

Wanborough Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Diary Dates

Dear Parents

A belated welcome back, especially to all our new families. We hope you had a lovely summer - I can't believe we are half way through the first term already.

Please grab a cuppa and enjoy reading our first Newsletter of the year, which is full of lots of useful information. Please pay special attention to the list of Diary Dates. I appreciate there is a lot to take in, but you will receive more information as we get nearer to the various events so for now just pop the dates in your diary.

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

Regards,

Andrew Dwyer

Value of the Month for October is:
R E S P E C T

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?



Some Reminders from the School Office

Contact Details

Please let the office know if any of your contact details have changed recently, i.e. email address/mobile etc. as we regularly use these as a form of communication. Please note that although you are able to reply to texts from the school, the inbox is not checked on a regular basis so please do not use it as a means of communication with the school.

Medical Details

Don't forget that it is your responsibility to keep the school informed of any changes to your child's medical details held within school. If we hold any medication in school for your child, including inhalers, it is your responsibility to ensure we have them and they are in date.

Breakfast Club Update

Our friendly Breakfast Club runs each morning from 7.30am to 8.20am and children have a choice of toast or cereal and a drink and various activities are provided. It's a great chance to make new friends across all year groups. To book please contact the office. The price of our Breakfast Club will increase to £4.00 per session from 1st January 2019 to ensure that we are able to provide a high quality provision.

After School Club Assistant

We are looking for an After School Club Assistant to work Mondays 3pm - 6.15pm as part of our After School Club Team. You will be working with children from all year groups, ensuring a fun and safe environment both indoors and out. The role is term time only and is subject to DBS and Safeguarding checks. Please contact the school office for more information.

Tues 9th Oct - 9.30pm

Harvest Festival @ St Andrew's

Wed 10th Oct

Flu Vaccine for Rec-Y5 for those with consent

Tues 16th Oct

Y2 Trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park
Parent Consultation Evening

Wed 17th October

School Photos for all children

Thurs 18th Oct

Parent Consultation Evening

Fri 19th October

Last Day of Term 1 - 3pm finish

Mon 5th November

Start of Term 2

Tues 6th November - 9.30am

Remembrance Service @ St Andrew's

Wed 7th Nov

Y4 Trip to Oxenwood

26th Nov - 3.15pm and 5.30pm

Parent Book Viewing

Fri 7th Dec - 3.15pm - 5.30pm

Christmas Bazaar

Wed 12th Dec - 9.30am

Christmas Service @ St Andrews

Thurs 13th Dec

Whole School Panto trip to see Aladdin

Fri 14th Dec

Christmas Jumper Day

Tues 18th Dec - 1.30pm and 6pm

Rec and Y1 Performance

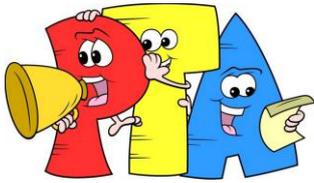
Wed 19th Dec

School Christmas Dinner

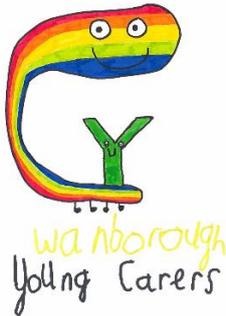
Fri 21st Dec

Last Day of Term 2 - 1.30pm finish

More News



Please find the new and improved PTA page in this newsletter, giving you all the info you need to know about the PTA, including details of events coming up during the year.



Wanborough Young Carers Club

We held our first Young Carers Club of the school year and welcomed two new members from Reception Class. We played some games, did some Mindfulness colouring and enjoyed drinks and snacks.

If you feel your child may be a Young Carer please contact me at school Tuesday to Friday.

Ms Hingley - Young Carer Lead and TA



Please find attached to this newsletter details of a photography competition KS2 children are invited to take part in.



Over the summer holidays Zöe and Ellie-Mai had 10 inches of hair cut off, donating it to 'Children's Cancer' in order for them to make children's wigs.

Mum said "This is something so close to our hearts and important to the girls. Years ago Aimée (their older sister) did the same".

The girls raised just over £200 through sponsorship. Zöe and Ellie-Mai are very proud of what they've done and hope they may inspire other children to think about doing the same. They grew their hair for over a year in order for it to be the correct length.

We are extremely proud of you girls - well done.

Parking

As per our recent text to parents, we are receiving an increasing number of complaints from residents concerned about the dangerous parking around the school during drop off and pick up times, particularly around Stanley Close. We appreciate mornings are a rush and parents are keen to park as near to the school gates as possible, but some parents are parking in such a way that it either blocks the road for other vehicles, or poses a danger to children walking to school. We are encouraging residents to take pictures and pass them on to the police as we are aware we have little power beyond the school gates, but we would PLEASE ask that parents park considerately of others. **The feedback we have received from parents who park at Hooper's Field and take the short 3-4 min walk to school is that it is much less stressful than trying to tackle the congestion around the school. Why not give it a try!** Please see below an example of the type of email we receive, together with photos:

"This morning we could not get a car along the road because of people parking opposite other parked cars leaving no space in the middle of an already narrow road. Cars are being left without being tight to the kerb and are also being parked on the corners of the road and the junction with Beanlands. If there was a medical emergency there is no way that an ambulance could access Stanley Close or Adams Meadow. Not only is the parking inconsiderate it is in fact illegal. It is not acceptable that we cannot access our homes because of this behaviour...."



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An Update from the Governors

Governors

The Governing Body of Wanborough Primary School comprises representatives from the Local Education Authority, the local community, parents and staff. Governors are normal parents or members of the community who bring their skills and experience to help run the School. Our Governors are:

Co-opted Governors

Omar Mirza
Mark Brooker
Paul Boshier
Pamela Hook
Carolanne Lingard
Gareth Evans
Fiona Luckhurst

Local Authority Governor

Judith Evans

Parent Governors

Sarah Jones
Vacancy

Staff Governor

Jonathan Day

Headteacher

Andrew Drury

Clerk

Caroline Pooley

More details can be found on our website.

With the start of the new academic year we wanted to update you on the work of the school's Governing Body. Our work is split between the 3 committees detailed below.

Finance & Staffing

The school's budget is extremely tight due to reduced funding from the Local Authority, higher costs and increased workload. The committee has undertaken significant analysis to ensure that the budget remains balanced over the next 3 years, as per Local Authority guidelines. In order to achieve this, we have developed new income streams as well as increasing income from existing activities. For example, the launch of the after school club has generated additional income, whilst providing reliable, on-site care for pupils. We have also applied for grants, in line with school priorities, to increase income and provide additional resources. In terms of staffing, this year's structure is a more cost-effective, sustainable model, with a view to succession planning and personal development. Moving forward, we are considering a donation scheme for families who wish to make regular donations to the school to further support our continued financial sustainability.

Premises

The premises committee oversee the compliance, monitoring, surveys and risk assessments required for schools, as well as planning and approving building work. Currently, the committee's largest project is the replacement of the school's conservatory with a brick built extension, hopefully with this work taking place during the summer of 2019. The extension will provide the school with a more usable year round space and should significantly reduce our heating bills.

Curriculum

The 2018 results for EYFS, Phonics, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 were all strong and above the national averages. Particular highlights included almost all pupils in Year 6 achieving the expected standard in Reading, Writing & Maths, as well as a high proportion of pupils achieving a high standard in each of these subjects. In Year 2 all pupils met the expected standard in Reading, Writing & Maths, which is an impressive achievement and our success in the Year 1 Phonics test and the EYFS has continued from previous years. Focus areas moving forward in most year groups are boys' writing, girls' maths and higher level writing. These results are testimony to the fantastic efforts and dedication of all of the staff at the school.

The governing body will next meet in November and we plan to provide a further update regarding all 3 committees in the school newsletter following this meeting.





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PTA NEWS

Firstly, we want to welcome everyone back, and a special warm welcome to our reception children and parents. With school budgets stretched we have a long list of funding support requests....so fingers crossed for another successful year of fundraising.

We want to use our first update of the year to highlight how much we raised last year, to let you know how the school used our donations, and to give you a taster of what is to come.

The PTA raised **£13,082** for the year 2017/2018 and **£11,563** was donated to the school! This went towards funding for the mile a day track, curriculum donations for items such as software licences, cracking comprehension, new lunchtime trays and Marvel Comics subscription. Full details of our accounts from the AGM will be published on the school website if you want a more detailed summary.

Christmas Card Orders

Your children may have come home saying that they have been designing Christmas cards in September! We know that you may not be in the Christmas mood yet but by getting our orders in early it means that the costs of the cards are cheaper, which is great news for everyone. Proofs will be coming home shortly and need to be received back by 15th Oct.

School Decorating - Saturday 17th Nov

If anyone has been through the main corridor of the school recently, you may have noticed that it is in need of a lick of paint. There isn't any school budget to pay decorators, and so the PTA have offered to pay for the paint and are requesting an army of volunteers to provide the decorating manpower. If you could spare some time the morning of Saturday 17th Nov, then please come along to help brighten up the school. Bacon butties and tea/coffee will be provided!

Wanborough Primary PTA Needs You!!

You may have seen the plea on our Facebook page, asking for much needed help. The school has a large list of additional funding requirements, which the PTA hope to be able to financially support. However, our small PTA Committee needs more assistance to enable us to rise to this challenge. We want to be able to put on a wide programme of events to bring the community together, to have fun, and raise much needed funds for the school.

There are a number of ways you can help:

- 1) Join the Committee - we meet once a month (in a local pub) to plan and organise the programme of events and allocate funds raised to the school.
- 2) Join the volunteer network - we appreciate that juggling work, children, and a family home is hard work and leaves very little free time. Our volunteers are essential to ensure our fund-raising events run smoothly. Whether it's setting up and packing away at the end of the night, 30mins on the bar/face art/sweet stall/refreshments etc, our volunteers really are indispensable.
- 3) Charitable donations co-ordination - we are desperately seeking volunteers to explore how we can use Gift Aid and corporate donation programmes to boost our fund-raising efforts

If you would like to help in anyway, please do get in touch.

You can also follow us on Facebook and the school website.



contactpta@wanboroughprimary.org



'Wanborough Primary PTA'



www.wanboroughprimary.org/PTA



The PTA donated over £7k towards the mile a day track which has been a great success 😊

Upcoming Events for the Year

- 15th Oct - Xmas Cards order
- 29th Nov - Bags 2 School
- 9th Nov - Reception/KS1 Disco
- 18th Jan - Film Night
- 9th Feb - Quiz Night
- 29th March - Mother's Day Prosecco Night
- 5th April - Easter Bake Sale
- May - Bags 2 School
- 17th May - KS2 Disco
- 19th June - Sports Day Refreshments
- 22nd/29th June - Fete (please vote on our Facebook page for the best date for you)



The fete raised £3,826.61! Thank you to everyone who joined us on the day, and to all the volunteers who gave up their time to help.

Next PTA meeting:

Monday 26th November,
7.30PM @ The Harrow

Date for the Diary - KS1/Reception Disco on Friday 9th November 6.15pm-8pm

We need volunteers to help on stalls/set up/pack away, so please contact us on the above email address if you can help

WORLD MUSIC WORKSHOP

Swindon Music Service

The Platform, Faringdon Road, SN1 5BJ

Thursday 25th October 5-11 yrs only

Swindon
MUSIC
Service



Thursday
25th October
8:30am to 5:00pm

Just £30 for the day to include breakfast
and snacks

All you need is a packed lunch
and a smile on your face

To
BOOK A PLACE

call

Paul Ashman

on 07590 688808

or email:

lhawkins2@swindon.gov.uk

PLACES HAVE TO BE
BOOKED

During the day we will
be learning songs and
instrumental skills from
music around the world
such as Africa, USA,
Brazil and more,
working towards a
performance at the end
of the day

Places are strictly limited so get in quick
to be part of this fun day working towards
a performance to family and friends at the
end of the day at 4.15pm

Music will be made
in a fun
environment!



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