

# Wanborough Primary School NEWSLETTER

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## Diary Dates

Dear Parents

As you know, we had an exciting start to the term this term with a visit from Ofsted. Their report will be made available to parents and the wider community very soon, but in the meantime I wanted to thank staff, children and parents for your support during their visit. As always, the children did a fantastic job representing their school and impressing the inspectors with their good behaviour, and we also received some fantastic comments and gestures of support from parents. I am sure the staff will agree with me when I say we really felt our whole school community pulled together and made us all feel proud to be a part of Wanborough Primary School.

Regards

*Andrew Dury*



### Morning Drop Off

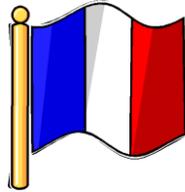
Can we remind parents that children are not permitted on the school playground until 8.15am. This is because the playground isn't supervised until that time so if an accident happened a child could be at serious risk. We have a well-run breakfast club available for those mornings when you need an earlier start. This can be booked as late as the day before and is charged at £3.75 per session. Individual conversations will be held with those families who continue to allow their child/ren on to the school site prior to 8.15am. Thank you for your cooperation.

Value of the Month this month is...

**T R U S T**

**Trust** is a really important value. It must be earned. If we do not **trust** someone it is very hard to build a good friendship with them. Talk together about:

- People who you know that are **trustworthy**.
- Practical ways that we can show others that *we* are **trustworthy**.
- Why it is important to be able to **trust** others when working together as a team.



### Ecole du Lac visit Wanborough

We are eagerly awaiting the arrival of 38 children and 4 members of staff from our French Link school in St Cyr, near Poitiers on 26th March. They will stay at PGL Liddington for three nights, then thirty of the children will spend two nights with families from Wanborough School. During their stay, our French visitors will spend Monday 27th and Thursday 30th March at school with Years 5 and 6, however there will be plenty of opportunities for everyone at school to welcome them.



### Outdoor Construction Materials

We would like to create an outdoors 'construction' area where our Reception children can build things using large weatherproof items so if you have any milk crates, piping, large reels, cones, tyres etc. that you think would be appropriate please let us know. Thank you.



Also, if you have any unwanted 'click-clack' toys lying around at home we would be very grateful of any donations.



In order to raise money for Red Nose Day this year we are inviting children to pay £1 to wear something RED on Fri 24<sup>th</sup> March.

### Mon 6<sup>th</sup> March

World Book Day - dress up as your favourite character

### Wed 8<sup>th</sup> March - 2.15pm

Year 3 Class Assembly

### Wed 8<sup>th</sup> March - 6pm

Yr 2 Parents' SATs Info Evening

### Wed 15<sup>th</sup> March - 2.15pm

Year 5 Class Assembly

### Tues 21<sup>st</sup> and Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> March

- 3.30pm - 7pm

Parents' Consultations

### Fri 24<sup>th</sup> March

Red Nose Day

### Wed 29<sup>th</sup> March - 2.15pm

Year 4 Class Assembly

### Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> April - 9.30am

Easter Service @ Church

### Fri 7<sup>th</sup> April - End of Term

School Finishes at 1.30pm

### w/c 8<sup>th</sup> May

KS2 SATs

### Wed 17<sup>th</sup> May - 2.15pm

Year R Class Assembly

### w/c 12<sup>th</sup> June

Year 6 Trip to France

### Wed 14<sup>th</sup> June - 2.15pm

Year 2 Class Assembly

### Wed 21<sup>st</sup> June

Sports Day

### Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> June

Class Photos

### Wed 28<sup>th</sup> June - 2.15pm

Year 1 Class Assembly

### Fri 7<sup>th</sup> July - 6pm

George Gibbs @ Church

### Fri 14<sup>th</sup> July - 6pm

Leavers' Service @ Church

### Teacher Training Days - 2016/17

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

## **PTA News**

### **Dell Donation**

Many thanks to Emma Cope and Dell! Dell has made a \$150 donation to the PTA as a result of Emma's volunteering activities with the PTA.

### **Where the Money Goes**

We've ordered 3 more magnetic wall games and 3 outside table top games to brighten up the outdoor play space. Further combinations of Ludo, 4-in-a-Row, Snakes & Ladders, Chess, Draughts and Noughts and Crosses should be appearing in the playground soon!

It was agreed that we would replace the saucepans in the DT Room as these have worn out and are used in cookery activities, by the after school clubs and for preparing goodies for the Healthy Tuck Shop.

The school has been trialling a product called Nessy – see [www.nessy.co.uk](http://www.nessy.co.uk) – a product that can be used with all children to help with reading, writing and spelling but is particular beneficial for those children who have dyslexia – thought to be 1 in 10 children nationally. The school were very keen to purchase a license and the PTA has agreed to fund the £375 license for 30 children for the year.

### **We're Thinking BIG!! (1) – The Daily Mile**

You may have heard of 'The Daily Mile'. It was first introduced at St Ninian's Primary School in Stirling in 2012 to tackle their pupil's alarming levels of fitness. Each class goes outside in almost all weathers, at a time of the teacher's choosing, to run outside in the fresh air, in their uniforms so no kit or changing time is needed, taking just over 15 minutes per day. The school reported that the results were transformational – improving not only the children's fitness but also their concentration levels, mood, behaviour and general wellbeing. Early scientific studies show that the level of obesity at St Ninian's School is now around 45% less than the national average. Interestingly, the first published scientific study in January this year on another school which has implemented 'The Daily Mile', Coppermill Primary School, not only reported that the children increased their fitness and felt significantly happier and better in their bodies but their grades went up remarkably against expected results. Pupils achieved up to a 25% increase in reading, writing and maths.

The success of this profoundly simple but effective concept has led to all primary schools being encouraged by health experts to take part to help tackle the nation's alarming health and fitness issues. A study of 10,000 primary school children across the UK found that two thirds of them lacked basic fitness (Fit For Sport Ltd, May 2015) and nationally, 23% of children are considered overweight by the age of three.

The aim of the Daily Mile is to improve the physical, emotional and social health and wellbeing of the nation's children – regardless of age or personal circumstances. It's social, non-competitive and fun and is fully inclusive – every child, whatever their circumstances, age or ability succeeds at The Daily Mile. It has been shown to increase the children's confidence, improve their focus and can be used to support the curriculum. Hopefully it will encourage lasting healthy habits in both the children and their families.

The school would love to introduce 'The Daily Mile' but would need to install an all-weather track around the playing field. As many of you know, the school field suffers from poor drainage so is currently considered unsuitable for this activity for much of the year. The quote for this installation is £10,200.

The PTA has applied for a grant of £5,000 from Nationwide Building Society. If successful, we can then apply to the Sports England Community Asset Fund – they only consider grants if 'partnership' funding has already been secured.

Fingers crossed – and watch this space!

### **We're Thinking BIG!! (2) – We Want To Be On The Stage!**

You may remember that as part of our plans to improve the outdoor play area we were investigating having an outside staging area. Mrs Rendell has been doing a lot of investigation – and is not just running with it, but coming up with all sorts of exciting possibilities... if we can figure out how to get the money!



Here's a local example of the type of thing available – this one is at Grove School in Swindon. If we too went with an amphitheatre-style, it would make the most of our school's not-so-gentle slopes aka wasted space! We've seen designs in concrete and stone, wood, with awnings – the possibilities and its uses just keep growing. So, we're very excited as well as a little envious of what some schools have out there.

Again, we'll keep you informed. What happens next depends on the funding for the running track and any other requests we receive from the school. We may have to think smaller or start with something that we can add to over time. We think the amphitheatre option is going to be around £10,000....

#### **Future Events**

**Quiz Night - Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March** – at the time of writing, we're busy planning for Saturday. If you find yourself at a loose end and still want to take part or be a waiter/waitress/bar staff for the evening – email [contactpta@wanboroughprimary.org](mailto:contactpta@wanboroughprimary.org) and we'll see what we can do.

Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Bake Sale
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Bags 2 School Collection
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Key Stage 2 Disco Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> June – School Fete

Thank you all for your continued support.