



# Wanborough Primary School NEWSLETTER

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## Diary Dates

Dear Parents

Hopefully this newsletter can bring a different type of positivity to you all rather than the one we are having to continually contend with at the moment in and out of school. As you will read and see there are some wonderful activities, learning and achievements going in on school which the children and staff are enjoying. Remember, there are lots of pictures and information on our school website you can share with your child/ren or signpost to other family members and friends.

On our return we have welcomed Mrs Amanda Lever (our new School Business Manager) and Mrs Sharon Holcombe (Cook) to our school. Finally, we are also delighted to announce that Mrs Marshall has had a baby girl, Matilda Lucy Marshall. We wish her and the family every health and happiness.

Kind regards,

Andrew Drury  
Headteacher



Thanks to Morrisons shoppers in the school community we have been able to use the points to buy a pack of seeds for Autumn and Winter crops and some other useful equipment, which the Gardening Club will be using this season.



Can we please remind parents about the importance of driving/parking safely around the school site. We have witnessed some irresponsible parking recently which causes a danger to those walking to and from school. As a reminder, cars should not stop on the white lines, and cars should not stop in the road outside the main gate allowing their child to jump out the car. We appreciate parking can be difficult around the school at pick up and drop off but we would encourage you to be considerate to neighbours, and use the Park and Stride from Hooper's Field.

### Value of the Month for February is:

### 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.

w/c 21<sup>st</sup> Feb  
Half term

3<sup>rd</sup> March  
World Book Day

23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> March  
Years 4 and 5 at PGL

29<sup>th</sup> March  
Year 5 Trip to Ufton Court

w/c 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> April  
Half term

### Teacher Training Days

2021/2022

1<sup>st</sup> Sept / 20<sup>th</sup> Oct / 4<sup>th</sup> Jan / 27<sup>th</sup> May / 22<sup>nd</sup> July

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2022/2023

1<sup>st</sup> Sept / 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> Oct / 25<sup>th</sup> July

### Spaces in Classes

as of 28/1/22

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| Reception | 0 |
| Year 1    | 2 |
| Year 2    | 2 |
| Year 3    | 0 |
| Year 4    | 2 |
| Year 5    | 2 |
| Year 6    | 0 |

# Other news/celebrations...



A huge well done to the school football team who came very close to qualifying for the South West Small Schools Finals after coming third at The Wiltshire competition. As you can see from the results the team attacked and defended well and did us all and themselves proud with their effort, attitude and performances. The team were: Aiden (Y6), Alex F (Y6), Ben P (Y6), Wilf (Y6), Alex C (Y6), Sonny (Y6), Ben S (Y6), Mason (Y5), Fin (Y5).

The Year 5 and 6 netball team went to Oakhurst on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January for their first high-5 match! All players adapted to the rotation of positions and shooting ends well and showed some excellent team work. Despite the 9-1 defeat, the whole team put in maximum effort and there were some fantastic moments of play including an incredible goal from Alex (Y6), some beautiful defending and superb interceptions! Abbie (Y5) and Tom (Y6) deservingly received player of the match! Our next game will be at home on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February. Well done to all members of the team: Abbie (Y5), Darcey (Y5), Lillie-Mae (Y5). Olivia (Y5), Alex (Y6), Tom (Y6), Molly (Y6) and Anabelle (Y6).

Tregoze 0 - Wanborough 0

Wanborough 1 - Wylve Valley 0  
Sonny

Wanborough 1 - WhiteParish 0  
Sonny

St Peters 0 - Wanborough 3  
Ben S (Beckham like Freekick!)  
Finn  
Alex C

Holt 1 - Wanborough 0

Luckington 2 0 Wanborough 0

Coombe Bissett 0 - Wanborough 3  
Mason  
Wilf  
Ben S



A huge well done to Lacey (Y6) who totally smashed it at her first ever swimming gala winning FOUR gold medals for achieving 1<sup>st</sup> place in each heat. Lacey swims with the Swindon Dolphins - we can't wait to see how you progress Lacey - well done!

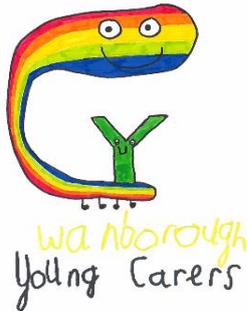


Emelia (Y5) donated 12 inches of her beautiful hair to the Little Princess Trust recently. She wanted to do it in the summer but the hair was slightly too short so after waiting a few more months Emelia had the hair cut on her birthday, just before Christmas. What a selfless thing to do Emelia - we are super proud of you.



Thank you for all your support during the Beat the Street initiative. We received £300 of Waterstones vouchers and bought some new books for all the classes (pictured). The children were very pleased to receive the new books.

# Other news/celebrations...



Young Carers

In our first session of the new year, the Young Carers used their artistic talents to create some posters for Swindon Carers Centre to promote 'Young Carers Action Day' which will be on Wednesday 16th March (more details to follow).

If you feel your child may be a Young Carer please contact me so we can discuss how we can support your child.

Ms Hingley - Young Carer Lead,  
ELSA and HLTA



## Small Steps to a Better World



In 2022 we are continuing our Erasmus+ Project linked with Ecole du lac in St Cyr. The project is aiming to make small steps to help the global environment, by carrying out actions which will reduce each school's environmental impact and make our schools more wildlife friendly.

On 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> of January all the classes took part in sessions to plant fruit trees to create an orchard in our Meadow area at the top of the school site. We planted 4 apple trees, 2 pears and 2 plums. All the children really enjoyed the process and showed good knowledge of the reasons for planting the trees. You can read more and see video here:

[http://www.wanboroughprimary.org/erasmus\\_small\\_steps.html#orchard](http://www.wanboroughprimary.org/erasmus_small_steps.html#orchard)



On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January, Oak Class joined with Wanborough Parish Council, villagers and Sarah Troughton (HM Lord-Lieutenant of Wiltshire) to plant trees on Church Meadow. This is part of a national project called "The Queen's Green Canopy" to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee with many more trees across the country. You can see pictures and video of this on our website:

[http://wanboroughprimary.org/queens\\_green\\_canopy.html](http://wanboroughprimary.org/queens_green_canopy.html)



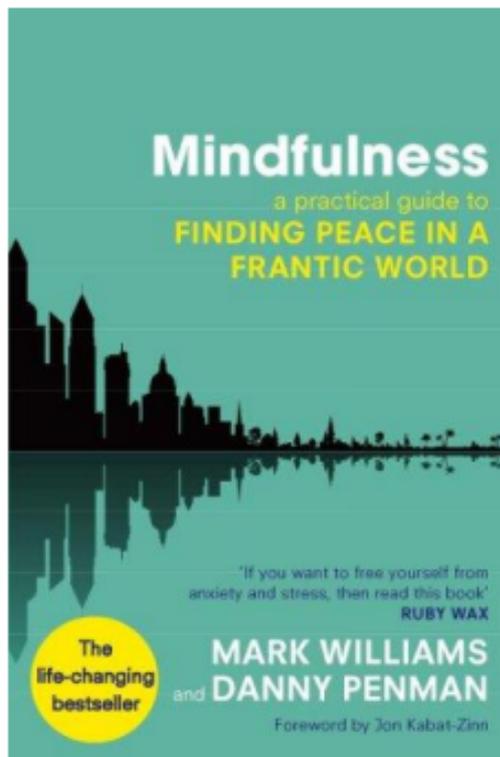
### RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch

If you have been watching Winterwatch over the last 2 weeks, you will be aware of the continuing decline in many bird species combined with changes in their behaviour, probably caused by climate changes. The Big Garden Birdwatch is an annual event which is your chance to take part in some 'citizen science' to build up more data on this. Simply take part for one hour at some point over the weekend. More here:

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>

# MINDFULNESS FOR PARENTS & CARERS

*A practical guide to looking after yourself in the midst of parenting*



## **6 WEEK ON-LINE COURSE**

Adapted from the bestselling book "Finding Peace in a Frantic World" by Mark Williams & Danny Penman. Also including informal meditations that you can share with your child/children.

***STARTS MARCH 3rd 2022***

Subsidised Cost: £50

**FREE TASTER SESSIONS**

**Find out more**

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb - 8-9pm**

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb - 8-9pm**

Mindfulness offers many benefits: it helps our mental and physical well-being and has been shown to alleviate anxiety, depression, stress and chronic pain.



### **COURSE GUIDE**

**Susie Stead** is a freelance mindfulness teacher based in Oxford. She was trained and competency assessed by the Oxford Mindfulness Centre (OMC) and is an OMC teacher. She also has 3 now adult children.

[www.susiestead.com/mindfulness-teacher](http://www.susiestead.com/mindfulness-teacher),

<https://www.facebook.com/mindfulnessinoxfordshire>

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**NHS**

# CHILDREN'S HEALTH

## WINTER YOUNG PERSON'S AND CHILDREN'S CLINIC

- ACHING MUSCLES
- CONTINUOUS COUGH
- HIGH TEMPERATURE
- LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL
- NEW FATIGUE
- SHORTNESS OF BREATH
- NASAL CONGESTION
- PERSISTENT HEADACHE

**DEDICATED ACUTE ILLNESS CLINIC FOR 2-17 YEAR OLDS**



**MONDAY - FRIDAY 08:00 - 16:00**  
**01793 709505**  
**TAW HILL MEDICAL CENTRE, SN25 1JH**

We are excited to announce a new service for children living in Swindon lead by an experienced team of GPs and Advanced Clinical Practitioners

We are aware that children are more likely to be unwell during the winter months, therefore have created this service to allow easier access for medical care when needed and ease the demand on local surgeries

### OTHER SERVICES AVAILABLE FOR MEDICAL ADVICE

#### NHS WEBSITES

[www.nhs.uk/conditions](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions)

[www.whenshouldiworry.com](http://www.whenshouldiworry.com)

<https://bswccg.nhs.uk/your-health/hospital-care/childrens-health>

#### PHARMACIES

The local pharmacies are a quick and easy way to discuss your symptoms and get treatment plans

#### 111

A 24/7 triage service designed to help assess your current symptoms

<https://111.nhs.uk>

Team Swindon