

Wendover CE Junior School



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We aim to be the school of choice at the heart of our community.

Through living our Christian values, all children and adults at WCEJS have the opportunity to flourish as individuals.

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

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Autumn Term House Points



Bacombe: 4500

Boddington: 6000

Coombe: 5790

Haddington: 5370

This has been a most unusual first term. If, last September, I had described what school would be like now, few would have believed me. Things have certainly been different for us all; there have been many challenges and we have had to find new ways of doing things. Our priority of providing a safe and welcoming start to the term was achieved through the efforts of all staff and positive support from parents. We have been very pleased with just how sensible the children have been in adjusting to the many necessary changes. They have talked maturely about their concerns and accepted that many of the exciting learning activities they are used to have needed to be adapted or curtailed.

We must not forget that there have been many positives this term too and much to celebrate. We are now using eSchools more effectively for extended and remote learning; online consultation meetings have been introduced; we have continued to develop our links with the local community; extended learning competitions have engaged children outside the curriculum; we have new house point cards linked to our vision and values.

I hope that we will enter a more positive phase in January and that we do not experience the anticipated spike. Our community has done terrifically well in keeping pupil self-isolation to an absolute minimum. This has not been easy and required everyone to play their part. So thank you to everyone for your continued support and the positive messages that have kept the staff going.

We hope you have a lovely Christmas and happy New Year, find time to rest and, above all, stay safe.

Mr G Kynaston

COVID Update

Please read the following important information regarding tracing during the next 6 days (18-23 December). If your child tests positive for coronavirus, and developed symptoms within 48 hours of leaving school on Thursday 17 December, email admin@wendoverjunior.co.uk stating: your child's name and class; when the test was taken. If your child develops symptoms after 48 hours from the last day of term, do not contact the school but follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace instead. The school will continue to work with the PHE with tracking up until Wednesday 23 December.

You may have heard that testing will be rolled out in schools after Christmas. The priority will be secondary schools with primary schools joining in February. We will send more detailed information to parents once we have received further information and training in January.

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Please ensure that you monitor your family's health stringently over Christmas, particularly from 30 December onwards. If your child needs to isolate for any reason, do not send them back to school on Tuesday 5 January. If unsure, keep your child at home and email the school office.

Christmas Curriculum

We have greatly enjoyed the festive theme this week, as well as the other exciting activities across the curriculum. Children were delighted to be entertained by the Hobgoblin Theatre Company, with their performances of A Christmas Carol and the Wizard of OZ.

Following on from their Nativity recording last week, Year 3 have been busy designing and making their Christmas cards, weaving and solving mysteries. Year 4 have produced art work for Wendover Health Centre, designed and created their own pencil cases. Year 5 have been looking at traditional stories and games, investigating the world time zones and plotting Santa's journey. Year 6 have completed a Mayan Multi Activity Day, a maths investigation into the missing mince pies and English work on Christmas advertising.

St Mary's Church Crib Service

This year's service will be held online. Children have already watch the trailer in Collective Worship https://fb.watch/2mdj_2QFeU/ and they experience the whole service here: www.stmaryswendover.org at 4pm on Christmas Eve.

PTA Christmas Hamper

Thank you to everyone who supported the PTA Christmas raffle, either through your generous donations or buying a ticket. We raised the princely sum of £957 and today's Christmas mufti day raised £155.

HS2 Information

Please be aware that the attachment sent last week regarding HS2 was for information only. The school does not take a political stance on issues and we apologise if this appeared to be the case.

Attachments to this Newsletter

PTA news

Safeguarding

If you have a safeguarding / welfare concern or need additional support then please contact Mrs Bartlett: admin@wendoverjunior.co.uk Further information is available on our website.



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