

# **Newsletter**

## **May**

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# **No Limits to Learning!**

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We hope you all had a wonderful Easter break. Already we are in May and there is a busy half term ahead of us with assessments, swimming and the School Fayre!

### **Lower Junior Production**

What a wonderful production we were treated to at the end of last term! Y3 and 4 performed “Dragon Days” and it really was an amazing production, full of great singing, wonderful dancing and some very corny jokes! Thank you to all the teachers and teaching assistants for their hard work and to the children for sharing their talents.

### **Assessments!**

As you know, May is a time when schools undertake some more formal assessments, such as SATs for the Y2 and Y6 pupils. Our Y2 and Y6 pupils will take their assessments the week after next and I have to say that we are all so very proud of the way in which they are approaching their tests. We all know the tests have become much harder compared to the SATs of the past, that expectations are higher and the bar has been raised. Last year’s tests gave us a flavour of what to expect, and I think we were all surprised to see just how challenging the papers were. The teachers and teaching assistants have worked hard to support the pupils each day and all of the pupils are showing true resilience and are working hard to produce their very best! They are determined to do well and put into practice everything that they have been taught. Please ensure that the children are here in school in plenty of time. Please do not book any hospital, doctor or dentist appointments and ensure that your child has a good sleep (perhaps coming off gadgets at least 2 hours before bedtime). We are so proud of their outstanding attitudes, well done Year 2 and 6 and good luck!

Years 1, 3, 4 and 5 assessments are mainly taking place after half term. Again please ensure that they are here in school over the next 6 weeks and not at any medical appointments. We wish them the very best too!

All of the assessments along with teacher assessments that have been made throughout the year will go towards informing their level of achievement which will be shared with you later this term in the annual report.



### **Admissions**

We have been allocated our provisional list of pupils starting in Foundation Stage in September 2018. As you know, our admission number is 60 and virtually all 60 places have been offered. We are anticipating that we will be full in the majority of year groups. Numbers are always unpredictable and so please can I ask that if you believe you may be moving in the near future (before September) you drop a note into the office, just so we can keep our waiting list parents informed of the likelihood of a place. Also, if you know of anyone that may be looking for a place and moving into the area please ask them to contact us as soon as possible so that we can

calculate our numbers and advise the Admissions Department at the borough. Thank you for your help with this.

### **Swimming**

**We will be starting swimming in our fantastic pool on Friday for some children (Y1SB, Y4SD and Y6SW) and the rest of the school, next week! You should have received the detailed arrangements letter with the timetable on the back and a competency slip.** Just a quick reminder, please remember that earrings must not be worn on swimming days as staff can not remove them for the child and no child is allowed to swim wearing earrings. Also, every child needs to have a hat. These are £1.50 and are available from the office. Thank you for your donations, please can we ask that all remaining payments are made this week. The Office have had a few phone calls from parents asking if they have paid, so receipt cards will be issued and we will let you know if we have not yet received your contribution.



### **PTFA Summer Fayre!**

Our wonderful PTFA will be putting on their fantastic fayre on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May. They had superb support last year on the stalls from parents and teachers – are you able to volunteer again this year? They also really appreciated the support of people with the setting up and taking down, it made such a difference, please let the office know if you can help and someone from the PTFA will contact you. Alternatively contact them on their Facebook page or email [wraysburyschoolptfa@gmail.com](mailto:wraysburyschoolptfa@gmail.com)

### **Art Competition**

Remember that entries need to be in by 9.30 on Friday for this! Draw a Spring picture using any art materials. A4 size on card please. Entries cost £1.



### **Mufty Day**

There will be a Mufty Day on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May – **IF** you bring in something new and unopened for the tombola stall. Bottles are ideal and are very much appreciated, thank you for your support.

### **Bag2School**

Dig out all your unwanted clothes! Bag2school is on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June. This is the perfect time to have a clear out!

### Staff Car Park

A reminder that parents should **not** be coming in the front driveway or staff car park to drop off or pick up children. **The only exception is when they are using the Gap Club facility early in the morning (prior to 8.00) or much later in the evening.**

**Please can I also ask parents not to park on the white zebra crossing zigzags. It obscures the view of the crossing. Do you want to be responsible for a child being hurt?**



### Hayfever

It is that time of year again when the good weather brings on hayfever. If you know your child suffers from hayfever and you use Piriton or something similar to help ease the symptoms, please could you inform Ms Cornish and please bring a named bottle into school. **It would also be wonderful if you could consider donating a box of tissues to the classroom; we currently spend over £200 on tissues!**



### End of the School Day

A reminder that school finishes at 3.00 for FS/ KS1 and 3.10 for KS2. We are finding that there are often children still at school until nearly 3.30 which prevents the teachers from attending after school meetings and trainings. Please can I ask that you collect your child promptly at the end of the day, however we do understand that there are sometimes one off emergencies, please call the school office if this is the case, so we can explain to your child.

Can I also ask that you please clear the school playground and play equipment by 3.10 as we let these areas to after school clubs. The clubs are not able to use these areas until other pupils and their parents have left due to safeguarding reasons. You are of course able to use it between 3.00 and 3.10 whilst waiting for KS2 children. Please be aware that your children are your responsibility, so please watch them on the equipment.

We still expect the children to behaviour appropriately on the school site, even after school. A reminder that it is not appropriate for adults or older siblings to be using inappropriate language around our school and the school site.

The Eco committee have also asked me to remind everyone that our school site is not a place to drop litter. If you see litter please place it in a bin and help us keep the site clean and tidy.



### **Sunshine!**

The weather does not seem to be quite so hot as the first week back, but please can I remind you that in sunny weather every child needs a hat and should have had sun cream applied **before** they come to school. Unfortunately we are not able to apply cream and children should not bring it into school. Please ensure that your child also has a water bottle in school (these are available at a cost of £1.50 from the school office).



### **Music at Wraysbury!**

We are delighted that you will get the chance to hear our wonderful choir and musicians later this term. We are planning a Musical Evening in early June when you will be able to come and listen to them perform. More information to follow!



### **Office Duty!**

If you have older children who attended the school, you may remember that we used to have Y6 pupils on duty for a while in the office each day. It was very popular and hugely rewarding for the children who were chosen to take on the role. Please be aware that if you ring the school between 1.15 and 1.45 this term the phone may be answered by one of our Y6 pupils who will be anxious to help you and answer any queries. If your call is of a confidential matter then do please ask to speak to an adult and they will put you through to a member of the school admin team.

### **Netball**

Well done to our Y3 and 4 Netball Teams who took part in the Windsor Sport Partnership Tournament last week. We came 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> out of 11 teams, a wonderful achievement. Thank you to Mr Habgood for driving the minibus.



### **Travel Plan Survey**

Thank you to everyone for returning the School Travel Plan surveys. Please can we have any outstanding ones this week?



### **Uniform, Jewellery, Hair, Nails**

It was wonderful to see all our pupils looking so smart on their first day back after the holidays. Please can I ask you to ensure that your child's uniform **is all named**. Footwear is a particular concern. Please ensure that your child has the correct colour socks or tights; dark tights or white socks with skirts, dresses and pinafores and black socks with trousers for girls. **Plain grey or black socks should be worn by boys.**

**Trainers should not be worn**, except for Games and we actively encourage Velcro trainers in Y1 and Y2 as we find they give more support. School shoes should be flat and appropriate for all the running around that they do! If you are going to buy sandals for your child then they should be substantial for the rigours of playground games.

Please remember that **no** jewellery should be worn in school except for stud earrings. Earrings must be removed for PE so it is better that they do not wear them on days they have PE. Permitted religious bangles must be covered by a sweatband for PE. Pupils who can not remove their earrings will unfortunately not be able to swim.

We know that some of our older pupils like to have their nails painted at the weekend for special occasions. Please note that false nails and nail varnish needs to be removed for school.

A reminder that hair which is shoulder length or longer should be tied up for school as part of our Health and Safety Policy. Please ensure that hair bows are small and grey/blue/black. They should be the sort that are on scrunchies **NOT THOSE ON A METAL CLIP**. This is because of them getting caught on clothing and because they hurt when pressed against the head in some gymnastic and PE activities.

We will email out the most up to date Uniform Policy. It is also on our website.



### **Parents' Evening**

Thank you to everyone for coming to the parents' evening last week. I understand from your comments to teachers that you found it very useful indeed. We followed the similar format to previous years which you all said had been helpful and many of you commented on how helpful it was to have a reminder of the new assessment system. We explained to you where your child was at the beginning of the year, the progress they may have made in the March assessments and where we hoped to get them to at the end of the year. We are sorry some of you couldn't make it.

### **Absence**

A reminder please to ring into school and let us know if your child is going to be absent. Once the registers have been taken, we will text parents of pupils not in school for whom we don't

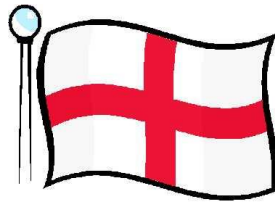
have a reason. Please reply to the text by phoning the school office as if we don't hear from you we will contact other numbers on the child's emergency contact list. This is because it is really important we ensure that your child is safe. It is also a way of checking of course that nothing has happened to you during the morning or on your way to school. Should we not be able to communicate with anyone and check that everything is OK, we will start to contact other professionals to help us. Thank you for help and support with this.

If a child is off for a few days we will check in with you that everything is OK and we may be able to help with support and advice for you.

If you need to request absence from school please complete the Absence in Term Time Form.

### **St George!**

Last week we celebrated St George's day with music, stories and legends. In the next couple of weeks we will be planning our Royal Wedding Celebrations. Thank you to the School Council for organising this – look out for more information!



### **New TAs/Lunchtime Team**

We will have 2 new faces around our school in the next couple of weeks. Mrs Jones will be starting as a Teaching Assistant in Key Stage 1 and Mrs Blackman will join us after half term. Welcome also to Mrs Johnson who has started with us as a member of the lunchtime team. She is really enjoying being with us especially as she remembers some of the children from pre-school.

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