



Wychbold First and Nursery School Newsletter

Happy Children, Successful Learners

11th September 2015

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back everyone, we hope you all had a lovely summer break. We have had a very busy summer holiday with refurbishment of the Aviary to become Starlings' Class and a new gate and fence to secure the front entrance. Staff have spent a considerable amount of time reorganising classrooms and making each room a welcoming learning environment for the children with some very exciting topics planned. A copy of our School Development Plan Overview is available on our website and copies will also be displayed in school for your information. I look forward to working with you all this year and look forward to a **Parent Forum** meeting on **Monday 5th October 6pm** when we can discuss the SDP Overview. You are all welcome to attend.

Mrs Hughes

➤ Baby News

Congratulations to Mrs Bowen who gave birth to a baby son, Toby who was born on 3rd September. We all look forward to meeting him!

➤ New Staff

We are pleased to welcome Ms Warren as our new Starlings' Class (Year 1) teacher and Mrs Taylor who is teaching Robins' Class on Tuesday to cover Mrs Bowen's maternity.

➤ Health & Hygiene – Water bottles

Please ensure your child has a water bottle with fresh water (only water) in every day. We discovered at the end of last term that children who were not bringing a water bottle with them each day were sharing cups of water. This is obviously a health and hygiene risk and we would therefore like to remind all parents / carers to ensure their child has a **water bottle with them every day**.

➤ School Year Reminders

- School Uniform – Please ensure your child has dark shoes, that shirts are tucked in and looking smart. Girl's hair accessories should be blue or black.
- If your child is not attending school for any reason, please let us know by 9.30 each day of the absence.
- Please remember to park safely, not using the zig-zag area outside the school gates to park or turn round. We would urge parents to park in the British Legion car park.
- Please ensure you and your child **do not** walk through the car park, please use the path at the side of the school.

➤ Parent Governor Elections

On Monday we sent home a letter about the two vacancies for Parent Governors. We would urge all parents to consider volunteering for these post. It is very important that the school has parent representation on the Governing Body to ensure that all families within the community are met. The closing date for nominations is Friday 25th September. We look forward to receiving your nominations.

➤ Jumble Sale

The next jumble will be held on Friday 25th September, please bring any bric-a-brac, old clothes and toys on Thursday 24th September or at the latest Friday 25th when dropping the children off at school. The sale is held at the Old Library in Droitwich and opens at 2.15pm

➤ Swifts and Swallows Club! (Breakfast and After School Care)

We are very pleased with the number of parents that are using the before and after school club facilities. We require 4 weeks written notice for changes to you wrap around care requirements to enable us to ensure we have the correct staffing ratios for the children. If you wish to give notice during a holiday period there are 3 ways for you to contact the school. The best way is to send an email to office@wychbold.worcs.sch.uk as emails are checked regularly. Alternatively, please leave a message on the answer machine (01527 861421) and if all else fails, the school building is open during the holidays for the Children's Centre, so please feel free to bring a note into school and leave it in reception. Please ask at the office if you would like to book any adhoc sessions. We will do our best to accommodate your requirements however as some sessions are at full capacity we might not always be able to accommodate your request.

➤ Bailey's Catering

Bailey's Catering have created a new facebook page for parents so that you can find out more about the meals your child is enjoying at school. There will be pictures of the meals we provide, details of upcoming events, theme days and information on what we are doing to support your school promote healthy eating and a positive attitude to food. Follow Baileys Catering at the address below to find out more...
<https://www.facebook.com/baileys4schoolmeals>

➤ Important Dates

September

Monday 7th – All Children return to school

Monday 14th – Eagles Class – Smite Farm Berry picking

Football Tournament at Droitwich Football Club

Friday 25th – Jumble sale

Monday 28th Harvest Service at St Mary de Wyche Church 9.30am

October

Wednesday 7th – The Friends PTA AGM at 6pm at School

Friday 9th MacMillan Coffee Event 1.00pm

Friday 16th – School Open Day for Reception Class September 2016 9.30 – 11.00am and 1.30 - 2.30pm

Thursday 22nd Parents Evening 2.30pm – 8.00pm

Owls & Starlings' Class Madame Tussaud's Exhibition 2.30pm

Monday 26th – Friday 30th Half Term

November

Monday 2nd – School Inset Day

December

Friday 18th – Term ends for Christmas Break

➤ Newsletters

This will be the only paper copy of the newsletter this year. Please ensure you have returned the Emergency Contact forms so that we are able to update our email list. Thank you