

# Wanborough Primary School

# NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents

Welcome to the first official Newsletter of 2020/2021. I can't believe we have found ourselves at the end of our first term already. I hope you all have a lovely half term and please stay safe. There will be no homework set for half term but if you would like to do work with your child below are some resources you may find helpful:

- Education City (KS1)
- TT Rockstars (Years 2 - 6)
- Spelling Frame (Years 1 - 6)
- Purple Mash (All)
- Linguascope (All)
- BBC Bitesize Primary (All)
- Hit the Button (All)

### Holidays

I asked the Local Authority for specific guidance on parents travelling abroad during holiday time and have recently received a response regarding children subsequently not attending school through quarantining.

**If parents travel abroad to a country knowing that they have to self-isolate on their return and that this will cause their child to have a further two weeks off school, then the school might want to consider a Fixed Penalty Notice as they (the parents) are knowingly making that decision.**

As parents will not have made an absence request to the school, as the holiday is not during term time, I am currently unaware of any children who may miss school due to the scenario above. On return of such a trip abroad, where quarantining for two weeks will be necessary, I am happy to meet with parents to ascertain more context before deciding on whether to proceed with a request for a Fixed Penalty Notice.

### Staff

Mrs Wride is now officially on maternity leave. Mrs Law will be taking on the role of SENDCo from Dec. Any queries in the meantime should go to the Class Teacher or Mr Drury. We wish Mrs Wride a relaxing run up to the arrival of her new baby.

Mrs Curran, MDSA, leaves us this term. We would like to thank Kathleen for her support - the children, particularly those in Year 3, will miss you.

Andrew Drury  
Headteacher

### Remote Learning

Attached to this newsletter is an update on how we are intending to use Teams for any remote learning which may need to be completed after half term and beyond. In addition to that guidance, I thought it may be useful to clarify (below) when we will send work home to children for completion.

### Current arrangements for sending work to children who are unable to attend school:

- If a child is unwell but not showing symptoms work will not be sent.
- If a child is awaiting a test result as unwell work is not sent home.
- If a child is awaiting a delayed test result and feels fine, work will be sent home as soon as possible but no later than the next day.
- If a child having to self-isolate after a positive test then work will be sent home when they are feeling better. Parents to inform the school, and work will be sent as soon as possible but no later than the next day.
- If a child or a group of children is/are having to isolate (but is/are feeling well themselves) as a family or class member is showing symptoms or has tested positively, then they will be sent work home as soon as possible but no later than the next day.
- If a class of children are having to self-isolate then the children will be taught by the class teacher remotely starting on the first day of isolation if possible.

Diary Dates

### Teacher Training Days

2020/2021

1<sup>st</sup> Sept / 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> Oct /  
23<sup>rd</sup> July

### Value of the Month for November is:

C O M P A S S I O N

Compassion is about 'standing in someone else's shoes' when they are having a hard time. In other words, trying to understand how they might be feeling and doing our best to try to help.

Talk together about:

- how we can show compassion and kindness to one another at home
- recognising when friends at school need us to listen and act with compassion
- stories in the news demonstrating how strangers show compassion in times of natural disasters
- how nations show compassion to other nations at times of disaster or need by sending money or volunteers to help



Thank you all for your Harvest Donations. We will arrange for these to be collected by the Food Bank in due course. I know they will be very grateful of our contribution, particularly under the current climate.

# Newsletter Cont'd



## Parking

I would like to remind parents of some information shared last year with regards to parking around the schools:

1. Parking should not be to the detriment of local residents.
2. Parking or driving which is of a dangerous nature will be reported to the police. Parents can of course do this anyway, witnesses are essential however.
3. Please could I ask parents to follow the unofficial one-way system. However, this is not law and other motorists may or may not be aware of what our parents do, but that as it stands is their right and whilst aggressive or dangerous driving is not acceptable the unofficial one-way system is exactly that - unofficial.
4. Delivery vans have been asked to wait for the school run rush to finish before leaving the site or use the unofficial one-way system.
5. Parents should inform family/friends who occasionally transport, of the local arrangements.
6. The school car park is not to be used for parking or dropping off. Those who are allowed to park on the school site must hold a disabled badge or been given special authorisation by the Head.
7. Please do not park on the white lines near the school gate, or block the chicane.



On Friday last week there was an incident outside the school gates where a car was hit. It happened at approx. 2.55pm.

The car was parked just at the entrance to Stanley Close.

Due to the scratch marks and print residue left it seems it was a white car/van that caused the damage.

If anyone has any info can you please contact Georgina at the following email address [georginahk21@aol.com](mailto:georginahk21@aol.com)



Jameson in Reception recently achieved his Taekwondo Lions Black Belt! This is the culmination of over two years of his hard work and perseverance. He was just 2 when he started and has worked consistently since then. Now he can start training with the older children and working towards the next level! Well done Jameson - Wanborough Primary School is in safe hands!

We love to hear about your child's 'out of school' achievements so please email [admin@wanborougprimary.org](mailto:admin@wanborougprimary.org) if your child has anything they would like to share with us.

# My child is unwell, should I keep them off school? Would you have kept your child off school before COVID-19?

