



# Wanborough Primary School NEWSLETTER

ISSUE  
3  
Dec '17

Dear Parents,

With the festive season moving through the gears may I firstly thank everybody who contributed to our extremely successful Christmas Bazaar. We managed to raise £1089.13 which will be used to buy resources across the curriculum.

Yesterday's visit to the pantomime was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. Again a big thank you to all the staff and parents for enduring the screaming and giving up your time. May I also take this opportunity to quash any rumours regarding myself and Tinkerbell before it hits the Evening Advertiser later.

On a more serious note, moving into the new year we are now recruiting for staff to run our after school provision which we intend to start after February half term. More details and relevant forms will follow in due course but we are initially looking to provide this care on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 3-6pm with the possibility of extra days if the venture is successful and numbers make it viable.

Finally, on behalf of all the staff at Wanborough Primary School may I wish you and your families a lovely Christmas and another successful year for all connected to the school in 2018.

Regards,

*Andrew Drury*



### Value of the Month for December is:

### GENEROSITY

When we think about generosity we usually think about being generous with money or possessions. However, we can also be generous with our time, our gifts and our abilities. Generous people often say that they receive much more than they give. Perhaps this is because when someone is generous to us, it makes us want to be generous in return. The opposite of being generous is being selfish. What kind of person would you prefer to have as a friend?

### Value of the Month for January is:

### THANKFULNESS

'Count your blessings' is an old saying, but it reminds us to be thankful and not take things for granted. As a family you may like to talk about:

- Remembering to let other people know when you are thankful.
- Not taking things for granted.
- Practical ways of showing gratitude.
- How it feels when someone thanks you!



We have recently welcomed Mrs Nail into the school kitchen as Catering Manager. She has a wealth of experience in school catering and brings with her many new ideas for a fresh, home cooked and healthy new menu for the children. We will continue with the current school dinner menu starting from Week 1 on our return to school after Christmas, but the new menu will be available from February half term onwards. **ALL parents must complete a new order form for Term 3, even though the menu has remained the same. Thank you.**

## Diary Dates

**Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Dec** - 1.30pm and 6pm  
Reception and Year 1 Christmas Play

**Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
Christmas Carol Service @ St Andrews Church - 9.30am  
Christmas Dinner

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
Christmas Jumper Day  
School Finishes at 1.30pm

**Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan**  
Term 3 Begins

**Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Jan**  
Year 4 Trip to STEAM

**Mon 12<sup>th</sup> - Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Feb**  
Half Term

**Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Feb**  
Dobbin Day Service - *details to follow*

**Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Feb - Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> March**  
Year 4 PGL

**Mon 26<sup>th</sup> March**  
Parents' Consultation Evening

**Tues 27<sup>th</sup> March**  
Easter Service @ St Andrews Church - 9.30am

**Wed 28<sup>th</sup> March**  
Parents' Consultation Evening

**Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> March**  
School finishes @ 1.30pm

\*\*\*\*\*

### Teacher Training Days

1<sup>st</sup> Sept / 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> Oct /  
26<sup>th</sup> July



This year you helped us raise a whopping £293. Thank you everyone!

# Wanborough Primary School NEWSLETTER



## Christmas Dinner

Just a reminder that all children will have a Christmas Dinner on Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> December unless you have notified the office that your child will bring a packed lunch. Payments will be deducted from your ParentPay account so please ensure it is in credit. If your child isn't a regular for hot dinners you can pay £2.40 to the office in cash. This must be paid before the meal is taken. All children in YR, 1 and 2 don't need to pay.

## TRAVEL SURVEY



With all the recent busy activities you may have overlooked filling in our Travel Survey. If so, we would very much appreciate it if you could do so before the beginning of next term. It is available online and most questions only require yes/no or multiple choice answers. This is an information gathering process to help us understand travel patterns in relation to school and is anonymous.

The online link is

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WanboroughTravel2017> or you can obtain a paper copy from the school office.

## World Beat

World Beat 2017 was filled with a party atmosphere, celebrating songs and languages from around the world. Please look on the school website to see the performances. Many thanks to families for encouraging their children to learn their class song and dress in bright colours. Also thank you to all children and staff involved in making the show such an enjoyable and memorable event. Pictures of the winners (Year 4 and Year 6) are below.



## Donations for Breakfast Club

If you are having a clear out at home ready to make space for Christmas presents, and come across any games in good condition with all the necessary parts that you would like to donate to our Breakfast Club we would be most grateful.



On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December Zoe, Ellie-Mai and Ms Hingley attended the Annual Young Carers Christmas Afternoon Tea at the Marriott Hotel together with representatives from most of the 64 schools involved in the Young Carer Scheme. We really enjoyed our traditional finger sandwiches of cucumber, smoked salmon and egg followed by scones with clotted cream and jam. We were treated to some singing and dancing performances from Young Carers followed by presentation of the Ambassador Award to several schools. Wanborough School are currently working towards this award.

Within school the Young Carers have undertaken art activities and planned their Christmas Party for the end of term.

If you feel your child may be a Young Carer please contact me at school (Tuesday to Friday) to discuss how we can support them.

Ms Hingley - Young Carer Lead and TA



# Wanborough Primary School

## Other Activities/Achievements



Jack in Year 1 had the amazing opportunity to perform at the Shaftesbury Theatre in London on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November. As part of the Pauline Quirke Academy of Performing Arts, they took part in a sell-out performance of 'The Lazy Ace - a musical comedy set in Vegas'. What a fantastic experience - something he and his family and friends will never forget!



Beatrice in Year 6 qualified for the UK Dressage Anywhere Pony Club Championship Show which was held in October. She was one of only 5 children to qualify nationally at Introductory level and she came second winning a silver medal. She was competing against children much older than herself and from around the UK so this was a great achievement. Well done Beatrice.



Oliver in Year 6 was selected to take part with the Wilkes Academy of Performing Arts School on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Nov. They sang a medley of songs at the Old Town Christmas Lights switch on. It was an absolutely fantastic performance from the under 16 group. Well done Oliver.



Hugo in Year 2 completed a sponsored swim on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December raising money for the Melon Mission in providing clean water for Kenyan children. He raised over £100. He swam 20 lengths of a 25m pool in 30 minutes (500m). Well done Hugo. We are super proud of you!



Darcey has just completed a run of three nights with The Chocolate Theatre Company of a Christmas Carol. A production she has been rehearsing since July. She performed several characters within the same play, to sell out audiences and was the youngest of a 40 strong cast. On the finale she had the entire cast, live band and full house audience sing Happy Birthday to her as she celebrated her 6<sup>th</sup> Birthday. She enjoyed herself thoroughly and at one point commented during one of the many costume changes that on stage was her favourite place in the world!



Molly in Year 3 designed a Christmas card for Swindon Town Football In The Community and won the competition. Her card has now been made and is being sent to numerous football clubs around the country. Her prize is to lead Swindon Town out onto the pitch at their match on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> December as well as getting to meet the team and managers. Well done Molly.



Emily in Year 6 went above and beyond for Children in Need this year. She ran her own Duck Race and sold gingerbread men. She raised a fantastic £32.63. Well done Emily.



## PTA News

Firstly, we would like to thank everyone who attended the KS1 Disco. With a parent crèche (ie. the bar!), we hope that the parents enjoyed the evening as much as the children, or at least it was made that bit more bearable with screaming children running around! We raised £729.84 which was a tremendous effort. We look forward to the KS2 Disco in May.

Hopefully you all received your children's beautifully designed Christmas cards to give out to family and friends. These raised £503.28 and so thank you to everyone who ordered not only cards, but also mugs, keyrings, etc.

We also wanted to thank everyone for donating to Bags2School. This raised £162.40 which was a great effort and hopefully has cleared out some space in your homes ready for Christmas.

Unfortunately, we didn't receive enough votes to reach the final of the Aviva Community Fund which would have helped provide funding towards an 'All Weather Track'. In recognition of the work we put towards this project, Aviva will pay £100 towards our cause. However, this does not mean the end of this project. The PTA believe the track will bring a great benefit to the school and so we have counted our PTA pennies and agreed to fund the whole cost. We will continue to update you on progress of the track as we receive quotes and confirm a final contractor.

### Music Bingo – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018 @ The Plough

Something to add to your diary to help combat the post Christmas blues is Music Bingo. The Plough have kindly agreed to provide the venue. £5 for 5 bingo cards. Additional cards will be available to buy on the night and we'll run a £5 raffle to hopefully help us to raise over £500 on the night. Dabbers will also be available to purchase for £1. We hope to see as many of you there as possible to help kick off the New Year. Look out for booking forms on our Facebook or PTA internet pages in December.

### Quiz Night – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2018 @ The School Hall

Put into practice all those hours of playing Trivial Pursuit over Christmas at our Quiz Night. This will take place in the School Hall. At only £30 per table (max 6 people per table) this is a popular and fun evening. Bar and nibbles will be provided but for anyone who wants to bring their own food they are more than welcome. Please bear in mind we are a nut free school. Again, booking forms will be available in December.

### Volunteering and Matched Funding

Did you know that some companies will provide 'matched funding' if you take part in a fundraising activity for a charity or a cause? This means that if you were to take part in any PTA activity we organise, that company will make a donation towards the school. So please check with your employer to see if they provide this service. Companies we know who provide this service are Nationwide Building Society, Vodafone and BP, but we are sure there are many others out there.

In addition to 'matched funding', you may also be able to use volunteering paid hours with your company to help with our PTA activities. There are lots of benefits to volunteering such as developing new skills and getting to know people. We are a lovely bunch on the PTA and we would all greatly welcome any support that can be given. If you work for a company that provides 'matched funding' and you would like to volunteer at any future PTA event, please contact us at

[contactpta@wanboroughprimary.org](mailto:contactpta@wanboroughprimary.org).

### Reminder of Upcoming Events

19<sup>th</sup> Jan - Music Bingo

3<sup>rd</sup> Feb – Quiz Night

16<sup>th</sup> March – Film Night

29<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Bake Sale

Apr – Bags2School – Date to be confirmed

18<sup>th</sup> May – Key Stage 2 Disco

20<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day Refreshments

June – New school uniform sale – Date to be confirmed

June – Fete & Party – Date to be confirmed

### Easyfundraising

We continue to plug the Easyfundraising service as it is such a quick and simple way to raise money. Please register at [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/UXYA85](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/UXYA85). Once registered, every time you shop online at any of the thousands of retailers available, the PTA receive a donation. You can also download an app so you can shop on the move. As mentioned before, it doesn't cost anything but helps benefit the children every time you shop online. At this time of year when we are sure many of you are shopping online to purchase presents and so this would be a perfect opportunity to help raise more money for the PTA.

### Local Sponsorship

We are continuing to search for any local businesses who would like to get involved in supporting the school through sponsorship. The school would like to purchase a total of 36 t-shirts for KS1, Yr3/4 and Yr5/6. These will be used for events such as cricket and athletics and it would be lovely for all the children to be able to wear matching team Wanborough shirts. If you would like to get the name of your local business on each team shirt, please email the PTA at [contactpta@wanboroughprimary.org](mailto:contactpta@wanboroughprimary.org).

Please remember to follow us on our new Facebook page 'Wanborough Primary PTA'. We regularly post new events or updates on fundraising activities and so if you can't wait until the next school newsletter to see what we have been up to, please visit us [here](#).

We would like to thank everyone at the school for your continued support over the past year and we hope next year will bring many more exciting fundraising activities to help make a difference to all our children.

Merry Christmas to you all from the PTA.