



West Wycombe Combined School

Newsletter

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have had a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

Firstly, I would like to thank parents for the thoughtful gifts and cards over Christmas. I was very touched by the kind words and gestures and I know the staff were also.

An update on staffing: We have had a number of staff who are not in school at the moment, due to either being poorly or because they are managing illness of close family. This means that, at present, we are managing with less staff, which may result in some temporary changes of cover teachers or days for planning (PPA) time etc.

We are currently without Mr Castell, Mrs Walshaw and Mrs McDonough. In order to support the relevant classes in this period, we have recruited a temporary supply teacher, who is very experienced, called Mrs King. She will be covering PPA time in Y3 on a Monday morning (as opposed to a Wednesday afternoon) and Y2 on a Monday afternoon (as opposed to Wednesday afternoon). Mrs Ellis will be covering some of Mrs Walshaw's teaching commitment for the next couple of weeks also. If other members of staff are poorly over the next few weeks, it may mean we have to change around other classes' PPA time or cover but we will try to ensure we have as much consistency as possible.

I would like to thank Mr Bilton, who has been helping us with some jobs in Mr Castell's absence.

We are pleased to confirm we have successfully appointed a new School Administrator called Mrs Roberts. She is an experienced School Administrator, who has been working in another school in Bucks, and she will be starting her role with us next Monday 15th January. Please feel free to pop in and say hi to her when she starts. A big thank you to Mrs Csumrik, who has been a superb Receptionist in the meantime!

Best wishes,

Ms A Preston
Headteacher

Vision Launch Day

Following on from our new Vision being shared, we have arranged a vision launch day on 17th January. This will be a day for the children to explore the new values and vision.

For the vision launch day, the children will wear mufti based on the colour (value) their class is allocated:

Year R & 1 - **Happiness** - pink

Year 2 - **Positivity** - purple

Year 3 - **Kindness** - green

Year 4 - **Honesty** - yellow

Year 5 - **Respect** - orange

Year 6 - **Ambition** - red

The launch day will mean that all lessons that day are based around each class's value.

Children will take part in creating art work, writing and drama etc. and each class will then share their work in assembly at the end of the day.



Parents' Updates

We will be sending home an interim assessment summary for parents in the next few days. This will inform parents of how their child is progressing after the first term. The summary will be a brief document, showing attainment and attendance, and we hope this will help parents to feel better informed about their children's attainment.

Attendance and punctuality will be a key focus for us this term. It is vital that our attendance improves, as we are still below national levels. Please remember that, if children arrive after the registers close, this is classed as an unauthorised absence.

We will be sending out an update for parents on how the school is progressing shortly also.

Safeguarding

Online safety

The UK Safer Internet Centre offers advice for families wanting to set online safety resolutions for the new year. Tips include: have an open and honest conversation; create a family agreement; look at all your accounts; use the internet together.



Breakfast Club/ Wrap Around Care

Our new breakfast club started last week. The club does not offer breakfast as standard, however, we will provide some cereals for the club, which the children can choose from. If you would like to send in your own cereal or breakfast bars, you are welcome to do so (but please ensure they are nut free).

Breakfast club is running **Mondays to Thursdays**.

HOW TO BOOK

Step 1 - Visit at 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



Stay & Play with the Pre-school

This Thursday we are arranging another Stay & Play session but this time we are inviting children and parents from the Pre-school to come along and meet the staff and the children. It will run from 11am-12pm.

If any parents would like support with making their school applications for Reception class, please get in touch.

A poster for 'Stay and Play' at West Wycombe School. The title 'Stay and Play' is written in large, yellow, block letters with a black outline. The word 'Stay' is on the top line, 'and' is in the middle, and 'Play' is on the bottom line. The letters are decorated with colorful handprints. To the left of the title is a circular logo for West Wycombe School. Below the title, the text reads: 'Stay and Play' at West Wycombe Combined School Reception. Children hoping to attend West Wycombe School in September 2018 are invited to come and play with us on: Thursday 11th January 11:00am - 12:00. The children can come over from the preschool or they can be brought in by parents (if it is not a day they attend preschool). Parents are welcome to join their children at the school. This is a chance for the children and parents to spend some time in the classroom, 'test' the toys, chat to staff and experience how the children learn at school. At the bottom, there is an illustration of colorful building blocks and a pencil. The text 'We hope many of you will come and join in the fun!' and 'School Office: 01494 523318' is also present.

Dates for your diary

Spring Term

8th January	Y4 Swimming begins
15th January	Primary school applications close
17th January	Vision Launch Day - mufti (value colour)
22nd January	Young Carers Assembly
w/c 5th Feb	SEND plans reviews with parents
6th February	Safer Internet Day
7th February	Headteacher's breakfast
8th February	Y5 trip to Warwick Castle
9th February	Platinum reward time pm
20th February	Image Theatre - Robin Hood
6th March	3.30-7.30pm Parents consultations
7th March	3.30-5.30pm Parents consultations



Academic Dates

Autumn Term 2017

Wednesday 6th September - Friday 20th October 2017

Monday 30th October - Tuesday 19th December 2017

Spring Term 2018

Thursday 4th January - Friday 9th February 2018

Monday 19th February - Thursday 29th March 2018

- Please note it is Friday 9th not 8th February

Summer Term 2018

Tuesday 17th April - Friday 25th May 2018

Tuesday 5th June - Tuesday 24th July 2018

Inset days:

Monday 4th September 2017
Tuesday 5th September 2017
Wednesday 3rd January 2018
Monday 16th April 2018
Monday 4th June 2018