

Wanborough Primary School NEWSLETTER

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Diary Dates

Dear Parents,

Here we are at the end of Term 1. Children have settled well in to their new Year groups, and the majority of you will have had a Parent Consultation by now with the Class Teacher.

Term 2 is always a fun but busy term in school with all the festive activities we have planned. Please check the list of diary dates in this Newsletter and make a note of the relevant dates in your diary. As things progress we will continue to keep you informed.

As the temperature drops, can I please remind parents that children should come to school with jumpers/coats and an outdoors PE kit (tracksuit) as it can be very chilly out on the playground.

I hope you all have a lovely half term break and we look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 31st October.

Thank you.

Regards,

Andrew Dwyer

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A reminder to parents that Wanborough Primary School is a 'Nut Free' zone. We have children in school who have severe nut allergies so please refrain from giving your child nuts or nut based products for snack/lunch. Thank you.

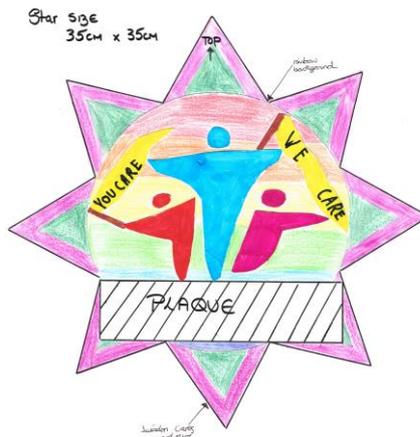
Young Carers

We were sad to say goodbye to two of our Young Carers to Secondary School but we are happy to have gained five new Young Carers who we have welcomed to our regular meetings and who we hope to support throughout their time at school.

At the beginning of term Swindon Young Carers held a competition to design a new award for schools, called the Ambassador Award, to be presented to schools going the 'extra mile' for Young Carers. Two designs were chosen to be combined to make the Ambassador Award, one of the designs being created by our own artistic duo Molly and Sophie, as shown below. Congratulations to you both - we are very proud of you. We are now waiting to see what the award looks like because it is currently being made by the artist responsible for the beautiful mosaic tree Young Carer's Award which you can see in our foyer.

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

Ms Hingley - Young Carer Lead and TA



Wed 19th and Fri 21st Oct
Parent Consultation Evening for Rec, Y1, Y2, Y3, and Y5

Fri 21st Oct
School Finishes at 1.30pm

w/c Mon 24th Oct
Half Term

Mon 31st Oct
Start of Term 2

Wed 2nd Nov and Mon 7th Nov
Parent Consultation Evening for Y4 and Y6

Fri 18th Nov
Children in Need - *see attached*

Fri 2nd Dec - 3.15pm - 5.30pm
Christmas Bazaar 

Wed 7th Dec
Rec and Year 1 Christmas Play - *more details to follow*

Wed 14th Dec
Christmas Dinner

Thurs 15th Dec - 9.30am
Christmas Service @ St Andrews Church

Fri 16th Dec
Whole School Panto Trip
End of term

Teacher Training Days

2016 / 2017

1st / 2nd Sept / 3rd Jan / 5th June / 21st July



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Wanborough has Talent

As always, we are delighted to share with you some of the 'outside of school' achievements of our pupils.

Erin Q, Year 6, recently gained herself a Green Blue Peter badge for an ECO poem she wrote. Being the owner of a Blue Peter badge means you get free admission into dozens of attractions around the UK, including Madame Tussauds and Legoland so why not give it a try yourself!



Oliver J, Year 6, earned himself a medal for taking part in the Swindon Dolphin Swim Links Gala on 1st October. Well done Oliver,



If your child achieves something outside of school and you would like to share it with us please email admin@wanboroughprimary.org



Unfortunately, the company that brought us 'School's Fantasy Football' is no more. However, by popular demand we have organised a league through an alternative at www.fantasy.premierleague.com

You will need to register - adult help will be required. After picking a team and choosing a name follow the 'join a league' tab. You will be asked to enter a code. The Wanborough Primary School League code is 4014529-892975. You will need to be up and running before 11.30am on **Saturday 29th October**.

We will be starting our league from Gameweek 10, therefore please do not register before **Sunday 23rd October** as otherwise you may be counted from this week.

All connected with the school are welcome to play - with our current champion Callum hoping to do better than Leicester are in defending his trophy.



Dropping Your Children off Safely

This is a plea to all parents to park carefully outside the school.

Cars should not drop off children in the hatched areas outside the school gates, or park with their wheels up on the kerb as this is exceptionally dangerous to children and parents using the pavement.

As most of you will know, there is an unofficial one-way system during drop off and pick up times and we, together with local residents, are grateful to those parents who do not try and travel against the flow of traffic.

Also, parents should only use the school car park if they have received confirmation from the school after submitting a written request. Please could you remind any family members or friends who occasionally pick up that they should not use the car park.

Thank you for helping us to keep your children safe.



PTA News

PTA AGM

We had a good turn-out for our recent AGM and now there are 17 of us on the PTA Committee! A full list can be found at the PTA page on the school website. Full details of the AGM are also there but highlights include announcing that the total money raised last year was £11,431, breaking our target of £10,000. A £10,000 target was agreed for the coming year. The school's potential fundraising requests for this year include 21 laptops (more about this below), sprucing up the Reception class play area, an all-weather play surface, play equipment for the playground and some art work for the front of the school. Clearly some prioritisation will have to be made or we'll need to smash that target.

Where the Money Goes

We've had a very busy week! We will hopefully complete the purchase of 22 laptops today (21 for the children and 1 for a teacher) spending just under £3,500 (thanks to the lovely Currys PC World shop at Greenbridge arranging a discount for us) once the school has reclaimed the VAT. This means each class will now have a very respectable 10 laptops. The PTA has doubled the school's original 5 per class in the last 6 months – in line with the spending priorities you gave us in last year's PTA questionnaire.

We've also approved a spend of £1,400 on equipment for the Reception classroom and play area and a small team are beavering away looking at outdoor play equipment for the rest of the school.

Christmas Cards

Every year the children design a Christmas card and a sample of each of them is now being printed and will be on their way home to you after Half Term. You are under no obligation to make a purchase and can keep the sample of your child's art work turned into a Christmas card, complete with their name, class details and school logo. However, you will have the opportunity to buy packs of cards, tags, mugs and other Christmas goodies featuring your child's design in order to raise funds for the school. So if you were thinking of buying any alternatives for these over Half Term, you may want to hold fire. The children's versions seem to go down particularly well with grandparents and any tricky relatives you need to buy for! Or is that just in my household?

Bags2School – Thursday 10th November

Hopefully you've all received a letter and white plastic sack explaining about our Bags2School collection. If not, do check book bags. This is a great incentive to get your children involved in a clear out of unwanted or outgrown clothes, shoes, bags and soft toys which remain in good quality over Half Term! (So that space they clear can be filled again at Christmas of course!) Adult items are wanted as well of course. We have limited dry storage space so we'd be grateful if you could hold onto the filled sacks until the week of the 7th November. Please also encourage friends, relatives and neighbours to take part. There are a few spare sacks in the letter holder outside of the school office or any clean plastic bag or bin bag can be used. Please write or tie your child's name onto the sack as 3 sacks will be chosen at random and the lucky winners given a small prize.

In the past we've found brand new items peeking out of the sacks. If you have any of these, please separate them and take them to the office. We'll have a go at Ebaying them.

Reception & Key Stage 1 Disco – Friday 11th November, 6.15 – 7.45pm

Again a letter with the booking form should have been received via your child's book bag. If not, full details are on the school website and tickets are now on sale from the school office. Hopefully all of the new Reception children are no longer falling asleep in their dinner (I remember it well!) and will be able to come along to their first School Disco! Yet another milestone to tick off! Our discos are great fun thanks to Mr Woodman's music and games (with prizes!) It's also a great opportunity to meet other parents – either bopping alongside your children or relaxing in our bar area. The children also have face painting, temporary tattoos, glow sticks and a Lucky Dip to amuse them. There's a sweet stall and refreshments including our famous Hot Dogs – so a perfect excuse not to cook, for everyone to let their hair down and start the weekend early! A number of the staff will be helping and/or dancing!! Siblings are welcome to attend. Older siblings who are just too sick (I'm down with the kids!) to be seen dancing with little ones are welcome to help on one of our stalls and reminisce!

Future Events

Thursday 10 th November	– Bags2School – unwanted clothes, bags and soft toy collection
Friday 11 th November	– Key Stage 1 Disco
Saturday 28 th January	– Quiz Night

Thank you all for your continued support.