



Wanborough Primary School NEWSLETTER

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Diary Dates

Dear Parents,

Welcome back, especially to all our new families. We hope you enjoy reading our first Newsletter of the year - grab a cuppa as it is a full one!

Please pay special attention to the list of Diary Dates, in particular the change to Parent Consultation dates for Year 1. We will text and email parents when they can call to book appointments.

If you have queries on anything please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

Regards,

Andrew Dwyer

Attendance

Our attendance policy has been recently updated (please see on school website) by the school Governors. I advise you to have a read if you are considering taking your child out of school during term times as the policy is centred on the school's expectations that children are expected to attend school on time every day (of course if they are well enough to do so). Any request for absence during term time will be discussed with parents before a final decision will be made by the Headteacher.

Value of the Month for October is...

RESPECT

We are learning at school about the importance of treating others with **respect** even if we sometimes do not agree with the way they behave or the things they say. We have also been thinking about how we should treat the things that belong to us and to other people **respectfully**.

- Think of some practical ways that you show **respect** to each other in your family.
- Often we show **respect** to someone by the way we speak to them. What does this mean in practice?
- Do you treat one another's possessions with **respect**? What does this mean in practice?



Tuesday 10th October @ 9.30am

Our Harvest Festival will take place on Tuesday 10th October at 9.30am at St Andrew's Church, Wanborough. Parents are most welcome to join the school at the church. Once again, we are asking parents to make donations of food. We will be sending our food collection to Women's Aid in Swindon. Please see below for suggested donations. Food can be brought into school on Mon 9th or Tues 10th October and can be taken to the classroom or left in the baskets in the foyer.

Thank you.

Tinned Meat, Potatoes, Vegetables,
Fish, Soup / Long Life Milk / Sugar
/ Tea and Coffee / Biscuits / Pasta
Sauce / Rice Pudding / Pasta and
Rice / Breakfast Cereal.

Dogs

Just a small reminder that whilst we are happy for young puppies to be carried by their owner at drop off/pick up time, as a general rule dogs are not permitted on the school grounds.



Request for Parent Helpers

Do you have a couple of spare hours a week? If so, we are looking for parents to help in school by listening to children read or helping to keep the Library tidy and organised. If you would like to help please contact the school office.

Tues 10th Oct - 9.30am
Harvest Service @ St Andrews Church

Thurs 12th Oct
Year 2 Trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park

Thurs 19th Oct
Half Term Begins

Mon 30th Oct
Term 2 Begins
Parent Consultation Evening (all Year groups excl. Year 1)

Wed 1st Nov
Individual School Photos

Thurs 2nd Nov
Parent Consultation Evening (all Year groups)

Mon 6th Nov
Parent Consultation - Year 1 only

Tues 7th Nov - 9.30am
Remembrance Service @ St Andrews Church

Fri 17th Nov
Children in Need - *details to follow*

Fri 1st Dec
Christmas Bazaar - *details to follow*

Tues 5th Dec - 9.30am
Christmas Service @ St Andrews Church

Thurs 7th Dec
Whole School Trip to Wyvern Theatre to see Peter Pan

Mon 11th Dec- 1.30pm and 6pm
Reception and Year 1 Christmas Play - *details to follow*

Thurs 14th Dec
Christmas Dinner

Fri 15th Dec
Christmas Jumper Day
School Finishes at 1.30pm

Teacher Training Days
1st Sept / 16th, 17th, 18th Oct /
26th July

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Travel Survey

When Wanborough School was built in 1991, most the journeys to school were on foot, from the houses nearby. In recent years, families have come to the school from a wider area, with a consequent increase in car journeys and parking problems.

More people trying to park around the school results in greater danger to all children and inconvenience to local residents.

We are keen to work with everyone, for the benefit of both the school and the wider community. Shortly we will be carrying out a survey of journeys to and from school, to better understand the patterns of school travel.

In the meantime, please take extreme care around the school entrance. There is a mandatory 20mph speed limit at school arrival and collection times and you may need to reduce your speed even further. Parking and U-turns are **not allowed** in the area of the school gate or the areas marked by white lines. Remember, small children do not have as much visibility as adults, therefore even a brief 'drop and run' can cause obstruction and danger. Also, please be considerate to local residents and do not obstruct entrances and pavements.

Health experts are telling us that we should get 10 minutes of brisk exercise a day; walking to and from school is a great way to get it (and it's free!).



Congratulations to our newly elected members of School Council as follows:

Year 1: Macy and Harrison B.

Year 2: Louise and Alex F.

Year 3: Caitlin and Charlie

Year 4: Nikol and Ralph

Year 5: Gabriella and Alfie

Year 6: Jessica and Aliyoshi

This term we will be looking at the suggestions from each year group for improvements within the school. Ms Hingley



At the end of last term we held an End of Year Party with some traditional party games (inside, due to the torrential rain!) and we said goodbye to our Young Carer, Willow, from Year 6.

This term we held our first Young Carers Club of the year and welcomed two new Young Carers, Ellie-Mai from Reception and Niamh from Year 4. We enjoyed making pictures of our families and chatting.

If you have a child who helps care for someone on a regular basis and you feel they may be a Young Carer please contact me at school on Tuesday - Friday. Ms Hingley

Message from Mrs Clegg

I would like to say a massive thank you to the children and parents for all their kind thoughts and wishes and wonderful gifts given to me on my retirement. I hope you have all settled back into school life well and I miss everyone. Wanborough School is always in my thoughts as I have very many happy memories of my time there. Thank you all once again. Love Mrs Clegg.



Are your mornings a bit rushed?.....

.....if so, why not take advantage of our popular Breakfast Club which is available Mon-Fri between 7.30am and 8.20am. For £3.75 children have the choice of fruit, toast or cereals and a drink. They are then looked after until school starts, and there is always plenty to do including various games, crafts, using the computers or just socialising with friends. You can book daily, weekly or termly by contacting the school office or using the booking form available on the school website.

Out of School Achievement

Kerris was accepted into the Swindon Town Girls Elite U11 team at the start of the Summer holidays. She has already played a couple of tournaments and matches and the team are doing well. Well done Kerris - we are super proud of you.



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Subject Updates



Last year a new locally agreed syllabus for RE was devised and we are now well underway embedding RE weekly in our classes. Why not ask your child what they are learning about this term? To ensure that we promote equality, diversity and respect for all faiths, we will be celebrating Inter Faith week in school w/c 18th November where every day we will be having an assembly by a representative to tell us about their faith: Christianity; Hinduism; Judaism; and Islam.



To further improve the children's locational knowledge in Geography each class this year has adopted a continent or a country to study. Across the curriculum case-studies, data, images, food, music etc. will be used to support their learning and of course improve their awareness of their allocated continent.

Reception	United Kingdom
Conker	Australia - Oceania
Pinecone	Africa and Antarctica
Maple	Asia
Willow	Europe
Elm	North America
Oak	South America

After half term there will be an inter-house Key Stage 2 competition, with all children being quizzed on a selection (Years 3/4) or the whole (Years 5/6) of their allocated continents countries, capitals and flags. More details will follow nearer the time as this will be a Key Stage 2 half term homework, giving the children plenty of time to get themselves prepared for the competition - and keep them occupied on that dull wet day!

The following website may be of interest to those who have a thirst for learning countries, flags and capitals. You can select continents, as well as find out some interesting facts. I wonder which country has the most colours on their flag.

<https://www.countries-of-the-world.com/continents-of-the-world.html>



We want our scientists at Wanborough to explore and investigate wherever they can! Why not try the attached 'at home science experiment'? If you wanted to, you could even take photos, write about your results, draw pictures of your investigation and pass them along to Miss Corbyn who would love to see them!



This term in Computing every class has been looking at e-Safety. It would be great if you could talk to your child about some of the things they have learnt. A great website for information on e-Safety is <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> This website is sorted into age appropriate material and there is an area that parents can click on.



Start the year 'as you mean to go on!' Spelling is a priority in our school this year. In class, children are learning spelling patterns and given ten new words to practise spelling daily. You can help and support the learning of spellings by practising them at home. Practise them in some of these different and fun ways to help you learn them.

1. Write the words in sand/paint/shaving foam/corn flour and water mix.
2. Fill a water bottle and squirt the water onto the garden patio, spelling the words with the water.
3. Write the word on the page and then choose a different colour and go over the same word again. Repeat until you have run out of colours. This is called rainbow writing.
4. Invent your own silly rhymes and stories to remember how to spell the words.
5. Find the letters you need to spell your words and then mix them up in the bag. Get your parents to time you unscrambling your letters. For extra maths practice you could find out the value of each of your words.

Aim to get eight or more correct each week! Happy spelling!



Over the next few weeks all classes will be working on some art work linked to their class continents. The art work will be framed and we will be holding an Art Exhibition on the 1st December at the Christmas Bazaar. We hope you look forward to seeing your child's creations.



Do you know your times tables?

Knowing your times tables is essential for all areas of maths. By the end of Year 4 children should know all their tables up to 12x 12. But do you know yours? The following website link is fantastic for learning your tables, division facts, number bonds and so much more. Enjoy!

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>



European Day of Languages

On Tuesday 26th September we held a whole school assembly to celebrate the European Day of Languages. The children participated in a quiz about European countries, flags and languages. Also, through song, we learned how to say hello in many languages and performed "5-A-Day" in Welsh.

We will celebrate languages from around the world at our "World Beat" contest on Tuesday 28th November. No doubt next term, you will hear your children practising their class song at home. Details will follow next term.

On behalf of all the PTA welcome back and a warm welcome to all the new children and parents joining the school for the first time.

KS1 disco

A date for your diary ... our hugely popular KS1 Disco will be held on Friday 10 November at the School, doors open at 18:15. Booking forms will be available soon and we hope to see you all there. For our new Reception parents this is a lovely way to see your children with their new friends at school and a chance for you to get to know other mums and dads in the adult crèche (bar).

AGM

Our first event of the year was the PTA AGM – where we reflected on the fun events held last year. Thanks to the huge generosity of parents and the wider community an amazing £14,051 was raised and this supported £10,598 being donated to the school. This enabled the school to buy more laptops, Beebots and a climbing frame, make improvements to reception class and to improve playtime with wall and table top games being installed.

We also took time to thank all those people who helped and supported the PTA last year, especially the PTA committee, Volunteer Network, teachers and parents who helped run stalls. Without individuals giving up their time the PTA simply couldn't hold so many fun events to raise money for the school. A special thank you was made to Nationwide Building Society and Vodafone who through employee matched funding schemes donated £5,000 to the school. If your employer offers a similar scheme or you work for either firm, please get in touch so we can help boost future fund raising.

The final act of the night was to elect the PTA committee – details of the committee and copies of the slides will be on the PTA area of the school website shortly. If you weren't able to attend the AGM and would like to join the PTA – you still can. There's no limit on the number and the more people we have the more we will be able to support. Alternatively, we are always seeking people to join our volunteer network – to be able to lend a hand running a stall or helping to set up or tidy away. If you'd like to join the committee or the volunteer network, simply email contactpta@wanboroughprimary.org with your details. Thank you.

Fundraising Aims

Turning to 2017/18 we discussed our list of proposed events and set a fundraising aim of £10,000. The school have applied for a Sports Council grant to help towards the cost of the mile a day track – so fingers crossed for positive news soon and we will donate to help see this installed shortly. Beyond the track Mr Drury, the teaching staff and Governors are looking at other areas where the school will need support in this year – so watch this space for more details.

Easyfundraising

Last year £455 was raised by parents, friends and family installing the easyfundraising widget/app and shopping online from any of the thousands of retailers available. This year we'd love for more parents to get involved. It is really easy and doesn't increase the cost of the things you buy. To find out more, click on the following link - <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/NFAXV2> Search for Wanborough Primary School PTA and then create a new account. Download the toolbar and make your purchases through the site. A percentage of your purchase will go to the school. You can also download an app so you can shop on the move.

Future Events

- Christmas cards – the children have been busily designing their cards and order forms will be with you soon.
- Bagstoschool – a chance to recycle all those old clothes and donate to the PTA at the same time – bags will be with you in November.

We also spent time discussing the fete and whether we should move the date and format. Options considered include April, May or early June, holding it on a Friday afternoon and early evening or on a Saturday late afternoon with a party in the evening to follow. With so many things to consider we plan to have a sub-fete team to consider options and ensure we avoid other events in the village. If you have any thoughts on the format of the fete, things you like, those you don't, ideas to improve, changes in the timings, etc. please get in touch via email contactpta@wanboroughprimary.org

Thank you for your continued support. **Guy**

The **Family Service** provides early help to the most vulnerable children, young people and their families.

We are committed to strengthening families and supporting them to make changes to improve their outcomes.

And we are currently looking for volunteers to join our team.

We have a wide range of exciting opportunities available & will provide support, training and career development.

We are holding an open morning on Thursday the 5th October at 10 to 12, with coffee & cake so come along to The Everleigh Centre, Everleigh Road, Penhill, SN2 5HB and find out more.

Please contact Keela on 07392 109892 for more information.

