

Wendover CE Junior School

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We aim to be the school of choice for our community.

Through living our Christian values, everyone at WCEJS has the opportunity to flourish.

We nurture the curiosity to learn, the courage to lead and the compassion to care.

WCEJS Newsletter 3 September 2021

It has been wonderful to see everyone back in school and to welcome our new Year 3 children. It has been lovely for the school to meet together for collective worship and for children to mix across year groups at social time, not having to adhere to social bubbles or zones. Teachers are also enthusiastic about being able to teach as they did before COVID, without the necessary restrictions that were in place. This will mean that children will be working in groups more and with many more of their classmates than previously.

Social Times, Play Trail and Packed Lunches

Children are allowed to mix between year groups as there are no social bubble restrictions. This is the chance for them to catch up with friends in the year group and across the school. We will be introducing a rota for one of our playgrounds so that all year group can play ball games safely. We are also reintroducing play leaders and play buddies as soon as possible. Premier Sports are also helping to lead clubs at lunchtime.

We are very excited to announce that our new play trail will be installed shortly. This will greatly increase the play facilities and the all-weather play area available to children. Our old play trail will be reinstalled on the new surface.

Starting from Monday, children will be allowed to picnic outside if the weather is fine. Children greatly enjoyed this before COVID restricted the mixing of bubbles and I am sure they will welcome this return.



Advice for Hotter Weather

As the weather is likely to get hotter into next week, please ensure that your child is suitably prepared. They may require sun cream, a hat and a long-sleeved shirt if they are susceptible to burning. Please apply sun cream before they come to school

Wharf Road Crossing Patrol

There will be no crossing patrol on Wharf Road until the week beginning Monday 13 September. Please reinforce the road safety message we have shared in school:

1. Find a safe place to cross
2. Stand on the pavement – not too close to the road
3. Look and listen in all directions
4. Cross when there is no traffic and plenty of time
5. Walk straight across the road; keep looking and listening

COVID Update

COVID measures are being relaxed in school, in line with the appropriate guidance. Specifically:

- Bubbles and staggered entry, exit and lunch times will not apply

Respect

Responsibility

Reflection

Resilience

- Collective worship in the hall will go ahead for whole school and year groups
- Face coverings are no longer required within school (further guidance will be shared regarding specific events as required, such as face to face meetings)
- Close contacts will no longer be required to self-isolate, but symptomatic individuals will need to get a PCR test

We will continue to promote good hygiene and wash hands before eating. Regular hand sanitizing will also continue.

SEND Update

Welcome back to everyone, especially to our children with SEND or additional needs. It is great to have everyone back in school and to be able to mix more freely. Teachers and the Learning Support Assistant(LSA) team are getting to know the children and helping them to settle in.

I am the SENDCo (Special Needs Co-ordinator) and I am supported by a team of LSAs. If your child has SEND, it is likely that they will be receiving support from an LSA. You might hear the following names from your children:

- Year 3: Mrs Salmon, Mrs Kaur, Mrs Barker, **Mrs Palmer**
- Year 4: **Mrs Janney**, Mrs Williams, Mrs Bishop, Mrs Wiggins, Mrs Robinson, Mrs Do Tanque
- Year 5: Mrs German, Mr Irvine, Mrs Corns, Miss Kennedy
- Year 6: Mrs Taylor, Mrs McLure, **Mrs McHardy-Jones**, **Mrs Weeks-Pearson**, Ms Abbott
- The names in bold are our Lead LSAs, who are responsible for supporting a particular area of SEND, so may also work with children beyond their year groups, as well as supporting me with the admin side of SEND.

We will be drafting targets for SEND support plans in the next week or so and will then be able to send home our SEND Support Plans.

Watch this space for our next SEND coffee morning – which will hopefully not be a virtual one!

Mrs Bartlett