

# Wraysbury Primary School Whole School Newsletter



## January 2025

What a busy term we had before Christmas! The school year seems to be flying by and already we are into our 2<sup>nd</sup> term and the lead up to Spring. We hope that you and your children enjoyed all the productions and events last term. Thank you so much to the staff and the PTFA particularly, for all the extra time and effort that they put in to make it a really special time - something that we are so good at here at Wraysbury Primary! We have received some lovely feedback from members of the community about the Christmas Tree Festival, the singing in the Village at the lighting of the tree and the Key Stage 1 and Early Years Productions. We were also thrilled that so many of you joined us for the KS2 Carol Concert. It was such fun to have all of the congregation joining in the 12 Days of Christmas and I am delighted to say that we raised just over £300 for our two charities,

Cancer Research and Macmillan Nurses. Well done to everyone who took part.



The first 2 weeks back after Christmas have been busy too. As a school, we spent last week using our assemblies and PSHE time to remind ourselves of our school rules and expectations, and we have also focused on the theme of "Being Safe". This links perfectly with the NSPCC "Speak out. Stay Safe" work, and we are delighted that they will be joining us next week for workshops and activities. The children were amazing in their assemblies on Monday; they were sensible and focused, and we are sure that they will take on board what they have been taught. I will be sharing again, over the next couple of weeks, the material from the NSPCC for parents.



This Newsletter is quite a long one but I wanted to take the time to ensure that everyone is aware of our procedures and expectations, as well as celebrating everything we have achieved, and give you an idea of what is to come.

### School Uniform and Winter Clothing

Recently we have noticed that a number of children are wearing the incorrect uniform or PE kit. Please note that the girls should have grey skirt/pinafore or black trousers. Pale blue polo shirts should be worn but not with roll neck jumpers or long-sleeved tops underneath. If the weather is particularly cold, then a vest or short sleeved t-shirt may be worn.

For PE, boys and girls should be wearing navy blue shorts and a white t-shirt with **trainers for all pupils - not plimsolls**. In colder weather the children may wear tracksuit bottoms and a sweatshirt or fleece to keep them warm when they are doing outside games.

When the weather is very wet or snowy, we allow children to wear boots to and from school, but **please** can parents ensure that children bring their school shoes to change into in the building. Boots in the school building can mean a lot more wear and tear on our carpets and polished floors, and the excess water makes it very slippery. **It is currently not cold enough for boots and so all children should be wearing school shoes.**



As a reminder, we expect school shoes to be worn and not trainers. We are aware that school shoes and trainers can be

similar; school shoes can generally be polished, are made of substantial material and are usually not manufactured by sports companies! Please ensure that your child has the correct school uniform and equipment.

**Please note that our uniform supplier, is based in Staines or you can order online!**

[www.schooluniformdirect.com](http://www.schooluniformdirect.com)

### **A Reminder of some of our School Rules**

Please can you help your child by reinforcing these at home.

Hair that is longer than shoulder length should be **tied up** please for health and safety reasons (**Girls and Boys**). A small discrete bow or ribbon may be worn, but really no larger than the palm of your hand. Larger bows can get caught on things.



We have a policy of **no jewellery** except stud earrings but these must be removed for PE so it is

better not to wear them at all. Bracelets/ necklaces **should not** be worn.

Nail varnish and make up should also not be worn. Please remove fake nails and eyelashes, as well as nail varnish, on a Sunday evening before they return to school.

A reminder that pupils should not bring mobile phones to school unless in exceptional circumstances (and in agreement with the Headteacher). For example, a Year 6 pupil who is perhaps going somewhere out of the ordinary after school may bring a phone in to be kept in the school office. A note should be provided by the parents explaining the circumstance.

Please do not let your child /children on the equipment at the end of the school day. It is often slippery and we want to avoid anyone hurting themselves. This includes younger siblings as the equipment may be designed with much older children in mind.

## Lateness

Please be aware that the gates are open from 8.30 - 8.40 in the morning and the children should all be here by then. The children are involved in a variety of Start of the Day (SODA) learning activities between 8.30 and 8.45 such as challenges, reading with an adult, support for learning later that day. It is really beneficial for children to be in promptly to engage in this extra learning. If the gates are locked, please ensure you bring your child to the office via the front of the school and sign them in on our screen.



## End of the School Day

A reminder that school finishes at 3.10 for Infants and 3.20 for Juniors. Staff are not able to look after children after this time as there are meetings or have training courses that they

need to attend. If a child has not been collected by 3.20 (Infants) and 3.30 (Juniors) then they will be brought to the school office where we will try and call parents and other emergency contacts. We have a "left pupils' policy" and should we not be able to contact any of the named contacts for a child we will seek advice from social care. In this respect, it is absolutely vital that we are kept up to date with contact numbers. Thank you for supporting us with this.

## Absence

A reminder - please ring into school by 8:45am to let us know if your child is going to be absent. Once the registers have been taken, we will text parents of pupils not in school for whom we don't have a reason. Please reply to the text by phoning the school office. If we don't hear from you we will contact other numbers on the child's emergency contact list. This is because it is really important we ensure that your child is safe. It is also a way of checking, of course, that nothing has happened to you during

the morning or on your way to school. Should we not be able to communicate with anyone, and check that everything is OK, we will start to contact other professionals to help us. Thank you for help and support with this.

A reminder that holidays should not be taken in term time and the Borough will issue Fixed Penalty Notices for Holidays taken in term time. The Government has produced new updated guidelines on attendance (statutory from August) where they will also issue penalty notices for 5 days unaccounted for/unauthorised absence within 10 weeks.

## Clubs at Wraysbury!

The uptake to our teacher led after school clubs was brilliant last term, and we apologise that we cannot accommodate all the children who wish to be involved. We continually look into ways to increase the numbers of children who can attend these clubs, but it is not always possible. A huge thank you to teachers for giving up their own time to run

these opportunities for our children. 😊 The new clubs sign up letter is out and there are also many external clubs on offer. We are also delighted that we are able to offer a club specifically for our neurodiverse children.

### Our next Family Sharing is "Home Learning - Times Table Rockstars, Numbots, Spelling Shed Phonics and Reading"

It was great to have so many parents join us for the previous Family Sharing sessions. Your feedback was very positive so we have put in some dates for the Spring term 😊 We would love to share our home learning with you at our next one which is next Tuesday - 21st January. Come and try out our new tablets, and ask your child's class teacher about how to support them with their learning.



### Pupil Premium

Has your financial situation has changed recently? If so, you may be eligible for Pupil Premium. This entitles your child to additional learning support and also for free school meals. It also means that your family will be given supermarket vouchers during the holidays which is really helpful in contributing towards the family shop. If you believe that this may be applicable to you, then please check on this website, or ask at the office. You just need your National Insurance 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 staff in school who help 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 send home Health Care Plans for you to renew and asthma cards to be updated - please return this as soon as you receive them. If medicine needs to be given as a one off, such as completing a course of antibiotics or cream for a rash, please ensure a medical form is completed. No medication should be kept in book bags. We are only able to give one dose which we aim to do at about midday.

### Parking

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.

Cars should park according to the Highway Code and not block the school's double gate which is the access for the emergency services, or people's driveways.

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.

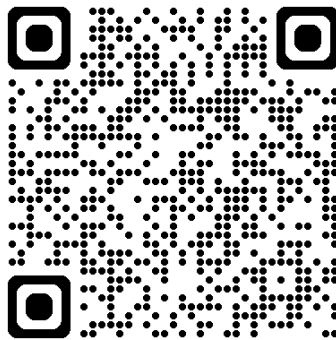
A reminder that here are cameras outside school so if cars park on the school driveway, yellow or white zigzags you may be photographed and fined by the council.



## **Instagram, Website & X**

Please remember to check the school website regularly - especially if you think you have missed a letter! We upload all the letters to 'Whole School' section or to the phase sections. Also, follow us on Instagram and X (formerly Twitter) to see what has been happening and what the children

have been learning. Scan the QR code to be taken to our page.



## **Homework and Reading at Home**

As we moved towards Christmas, there were a number of children who weren't undertaking home learning. It is absolutely vital that our children consolidate their learning by practising these skills and cementing their knowledge at home. If you are unsure of what your child's work is then, please, catch the class teacher or come to Family Sharing on Tuesday.

## **Exciting News about our Facilities!**

We are delighted to share with you that we are completely refurbishing our swimming pool! We have spent time carefully checking all the components of the pool

and equipment, and we have a detailed specification of the works required. We have chosen a contractor and now the hard work begins! Not the actual works on the pool but fundraising to pay for it all. I am sure you will agree that it is an amazing resource, so please look out for ways in which you can help to make this project possible. It is also 'Happy Birthday' to our pool! It is 50 years since the existing pool was built, so what better way to celebrate a 50th birthday than pampering on an enormous scale! The works will start in March. Please look out for more information from the PTFA, and try to support events that are put on to raise money - Thank you!

So, what have we spent the money on that we raised last year? I am delighted that we are having 8 new Clevertouch screens installed this week to enhance our smaller group teaching areas! They will make a huge difference to how we resource the intervention work we do with the children.



Thank you again to anyone who donated towards our Eco area. We had a break in November and December, but we are going to be asking for volunteers for a Saturday afternoon in early February. We are hoping to install wooden edging to the path and spread wood chip. We also need to put up an aviary ready for the chickens! Please have a think about whether you will be able to spare us a couple of hours? Many hands ....



## **Come and Join us!** **Class Assemblies**

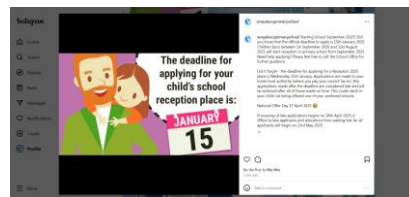
We would love you to come and join us at various things going on in school over this term.

Throughout the Spring and Summer Term our classes will be sharing their learning with you in the form of a class assembly. They will showcase what they have

learnt, and you never know you might learn something new! We tried it with our Year 6 pupils in December when they shared their World War II learning and it was a great success. More information will be out soon.

## **Urgent Reminder**

**Finally, don't forget that today is the closing date for applications for Reception for September.**



Here is the link for Windsor and Maidenhead, but remember you must apply to whoever you pay your council tax to

[Synergy - Enquiry](#)