



Wanborough Primary School NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

Well that was certainly a term to remember! I think we are all ready for some chocolate after a long but action packed period where your children have been a credit to yourselves and the school. It all began with our successful OFSTED inspection in early March. Once again a big **thank-you** to the whole school community. Recognition of all our efforts were thoroughly deserved in the positive comments made by the inspector both in and out of the final report. Since receiving the report we have already devised and began to implement action plans to address the points for improvement that were highlighted.

Later in the term we had the children and staff from Ecole du Lac visiting us and being kindly hosted by Wanborough families. The week was a huge success and we look forward to visiting them in June. It was lovely seeing the children communicate and play together and something we hope will become a regular bi-annual occurrence. As part of our international work we have registered with the Global Learning Programme to enrich our curriculum further. This will provide resources and activities that classes can use to explore worldwide issues and the impact we all have as citizens on them.

May I thank the vast majority of parents for your co-operation in improving the parking outside the school. Perhaps in the summer term more parents can park further away from the The Beanlands and its troublesome chicanes and walk in the sunshine (well we can hope) which would ease the congestion before and after school. Whilst incidents outside the school have been fewer, I have spoken to a couple of residents who have concerns about the parking on corners and near the chicanes which have made it difficult for them, and indeed you, to negotiate.

Finally, I hope the sun continues to shine and that you have a lovely Easter break.

Regards

Andrew Dury

Uniform

If you are thinking about summer uniform please familiarise yourself with the uniform policy on the website (particularly when it comes to socks and shoes) as we want to look our smartest. Thank you.



Thank you to all those who paid £1 to wear something **RED** for Red Nose Day. We raised a whopping £193.

Training Days for 2017/2018

In line with Ridgeway, we have decided to put three Teacher Training days back to back in October next year giving children a full two weeks off. Teacher Training dates for 2017/2018 are as follows:

- Fri 1st September
- Mon 16th October
- Tues 17th October
- Wed 18th October
- Thurs 26th July

ParentPay Accounts

Can we please remind parents that if your child attends Breakfast Club, or has Hot Dinners at school (KS2 only), can you please ensure that your ParentPay accounts are kept in credit. Meals and Breakfast Club sessions should not be booked without ensuring in advance that there are sufficient funds to cover the cost. Thank you.

Outdoor Paint

If you have any leftover outdoor paint we would be grateful of any donations. We have a few outdoor benches that need a splash of colour.



Wanborough School is very proud to have achieved our latest award. Sing Up GOLD. To achieve this Sing Up Award we needed to prove that singing is embedded within our whole school through strategic planning, teaching and learning and shared singing opportunities. Achieving this award is a sure-fire way to show we have developed a sustainable singing ethos in our school that benefits everyone and will last for years to come. Well done to all pupils and staff for all their hard work towards obtaining this award, especially Mrs Clegg, Teaching Assistant.

Diary Dates

Fri 7th April - End of Term
School Finishes at 1.30pm

Mon 24th April - 6pm
SATs Info Evening for Y6 Parents

Thurs 27th April
Year 3 Trip to Ashmolean Museum

w/c 8th May
KS2 SATs

Wed 17th May - 2.15pm
Year R Class Assembly

w/c 12th June
Year 6 Trip to France

Wed 14th June - 2.15pm
Year 2 Class Assembly

Wed 21st June
Sports Day

Thurs 27th June
Class Photos

Wed 28th June - 2.15pm
Year 1 Class Assembly

Fri 7th July - 6pm
George Gibbs @ Church

Fri 14th July - 6pm
Leavers' Service @ Church

Teacher Training Days

2016/17

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

2017/18

1st Sept / 16th, 17th and 18th Oct / 26th July

Other news...



Bethany in Year 5 has been very busy over the last couple of months taking part in the Wiltshire, Hampshire and Banbury dance festivals. She danced in modern, ballet, tap, national and song and dance and won an amazing 12 medals! Well done Bethany.

Young Carers

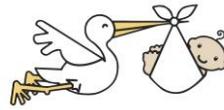


This term our 8 Young Carers enjoyed getting together at lunchtime for squash, biscuits and chat. They used their creative skills to make Mother's Day cards which were hopefully appreciated by the recipients!



"A Young Carer is someone under 18 who helps look after someone in their family, or a friend, who is ill, disabled or misuses drugs or alcohol." At Wanborough most of our Young Carers are helping to look after a sibling. If you feel your child may be a Young Carer please contact me at school from Tuesday to Friday to see how we can help.

Ms Hingley - Young Carer Lead



CONGRATULATIONS...

..Mr Day on the safe arrival of your new son Alfred. We wish you and Em a future of fun, laughter and good health with your new bundle of joy!

Duck Race



Rotary Club 17th Annual Duck Race

29th May @

Westcott Recreation Ground

The 17th Swindon Old Town Rotary Club Duck Race is taking place on 29th May and Wanborough Primary School are pleased to be supporting the event by selling ducks for entry in to the race. They are priced at £1 each and are available from the school office between now and 22nd May. 1st prize is £1000 and there are 6 prizes of £100. The race will take place at 3.30pm, although you do not need to attend the race. Good luck!

Value of the Month this month is...

CREATIVITY

Each of us is **creative** but we all have different gifts and abilities. Some of us love to paint, others to cook: some like to make music, others to build models.

- Talk together about each other's **creative** gifts. Are there some gifts that you share as a family or are you all different?
- Is there something **creative** you have always wanted to try but never had the opportunity?
- Do you have a favourite piece of art?



During February half term Max in Reception went to Italy on a skiing holiday. He came 3rd in his first ever ski school race. Well done Max.

DRAMA CLUB NEWS

How time flies! We are more than half-way through the school year and 40+ Drama Club sessions covered so far.

Thurs Drama Club (Yrs 1-3):

The children have had an enjoyable time so far, I hope, where we have been focusing on how to work cooperatively in large and small groups, using fun games and activities to acquire these skills. In their last session next Thursday (April 6th) the children will be giving a whole group performance to parents, of a short published poem called 'Ghost Hunting' in the School Hall, 3.55pm. This performance is a result of improvised physical work on the poem, devised by the children themselves. It has been a pleasure working with this group and to see their ideas grow and develop.

Watch this space for another performance at the end of Term 6!

Fri Drama Club & LAMDA (Yrs 4-6):

This group has been a joy to teach throughout the year. With this older group it has been great to work on developing the children's devising techniques at a more sophisticated level. Devising gives the children more opportunity to have complete ownership of their work and a clearer understanding of how the process of theatre works, rather than just focusing on outcomes i.e. the performance.

Through the devising process the children have created a short, very creative devised piece to perform for their LAMDA exam on April 8th. The piece is called 'Tiffany Alone' and is about a young girl who finds herself abandoned by her family.

Working on this particular piece has been like working with a small but dynamic youth theatre company. The level of energy, creativity and enthusiasm has been superb!

More members welcome for next term. Please come and enjoy some fun activities in preparation for a final show in Term 6!

It's been a pleasure teaching both clubs and new faces are always welcome! Don't hesitate to come and ask if you have any queries/questions.

Wishing you all a happy holiday.

Kate Hudson

Healthy Tuck Shop



Healthy Tuck Shop is run by Ms Hingley and a rota of Year 6 children. It is open at break on a Friday. On sale are a collection of pre-packaged healthy snacks such as Carrot Cake Bars, Tomato and Herb Puffs, milkshakes and flavoured waters. Everything is priced 50p except boxes of raisins which are 10p. Additionally, the wonderful Mrs Cheeseman bakes a variety of delicious treats including the very popular Chocolate (and banana) Brownies, and Cheese Melts. The Weekly Specials are also 50p.

School Council, run by Mrs Bermingham with an elected group of children representing each year group, invited Ms Hingley to a recent meeting. School Council proposed some changes to the Tuck Shop and the following has now been implemented:



- **Fruit Bowl** - Free Fruit is now available to KS2 children (KS1 children already receive free fruit).

- **Savoury Scones** - Cheese, Ham and Apple scones were trialled (Cheese and Herb for vegetarians). Slightly warmed, they were really delicious and will now be added to the menu for Tuck Shop.

- **Lemon Drizzle Cake** - this will soon be making a reappearance.
- **Cake Pops** - Mrs Cheeseman introduced cake pops (banana hidden in cake mix!) - these were very popular on Friday and sold out within minutes.



In the Summer, we are hoping to introduce a few other items too!

Ms Hingley - TA

PTA News

Quiz Night

This raised a total of £1,216.43 for the school, our second highest amount ever raised for our quiz. Congratulations to La Quizza Nostra who won the event and many thanks to all of those who helped make it happen.

Easter Bake Sale – Friday 7th April from 1.15pm

We will be selling home-made Easter cakes, biscuits and various Easter-themed treats outside the school at the end of term on Friday 7th April. Do come along and spoil yourself – or someone you love! And if you fancy donating some edible items to sell please get in touch via our email address – contactpta@wanboroughprimary.org.

There will also be an Easter Egg raffle. Our friends at Richard James have very kindly agreed to donate the first prize again - Bennet Bunny, 900g of Marks and Spencer's finest Swiss chocolate! The 2nd and 3rd prizes are Hotel Chocolat's Easter Pen Pals (Elizapeck the chick, Woolliam the lamb and Rabbert the bunny!) and The Big City Bunny. Tickets will cost 50p each and can be purchased at the Sale or from the school office. The prize draw will be made after the sale and the prizes delivered to the lucky winners in time for Easter.

Easter Cake Decorating Competition – Friday 7th April, Entries to be received by 8.45am

There will also be an Easter Cake Decorating Competition with both an adult and child class. Entries will cost 50p and entry forms will be available from the school website or the school office. Reverend Bill will once again be our judge. Please note, the competition is purely based on the look of the cake and won't be tasted – so you can have your prize-winner back for tea or donate it to our Sale. It also means that shop-bought cakes can be decorated for anyone particularly short of time during the last week of school.

Bags2 School – Thursday 18th May (plus collection of items for Ebay, Tombola and Adopt-a-Teddy!)

Hopefully you're now familiar with how our Bags 2 School collections work – it's your opportunity to recycle any unwanted clothes, shoes and soft toys which remain in saleable condition with all the money raised, based on weight, going to the school. The school receives 40p per kilo for the items.

However, in the past we've noticed that some people have put brand new items in the collection sacks (as well as items that don't quite fit the bill...!) which are worth far more than 40p per kilo to someone. This year we will have a collection box outside the school office for any unwanted and unused 'new' items – things that are still in their packaging or have their tags on them etc. We'll sort through these and they'll either be Ebayed, used for tombola prizes or donated to a local charity shop. So if you're having a clear-out over the Easter holidays, do think of us!

At this year's Summer Fete, we are planning to have an Adopt-a-Teddy stall – you know, one of those annoying stalls which children love; just after you've had a massive Spring Clean, your child visits a stall and comes away with 5 more furries they certainly don't need but wanted anyway! So any unwanted soft toys that remain in pristine condition, can be put in our collection box to find a new, loving home. We'll try not to let your child win your donations back again...!

Where the Money Goes

Sadly we've heard that we haven't been successful in our application for a grant from Nationwide Building Society to pay for an all-weather track around the outside of the school field to enable the school to take part in the 'Mile a Day' challenge. We now have 3 very large (think @£10k each!) items that we and the school would love (the all all-weather track, an outside stage, an all-weather surface for part of the field) and we're likely to only have enough money to pursue one of them this year. So, it's time for thinking caps on to see what else we can do to raise the money or some tough decisions need to be made. If you have any ideas to help with the fund-raising (or a big win on the lottery!) do get in touch!

Easyfundraising - Shopping Cashback Site for the School

Finally, we keep plugging this cashback site as it's a really easy (and free!) way for you to raise extra money for the school if you're an online shopper. The 20 people that have signed up have brought in an extra £138 to the school. To find out more, click on the following link - <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/NFAXV2/> 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 the extra donation. There are over 3,000 online retailers on the site including Amazon, Marks and Spencer, Next, Ebay, John Lewis and the major supermarkets. If you shop online, please consider using this site.

Please feel free to pass on to family and friends.

Future Events

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

Thank you all for your continued support.