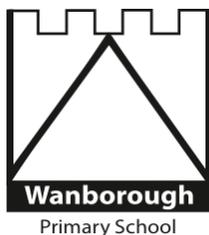


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Dear Parents

After teaching Year 3 on Thursday afternoon for PE it became even more apparent to me how lovely it was to see everybody back and enjoying themselves in school. I hope that next week will further re-enforce the routines and positivity of being back in school. The first week back has been extremely successful, so a big thanks and well done to everyone!

Until Easter we are expecting no changes in Government guidance on how we operate through this stage of the pandemic. Hopefully, if all goes to plan, we will be able to make changes in the summer and include some of the seasonal favourites during Term 6. We have decided to postpone the thought of a Parents Evening this side of Easter with the hope of possibly doing something outdoors and face to face in May.

At the moment, educational visits are not allowed. For parents in Year 5 we have once again moved the PGL trip from this April (moved from last April) to September 22nd – 24th. I will hopefully be able to consult with parents regarding France 2022 during the Summer term. Like-wise for our current Year 4 parents, whilst we can't go to PGL this academic year, I will be sending you a short survey next week to ascertain your thoughts on a potential PGL trip in Year 5.

Some dates for your diary:

Tues 16th March

Young Carers Action Day

The Young Carers have thought about some of the additional skills they have developed as a result of being a Young Carer, such as 'collecting my Mum's walking sticks' and 'calming my older brother down'. We have made photo posters of the Young Carers with their 'skill cards'. We are very proud of our Young Carers, here at Wanborough, and the extra responsibilities that they have. Our Young Carer Club provides support to the Young Carers to enable them to maximise their educational opportunities and realise their future career dreams. We are a 'listening ear' and enable them to understand that there are other children like them. We get together for fun activities several times a term, although this is slightly limited at present due to the current restrictions. A Young Carer is a young person aged 5-18 who helps to look after someone in their family or a friend, who is ill, frail, disabled or has a mental health condition or addiction. If you feel that your child may be a Young Carer please contact me at school so that we can discuss how we can support your child.

Ms Hingley - Young Carer Lead, ELSA and HLTA

Fri 19th March

Red Nose Day

'Funny is Power' is the theme. We will have a non-school uniform day and we would also ask children to prepare and tell their favourite joke in school on Friday. Children should NOT bring monetary donations in to school. Instead, please make your own contributions towards Comic Relief outside of school. Thank you.



Mon 22nd March

Downs Syndrome Day

We will be celebrating Downs Syndrome Day on Monday 22nd (it officially takes place on Sunday 21st March) by encouraging children to wear odd socks.

We would also like to share with you an outdoors activity that you and your child could do in a safe, socially distanced environment. A StoryWalk which will run at the Rodway Open Space from this Sunday (Mother's Day) with the help and support of the Parish Council. They will be using the book 'The Pirates are coming' by John Condon and Matt Hunt and they hope that children and families in the village can walk around the space whilst reading the book. It will initially run for 2 weeks, but may be extended. Each page of the book will be displayed across 16 plinths that start at the Rodway tree and are spaced out across the field.



Also attached to this email, and below, is some information we have been asked to share with you by the Swindon Borough Council.

Holiday Activities and Food Programme:

Launching today, parents are now able to apply for a place as part of the Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) via

https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20029/people_and_communities/1178/covid-19_-_holiday_activities_and_food_programme

The programme allows all children eligible for means-tested free school meals to access free 4-hour holiday club sessions, across 4 days of the Easter holidays. As part of the scheme, providers are asked to focus on physical activities and all children will be provided with a meal as part of each session.

I reminded all the children during our online assembly this morning that it is Mother's Day on Sunday! I hope all the mums connected to the school are spoiled and have a lovely day.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Drury

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