



West Wycombe Combined School

Newsletter

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents & Carers,

What a busy week! We have had some super emails and comments again from parents and the community this week. Thank you again for taking the time to share these with us.

We have been busy trying to finalise details for the wrap around care over the past few weeks. We are aiming to get this up and running by Easter holidays. This is a little longer than we initially hoped but it is because the provider needs to apply for the Ofsted registration before we can finalise timings. We will update you as we know more.

We had some excellent feedback from Miss Piercy this week about our football team:

Every single one of the boys displayed outstanding effort and the behaviour shown today was impeccable! Player of the tournament without a doubt goes to Ozias Dow (year 5) for his energy and persistence. Well done year 6 we are all very proud of you!

Well done team!

Best wishes,

Ms A Preston
Headteacher



Staffing

I am sorry to say that we are saying goodbye to two members of staff this term. Mrs Atkinson has decided to retire at Christmas, so she can spend more time with her family. Mrs Murray, a new teacher to the school, will be taking over the reins in Y1. We will introduce you to her as soon as possible.

We are also saying farewell to our lovely bursar, Mrs Payne, who will be leaving us next week. We will miss both of them but we wish them the well for the future.

Open days

We are thrilled to have held some fantastic open days. We were overwhelmed by the positive feedback we received.

A special thank you goes to our lovely parents who came to help on the days and of course to our y6 children who showed the parents around; we received wonderful comments about our children and their enthusiasm for the school. We also had four incredible y6 children, who made their own presentation for the parents. They were very brave to stand up and present the way they did. We were so, so proud of them.

Well done to all of our y6 children, especially George Hedger, Jessica Hart, Cameron Johnson & Charlotte Moore.

Children's quote of the term (as reported by a prospective parent): "School was a bronze star before but now it's a million gold stars"!

Well Done!

Book Looks

7th December 3.15-5.15pm

We are starting a new initiative this term, called Book Looks. Parents are invited to come into school to look at all of their children's books and classrooms, so you can see the fantastic work that has been taking place in lessons.

Teachers will be available to have an informal chat with, should you wish to.

You can turn up anytime between 3.15 to 5.15pm and you are welcome to have a look around school too.



Safeguarding

Live streaming resources

Thinkuknow has launched #Liveskills a package of resources focusing on live streaming, aimed at professionals working with primary and secondary school aged children and their parents and carers. Issues covered include: the types of tactics offenders use on live streaming platforms; skills to think critically about the people they meet online; identifying and responding to pressure and manipulation online; and understanding online sexual abuse and sources of support. Registration is needed to access the free resources.

Safeguarding Lead

We have recently updated our roles for safeguarding. From now on, Mrs Sutton will lead on safeguarding and child protection matters. Both Ms Preston & Mrs Alexander are also trained leads and can be contactable regarding safeguarding, if Mrs Sutton is unavailable. The safeguarding governor continues to be Mrs Warnock-Horn.



Image Theatre

We have booked in a theatre group called Image Theatre who will perform 'The Selfish Giant' to the school on December 11th. Some of the children will have an opportunity to take part in the performance too. Please look out for a letter which has come home about it.



Early Years



Reception Class 'Stay and Play'

We will be having our first Stay and Play session on

Friday 8th December 2:00pm – 3:15pm.

This is a chance for parents, grandparents or carers to come into school and play/work with their children in the classroom environment. It is a great opportunity to see the classroom and experience how the children learn at school.

If you would like to come along please let Mrs Alexander or Miss Piercy know (via home communication books or just speak to us after school)

We hope many of you will come and join in the fun!



Attendance for the term so far!

Reception – 98.04 %



Year 1- 92.37 %

Year 4 – 96.64 %

Year 2- 95.10 %

Year 5 – 94.84 %

Year 3- 93.04 %

Year 6 – 96.44 %

Reception are in the lead still! Who will be the year group to surpass them?

Dates for your diary

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| w/c 27 th Nov | Assessment week (date has changed) |
| 7 th December | Book look |
| 8 th December | 2.00pm Stay & Play – Reception class |
| 11 th December | Image Theatre production |
| 12 th December | Year 5 Trip to Warwick Castle |
| 14 th December | EYFS/KS1 Christmas Performance 9.30am KS2 Christmas Concert – 7.00pm HT breakfast |
| 15 th December | Save the Children Christmas jumper day EYFS/KS1 Christmas Performance 2.00pm |
| 18 th December | Headteacher's Breakfast reward |
| 19 th December | End of Term – school finishes at 1.45pm |



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 - Thursday 8th February 2018

Monday 19th February - Thursday 29th March 2018

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