

Wraysbury Primary School Whole School Newsletter



Spring 2 – February 2024

Welcome back to our new half term and in the run up to Easter we have so much going on in school. We sadly said goodbye to Mrs Henderson for a while. She had been based in Year 2 supporting the children's learning but she is also teaching swimming of an evening and so she needed to reduce her hours. She will however be back to teach our swimming in the summer. We have welcomed Miss Laverty and Mrs Griffin to our team as Teaching Assistants.

Finally we will be saying farewell to Mrs Bunce who has been at our school as a lunchtime team member for 32 years!!! We hope to give her a wonderful send off very soon!

We will be carrying out our interviews for a new Premises Manager in the near future, in the meantime do please bear with us if we are a couple of minutes late opening gates in the afternoon and do please clear the site quickly as staff covering gates will have meetings to go to most afternoons.

Communication

Do please keep an eye on our website. It will be updated regularly with useful information including letters, useful links and details of what the children are currently learning. Why not install the

eschools app so that you are updated when something new is uploaded. We will also be continuing to use Twitter to celebrate the wonderful work and achievements of our children. Follow us on @wraysburyschool

School Dinner Menu

Please remember to prebook your child's dinner choice online, please be aware that you will need to cancel it if your child is off sick, decides to have a packed lunch or is sent home. Unfortunately, meals ordered and not taken will incur a charge. It may therefore be best not to book too far in advance. Do please contact the school office to cancel an order by 9.30 am on the day.

Please be aware that dinner money accounts must be run in credit (have money on them at the start of the week that a child will be having dinners).

Pupil Premium

If you think that your financial situation has changed recently you may be eligible for Pupil Premium. This may entitle your child to a "catch up programme" and also for free school meals. If you believe that this may be applicable to

you then please check on this website. We will then be in touch with you. You just need your NI number to hand.

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/rbwm/>

Families who are currently eligible do not need to reapply.

Medicines and Welfare

We are fortunate to have Miss Croft in school who helps to look after the welfare needs of our children. If a child has an inhaler or needs any medication on a regular basis please ensure that it has been given to the Office. We have been sending home the Health Care Plans for you to renew and asthma cards to be updated. Please ensure that paperwork is renewed and replacements for out of date medication are given into the office as a matter of urgency. An enormous amount of time can be spent chasing these things and we want to ensure that we are able to support your child if required in an emergency or if they are unwell.

Sometimes children have accidents in school donations of spare underwear would be gratefully received and if your child does borrow a change of

clothes please wash it and return it to us asap.

Lunch Boxes

A reminder that lunchboxes should be as healthy as possible and **should not** contain sweets or chocolate bars. Please also remember that we are a nut free school so no nut products please.

Water Bottles

Please ensure that you child has a water bottle in school each day. A reminder that they should have water in them **not squash** please.

Parking and the Gates!

A reminder that we have 3 gates. The gates are open from 8.30-8.40 and from 3.05 each afternoon. Any child arriving after the gates have closed should be accompanied to the office by an adult please and signed in. At the moment we seem to have a high number of late children. Please set your alarms 10 minutes earlier and ensure that your child is in school on time so that it does not disadvantage their learning, interrupt the learning of the class or take up the time of the Office Team.

Please **do not park** on the grass verge, the white zig-zags or yellow zig-zags outside the front of the school or on yellow lines. Our gateway is also not a lay by and should not be used as somewhere to pull in and drop off. Please park elsewhere, especially as cameras will be installed here soon to monitor the parking..

Also please note that Fairfield Approach (opposite school) is a private road and has parking restrictions too. Please do not park down this road.

The George has given permission for parking in the pub car park but for mornings only.

A good place to park is the Village Hall Car Park which is along The Green and then walk.

Scooter/Cycle Pods

We hope the children will use the scooter and cycle pods! Particularly in the coming weeks as our Year 5 children are doing their Bikeability Course! Please be aware that we cannot take any responsibility for any loss or damage to them. Please consider locking your child's bike/scooter.

Attendance

Please remember to ring the school office if your child is not going to be at school because they are ill. If we don't hear from you, we will send a text followed by a phone call to your named contacts in order to check that everything is OK and it is vital we know the reason for absence in order to monitor and report to the borough and other authorities. If we are concerned that we can not contact you we may contact the Borough or do home visits to check you are safe.

All term time absence needs to be requested on a term time

absence form, available from the office or the website. A reminder that holidays cannot be authorised in term time and exceptional absence can only be authorised in extreme circumstances. Please ensure that you ring in every day if your child is off in order to update us on the reason.

Congratulations to Mrs Clark-Hubbard and Mrs Griffin-Smith's Class who won the 100% attendance award the week before last and had a non uniform day.

Our Phases

As you know, each Phase of the school is led by a Phase leader; Miss Hooker (EYFS), Mrs Brech (Year 1 and 2), Mr Gresswell (Year 3 and 4) and Mrs Khan (Year 5 and 6). If you have any questions or queries then please do not hesitate to ring your child's teacher or the Phase Leader; after school is a better time than first thing in the morning. They are also available to meet with you face to face and again the end of the day is easier than the morning.

Internet Safety

Tuesday of the week before half term was Internet Safety Day and we were involved in assemblies and activities based around keeping ourselves safe online. Why not check in with your child? Do they know how to stay safe online? Please remember that we have a wealth of advice on our website that you can use.

Parents Teachers Friends Association!

A huge thank you to the PTFA for their continued hard work. The last Friday of last term was the Valentine's Disco. Thank you to everyone who helped – without you there would be no disco ☺

Parents' Evenings

We are delighted that we will be having our Spring term parents' evenings across the next two weeks. Bookings are open so please book a slot. They will focus on progress during the autumn and spring terms and targets for the rest of the year. Parents will also be able to review and discuss the new targets on their child's Individual Education Plan.

Year 1 Gymnastics

Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed and benefitted from The Windsor Schools Sports Partnership Gymnastics lessons. The coach complimented the children on their enthusiasm and their excellent behaviour and manners as well as how well they responded to the lessons.

World Book Day!

Get ready for World Book Day on Thursday 7th March! Our theme is Bedtime stories and so we are asking children and staff to come into school in pyjamas. We will be doing the popular staff class swapping for stories, amongst other things. The PTFA are running a bake sale after school. World Book Day is always a

favourite in our calendar and we are looking forward to it.

Family Sharing and your child's learning

Does your child ever come home and in answer to the question "What have you done today" say "Nothing!!!"

We enjoyed welcoming you to our Family Sharing sessions last term. We understand you appreciated the chance to chat to the teacher and to try out Numbots, TT Rockstars and Spelling Shed as well as seeing what the children have been up to in school!

Do you know what your child has been learning this term? Do you know that it is all on the website?

Why not have a look at the Curriculum on the Our Learning Tabs for your child's year group. There you will find the topic maps and curriculum overviews which will help you in supporting your child's learning.

Uniform Reminder

Please remember that your child should have school shoes and not trainers. We appreciate that feet grow and that January is sometimes a difficult month to buy new things but now that it is February the expectation is that the children are dressed appropriately.

Please also remember that shoulder length hair should be tied up (girls and boys) and that nail varnish and false nails should not be worn.

Events and Dates

There is a huge amount to come in the next half term and it is all on the calendar on the website. The events include our

- The Y3/4 production
- Ladies Day celebrations
- EYFS 100 days in school
- Family Sharing.

Coming Soon! Our Year 3 and 4 production is only 4 weeks away! They are going to be performing a musical called "The Wizard of Oz" and we are really looking forward to everyone being involved. Auditions have taken place and the children are busy rehearsing lines ready for the performance!

Good Luck Year 3 and 4! Ticket information has been sent out – be sure to get yours!



Communication

We hope that you are enjoying the Wraysbury Weekly Bulletin. From March our Newsletter will focus much more on our School Improvement Work and Learning, so use the Wraysbury Weekly as your "Notifications and Reminders Service!"