

Wanborough Primary School NEWSLETTER

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Diary Dates

Dear Parents

Thank you to all those who attended the NSPCC Online Safety workshop yesterday evening at school. For those who were unable to attend I would recommend that you take a look at the NSPCC website and find the Net Aware and Share Aware sections, which have lots of useful information about sites and apps young people are currently using. Next week we will be celebrating Safer Internet day in school, so it's a good time to discuss with your children some of the topics you may find on the NSPCC site. This website and other useful ones can be found via our website in the 'information' section.

As we move towards Term 4 please note the many events which are taking place during February and March. We will be holding another book viewing on the first day back with sessions both after school and in the evening. Please contact the school office if you intend to attend the evening slot so we can make the books available. The children have been working extremely hard and if you can spare some time to see and appreciate their work it will really build their confidence further.

Finally, can I thank everybody for their response to the letter I recently wrote about parking in and around the school. Whilst our local arrangements are rather complex, people have commented on the improvements made over the last couple of weeks.

Andrew Dmyg

New Home School Values

As you are aware, as a school we focus on a new value every month. The value is discussed in our classes and children are encouraged to display that value both in and outside of school. At the end of each month, one pupil in each class is awarded for demonstrating that value to an outstanding standard. We would like to make it a more whole school approach and encourage parental involvement too. The value for next month is 'Forgiveness'.

forgiveness

Everyone makes mistakes, it's part of being human. Sometimes our mistakes hurt others and then we need to say sorry. Sometimes mistakes made by other people hurt us. When this happens we need to be able to **forgive**. **Forgiveness** can be difficult and costly but without it a new start is impossible. Talk together about:

- A time when you needed to say sorry.
- A time you didn't say sorry but wish you had.
- A time when you had to **forgive** someone who had hurt or upset you.
- How it feels when you are given a new start because someone has **forgiven** you.

Class Assemblies

We have scheduled a list of dates for Class Assemblies during the year. All assemblies will start at 2.15pm and will last for approx. 30 mins. The dates are:

Wed 8 th March	Year 3
Wed 15 th March	Year 5
Wed 29 th March	Year 4
Wed 17 th May	Year R
Wed 14 th June	Year 2
Wed 28 th June	Year 1

The date for Year 6 is yet to be confirmed as this will be their Leaver's assembly.



Dobbin Day Service - 23rd Feb 1.30pm

'Dobbin Day' is a very special service, unique to the village of Wanborough. 'Dobbin' is an old Wiltshire word for a small loaf. The service celebrates the life of 18th Century local rich land owner, William Stanley, who left £50 in his will, a huge sum when he died in 1745, requesting that this be used to distribute bread to the poor of the parish, at a service at Wanborough Church near to the date of his death in February each year. YR and Y6 will attend the service. All Parishioners are welcome.

Mon 6th Feb

6pm - Year 4 PGL Parents' Mtg
7pm - French Hosting Families Mtg

13th - 17th Feb - Half Term

Mon 20th Feb - 3.15pm-4.30pm
or 5.30pm-6.30pm
Children's Book Viewing

Tues 21st Feb

Year 5 Trip to Tower of London

Thurs 23rd Feb - 1.30pm

Dobbin Day Service (YR and Y6)

Wed 1st - Fri 3rd March

Year 4 at PGL

Mon 6th March

World Book Day - dress up as your favourite character - *more details to follow*

Tues 21st and Thurs 23rd March - 3.30pm - 7pm

Parents' Consultation - *more details to follow*

Mon 3rd April - 9.30am

Easter Service @ Church

Fri 7th April - End of Term

School Finishes at 1.30pm

w/c 8th May

KS2 SATs

w/c 12th June

Year 6 Trip to France

Wed 21st June

Sports Day

Fri 7th July - 6pm

George Gibbs @ Church

Fri 14th July - 6pm

Leavers' Service @ Church

Teacher Training Days

2016/2017

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

Other News...



Valentine's Bake Sale and Sweet Stall in aid of the RSPCA - 10th Feb

Mrs Walker's Cookery Club will be holding a Valentine's Bake Sale and Sweet Stall after school on the last day of this term, Fri 10th Feb. Last year's event raised £310 and like last year, they have chosen that all money raised will be donated to the RSPCA. The PTA is kindly supporting the event. There will be home-made cakes and biscuits plus bags of sweets to buy - it is end-of-term after all! - all with a Valentine's theme to buy for yourself or for a loved one. Pre-orders will be available. There will also be some RSPCA items to buy.



Congratulations go to Lewis in Year 6 who recently passed his Grade 1 Piano exam with 'Distinction'. We would also like to congratulate Ralph in Year 3 who passed his Grade 1 Violin exam.

We often hear children practicing their music at school, and we know they work hard at home too, so it is always great to see the hard work pay off. Well done boys!



Before Christmas Lorna Davies set up a school band with some of our Year 6 musicians. Again, after lots of hard work and many hours of rehearsals, they performed at the Playgroup Nativity. We would like to offer our thanks to Lorna for the time and effort she puts in to music within our school, and to the school band who did us all proud!

If your child is interested in learning a musical instrument please contact the school office for details of how to go about accessing tuition through the Swindon Music Co-operative.



Wanborough Young Carers are such a thoughtful group that they decided to raise funds for 'Swindon Carers Centre', the umbrella organisation who support Young Carers locally.

Before Christmas, our Young Carers helped to create a large Christmas tree card and baubles upon which staff could write a Christmas message to colleagues and make a donation in lieu of sending Christmas cards. This raised a total of £67 which we will be sending on to Swindon Carers Centre shortly. Well done to our Young Carers.



Additionally, in the last week of term Sophie, Molly and I attended the Young Carers Afternoon Tea and Awards when we were able to see the new 'Ambassador Award' which Molly and Sophie helped to design, and meet the artist responsible for creating the bespoke mosaic awards which contain real gold! Molly and Sophie were presented with a certificate and WH Smith Vouchers for their winning design. Well done to Molly and Sophie.



If you feel your child is a Young Carer please contact me at school so that we can help support them.

Rachel Hingley
Young Carer Lead and T.A.



Mini Moozers

We have a new club starting w/c 20th Feb for children in Rec, Y1 and Y2. It is a dance club being run by Danzone. It will take place on a Wed, 3pm - 4pm priced at £2.50 per week. Application forms are available from the school office.



Disco Night - raising money for the National Autistic Society



Following the success of last year's event, which raised £1000 for the National Autistic Society, we are organising another fabulous Disco Night. This is your chance to boogie on down to all your favourites put together by Wanborough's very own DJ Mark Lever, There will be a bar so you can enjoy a few drinks and for many a short walk home under the stars at the end! It's on **Saturday 11 March, 7.30pm to 11.30pm at Wanborough Village Hall.** Tickets £10, available from Diane Rendell (in school, Yr 2 Class) or Claire Cady on 07702 004060.

Scouts District Cooking Competition

Some of our pupils who attend Scouts have been busy preparing since Christmas for the District Cooking Competition. The challenge is, in teams of 4, to cook a themed 3 course meal within a £17 budget on a 2 ring camping gas cooker. Sounds pretty challenging to us!

Well done to Joe, Giacomo, Wilfred, and Sam in Year 6 who between them created a delicious menu. Their efforts resulted in them winning the Troop Competition on Wednesday and coming 2nd at Saturday's District competition. Well done boys - but remember to bring some tasters in to school for the Teachers next time 😊



PTA News

Film Night – Friday 27th January

Many thanks to all who came along to 'The Secret Life of Pets' – with 85 children and 75 adults it was our best-attended Film Night to date. Krissy our Treasurer is busy working out the profit. Popcorn and chocolate bar sales were extraordinary – we sold out of both very early on, so apologies if you or yours feel like they missed out. We're sure the children may have taken a little time to calm down and go to sleep afterwards, judging on the amount of sugar that was consumed! It was a little messier than usual – a few 'Mentos and Coke volcano' experiments seemed to be going on and accidents with chocolate milk! But a good time seemed to be had by all which is the aim.

We Want Muscle!

We've got an enthusiastic committee and band of helpers ... but one of the things that was obvious from the setting up the Film Night is our lack of brawn! Moving crates of beer, cases of wine and slabs of soft drinks is heavy work. The 'putting away' is much easier – something to do with the amount that gets consumed I guess! Plus we often have willing parents who stay on and help. If you have a strong pair of hands and are able to help with our set-up for events (often but not always around 5pm on a Friday) then please do get in touch – contactpta@wanboroughprimary.org before Guy, our Chairman, does himself a mischief! It's a 20 minute task with no obligation to stay or take part afterwards.

WH Smith, Nationwide and Vodafone Donation

We'd like to thank WH Smith for their kind donation of £100 – all those 5p plastic bags making a difference in the community. Plus through "employee matched funding" schemes we've received £700 from Vodafone and £500 from Nationwide. Please let us know if your employer offers a charity donation scheme and you'd like to support.

Where the Money Goes

We've agreed to Astroturf part of Reception's play area to help smarten it up and stop the pea gravel getting everywhere.

Three large magnetic wall games are now up in the playground and are being actively used - Snakes & Ladders, 4 in a Row and Turbo Racer. The school are 'measuring up' for 3 outside table top games we've agreed to purchase so hopefully we'll get these in situ next month.

We are also busily getting a quote to build an outdoor, all weather, stage. We hope this will prove a hit with the children and give them a space to put on a play, sing, dance or even practice their X-Factor audition.

Finally we still haven't given up on extending the playground by putting in an all-weather surface under the two climbing frames – again we are in search of ideas and quotes to make this affordable.



Easy Fundraising

Did you know the school could earn extra funds every time you do online shopping at no extra cost to yourself? To find out more, go to - <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/wanboroughprimary/> search for Wanborough Primary School PTA and then create a new account. Download the toolbar and then make your purchases through the site and a percentage of your purchase will go to the school. After you have made your first purchase, an additional £1 will be donated as well.

You can also download the app from Google and App Store but try and download on a computer or laptop first as this will help with an extra registration donation.

Feel free to share with your family and friends!

Future Events

Quiz Night - Saturday 4th March - hopefully you've seen the posters and booking forms – if not, they're on the school website. Get your bookings in quick! After much deliberation by the committee we've decided that this year we will charge £60 per team for a maximum of 6 players. This is to encourage you to bring along full teams and more fairly distribute the costs – each table tends to get the same amount of nibbles and chocolates whether they are a table of 4 or 6. If you're struggling to make up a full team and don't want to pay what might feel like an 'extra cost', do let us know and we'll see if we can put spare players in touch. At £60 per team to include nibbles, a Chilli supper and chocolates (44, Deluxe Dairy Box!) we think the quiz is still a bargain and a great social night out.

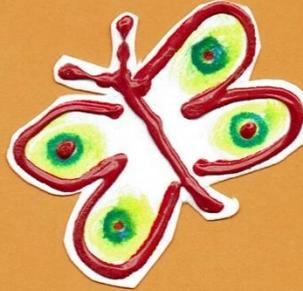
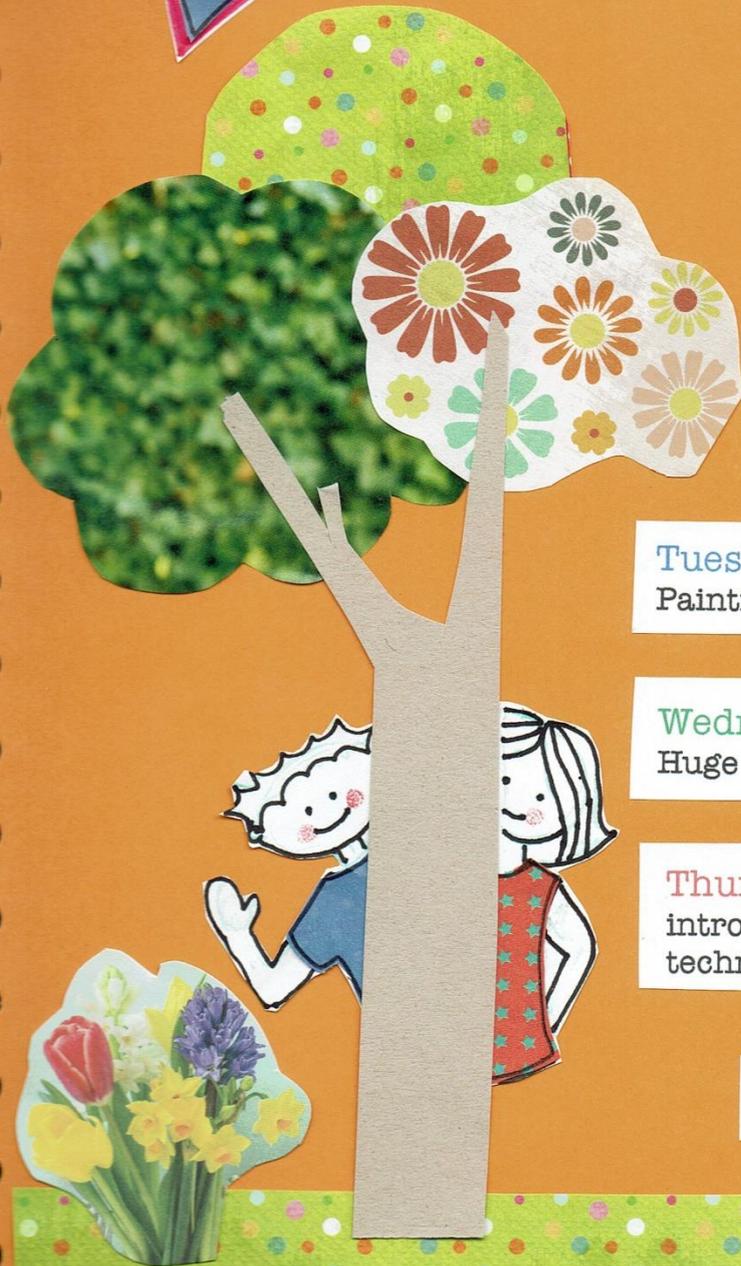
Fri 7 th April	Easter Bake Sale
Thurs 18 th May	Bags 2 School Collection
Thurs 18 th May	Boden Sale (to be confirmed)
Fri 19 th May	Key Stage 2 Disco
Sat 24 th June	School Fete

Thank you all for your continued support.



mini monets

Come and join us for a full day of art club at Alfresco Nursery.



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Tuesday 14th Feb. MEGA PAINTING;
Painting projects on a large scale.

Wednesday 15th Feb. PAPER FUN;
Huge paper projects.

Thursday 16th Feb. CRAZY CLAY;
introduction to different clays and
techniques.

Open to children aged 4 -16

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