one of the many reasons I am so fond of the village).

In school, our first Stay and Play took place today in Reception – thanks to Mrs Alexander for arranging this initiative.

Rehearsals are well underway for the KS1 Christmas production along with the KS2 carol singing.

The Christmas parties will take place next week –

*EY, Y1, 2 & 3 on Tuesday*

*Y4, 5 & 6 on Friday*

Children have been asked to bring in party food for their party day – please remember we are a nut free school so we would appreciate it if you could check that any food you send in is nut-free.

**Please remember school closes at 1.45pm on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December. We will reopen on January 4<sup>th</sup> at 8.30am.**

Best wishes,

### Breakfast Club/ Wrap Around Care

We are excited to confirm that the new wrap around care for West Wycombe School will be with Friends at Play. As an existing childcare provider, they still need to apply to Ofsted, which they are in the process of doing. As the wait usually takes a few months, we have arranged to start this club officially from the start of Summer term, in April. Friends at Play will therefore provide a wrap-around care service to our children before school from 7.30 - 8.30am and after school from 3.15pm until 6.15pm.

We are aware that there is an immediate need for a breakfast club in the mornings in the meantime. Therefore, we have arranged for an **exciting interim breakfast club to start on January 4<sup>th</sup> with Premier Sports** – the providers of our PE coaches and our successful after school sports clubs. **The breakfast club will be available from 7.30am to 8.30am Monday to Thursday.** The cost for each morning will be £4.25 and Premier will have fun activities available along with quieter activities on offer each morning. You can book by visiting:

#### HOW TO BOOK

Step 1 - Visit at [www.premier-education.com](http://www.premier-education.com) and click enrol your child

Step 2 – Search West Wycombe in the Venue box

Step 3 – Select the Start Active club and select your dates (you can book block weeks, days or even a specific date)

Step 4 – Confirm booking (£4.25 per morning) and you will receive confirmation via email



### Attendance Competition

This term we are running an attendance competition for the last two weeks of term. The competition covers the period from **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December to Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December**. Some of the classes are very close in attendance this week already.

The winning class will get their own special mufti day on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December and earn an extra playtime!

### Who will be our Attendance Heroes?



### Staffing

I am sorry to say that we are saying goodbye to two more members of staff this term. Mrs Forrest has decided to focus on spending time with her lovely young daughter. We are sad to lose such a lovely teacher. We are working hard to fill Mrs Forrest's teaching commitment, which we are looking to do internally, due to the disruption they experienced previously. Once arrangements have been finalised, we will share it with parents as a priority.

We are also going to say goodbye to Mrs Capel. She has been at the school for a number of years and has decided to go to pastures new. We are in the process of recruiting for her replacement. We will certainly miss them and wish them all the best for the future.

## Safeguarding

### Online safety

The Children's Commissioner for England and Tes have produced simplified terms and conditions for Instagram, WhatsApp, YouTube, Snapchat and Facebook to help parents and carers support their children to manage their rights and privacy online. You can download them below:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Childrens-Commissioners-Simplified-Social-Media-Terms-and-Conditions.pdf>

### Standing up to bullying

Voice Box, Childline's weekly video chat, features Alice and Julia discussing building confidence after bullying.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/types-bullying/building-confidence-bullying/>



## Coats

Please remember to send your children into school wrapped up with a warm coat every day. The weather is turning extremely cold therefore without coats, children will not be able to play outside. They are welcome to bring in scarves, gloves and hats too. Please make sure all items are labelled with their names.



## House Art Competition

A message from our House Captains & Charlie Stupples

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We have great pleasure in informing you about an inter-house art competition that is taking place in school. Entries are now **open until Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**. The theme is Winter or Christmas!

Children can use any materials or mediums for their entry. Artwork can be 2D or 3D.

Winners will be announced on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Good luck children!



## Book Looks Evaluations

Thank you to all of the parents who attended the Book Looks last night. This is a new initiative we are trialing and we would really appreciate your feedback on this. We are always looking for ways to keep parents informed of their children's progress and have an open door, so that you can see all the good work that is going on. We would really appreciate your feedback on whether you felt this was a worthwhile event.

## Attendance

for the term so far!

Reception – 96.94 %



Year 1- 92.28 %

Year 4 - 96.36 %

Year 2- 94.67 %

Year 5 – 94.67 %

Year 3- 93.34 %

Year 6 – 95.91 %

## Academic Dates

### Autumn Term 2017

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October - Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017

### Spring Term 2018

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February - Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018

### Summer Term 2018

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June - Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018

## Dates for your diary

11 <sup>th</sup> December	Image Theatre production
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5 Trip to Warwick Castle
	EYFS, Y1, Y2 & Y3 Christmas Party day
14 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am EYFS/KS1 Christmas Production
	KS2 Christmas Concert – 7.00pm
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Save the Children Christmas jumper day
	Y4, Y5 & Y6 Christmas Party day
	2.00pm EYFS/KS1 Christmas Production
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Headteacher's Breakfast reward
<b>19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>End of Term – school finishes at 1.45pm</b>
	Spring Term
3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2018	INSET day
<b>4<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Children return to school</b>
8 <sup>th</sup> January	Y4 Swimming begins

### Inset days:

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018