



West Wycombe Combined School

Newsletter

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents & Carers,

Firstly, I hope you have all had a lovely half-term break and that you are ready for the run up to Christmas! Only 52 days left! ☺

Thank you to all of the parents who have been emailing in to school or offering positive feedback through various means. It really brightens our day when the staff and I hear the lovely comments we have been receiving and it really makes our jobs even more rewarding to feel we are making a difference!

I also wanted to mention our fantastic Year 6 children, who I have been really impressed with recently. They have been excellent play leaders and reading buddies with our younger half of the school and they have really taken their responsibilities seriously. Although the children know how we feel about them, I thought it was important to recognise them for their hard work. Well done children!

Best wishes,


Ms A Preston
Headteacher

Vision

A huge thank you to all of the parents who completed our short survey to help us formulate our new vision. We are currently analysing the results and the final vision will come out to parents soon.

Attendance

for the term so far!

Reception – 98.61%	
Year 1 - 91.23 %	Year 4 - 96.52%
Year 2 - 94.66%	Year 5 - 93.78%
Year 3 - 93.35%	Year 6 - 95.92%

Attendance is a key focus for us this year as we work hard to secure at least a good Ofsted grading. There is a clear correlation between attainment and attendance, so it is really important that the children attend school regularly.

Therefore, attendance will be monitored weekly, both individually, in classes and in groups. We fully appreciate that, when a child is poorly, they need to be tucked up in bed and this is unavoidable. However, our attendance is impacted by children going on trips or holidays during term time. Attendance below 95% will be monitored and if absence continued to increase, parents will be notified. Please support us in this journey to make our attendance at least in line with national. Can we also gently remind parents to make sure children are in school on time, by 8.45am.

PTA

Mufti Days:

- Friday 17th November – Children in Need
- Friday 24th November – Donations for Christmas fayre chocolate tombola
- Friday 15th December – Save the Children Christmas jumper day



Staffing

Mrs Raveendra will sadly be leaving us on November 9th. She made the decision to take some time out to spend more time with her family. We would like to thank her for her support during her time at West Wycombe Combined School and wish her the best for her next adventures.

Facebook

West Wycombe Combined School now has Facebook! Come and join us to receive updates and photos of what the children are up to.

<https://www.facebook.com/WestWycombeCombinedSchool/>



Safeguarding

Did you know parents can call Young Minds for free confidential advice if you are worried about a child or young person? Call the free helpline for expert advice.

What happens when you call the Parents Helpline?

You'll get through to a trained adviser who will talk through the problem and listen to your concerns and questions in complete confidence. Your adviser will help you to understand your child's behaviour and give you practical advice on where to go next. If you need further help, they'll refer you to one of their specialists whether it's a psychotherapist, psychiatrist, psychologist or mental health **nurse**. They'll arrange a phone consultation within 7 days.

Call for free Mon-Fri from 9:30am to 4pm.

0808 802 5544



PTA Christmas Cards



The fantastic Christmas Card your child has designed was sent home yesterday with an order form. These need to be completed and returned to the school by **Friday 10th November**. Please make cheques payable to **West Wycombe PTA**.

Poppies

In preparation for Remembrance Day on 11th November, we will be selling poppies on the school gates throughout next week.



Dates for your diary

w/c 13 th Nov	Anti-bullying week
17 th November	Children In Need day – mufti
23 rd November	Bedtime stories 6pm – Reception & Y1
24 th November	Donations for Christmas fayre Chocolate tombola
w/c 27 th Nov	Assessment week
7 th December	Book look*
8 th December	Stay & Play – Reception class*
12 th December	Year 5 Trip to Warwick Castle
14 th December	KS2 Christmas Concert – 7.00pm HT breakfast
15 th December	Save the Children Christmas jumper day Pm - Platinum reward time
18 th December	Headteacher's breakfast reward
19 th December	End of Term – school finishes at 1.45pm



Pre-School

A big welcome to the Pre-school who have moved into the old school house after 30 years at the village hall! We are absolutely thrilled to have them on the school site and we are looking forward to building even stronger links with them moving forward. Already we are starting to plan some exciting things to work in partnership with so we will keep you updated!



Mental Health & E-Safety Resources

We have recently updated our website to provide parents with a wealth of information around e-safety, well-being and emotional support. We hope you find this helpful. If you have any suggestions of content you would like us to try to include, please speak to Ms Preston or email the office. We are trying to make our website a useful & comprehensive resource for parents.

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