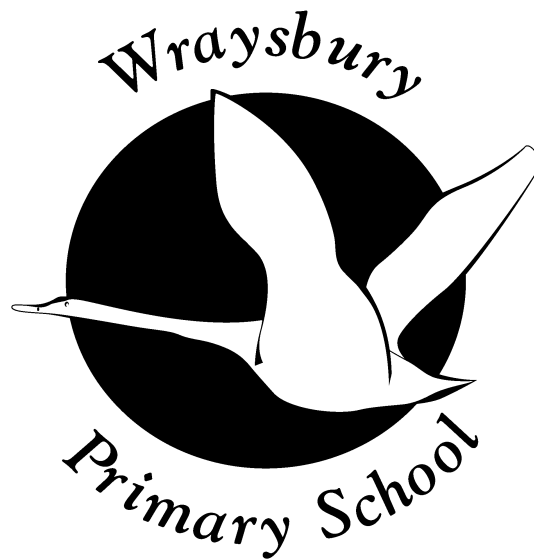


Newsletter

October 2018



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What a wonderful few weeks we have had so far! Our new staff and children have settled in so well and it is as if they have always been here! Do read on to find out what we have been up to so far this term and what we have in store for next term. There are also some reminders for you as this week is quite a busy one!

Please do look at the school website where there is a wealth of information for you!



Rules and Routines

So far this term we have been reminding the children of our rules, routines and expectations for the year ahead. All the classes have been looking at rules in our PSHE (Personal, Social, and Health Education) lessons and have drawn up a class charter or rules. This is based on the rights and responsibilities for children and everyone else in our school community. We have been focusing on British Values, especially knowing right from wrong and the democratic process (voting in our School Council and House Captains!)

Our Assemblies have focused on our school rules and following rules in life, rewarding and celebrating with those children who have clearly demonstrated that they have kept the rules. We also celebrate achievement, attainment or behaviour with Phase Certificates and star awards each week. Some children who have been exceptional may find their parents get a postcard from me!

Our school rules are in Behaviour Policy but they are:

Work hard

Respect others

Always listen

Your manners matter

Smart uniform

Be honest

Use equipment sensibly

Remember to be kind

You are special to everyone.

Do ask your children to tell you about our rules, their class charter and what they have been learning as well as what happens in our special Celebration Assemblies.

Induction

Thank you for coming to meet the teachers at parents' evening. We hope you found the meetings informative and that your child is settling back into school life. It was lovely to see so many Foundation Stage parents at the afternoon tea we held, do look out for more events next term. Don't forget that there is useful information for every year group on the website, including the Phase Newsletters. Please refer back to these for useful reminders such as equipment required and days for PE and Library etc. Please support us particularly in ensuring that homework is completed and handed in on time. A copy of the phase newsletters and the topic plan/curriculum for the term are on the website in the Letters section and then the appropriate Phase section.

School Photographs

On Wednesday 17th October our school photographer will be in school to take individual photos, again please make sure that your child is in full school uniform. A school sweatshirt or cardigan will be required, we have plenty for children to borrow if they don't have one.

Open Day

We held our Open morning today for pupils looking to start the school in September 2019. It was very well attended! Applications open on the 1st November and close in mid-January. Please see the website of your home authority (who you pay your council tax to) for details on how to apply as applications should preferably be made through the online facility.

Y6 parents need to apply by **31st October** for secondary schools, so do please make sure that you have done your application.

Shakespeare 2018!

Come and see Macbeth! Both of our Y5 classes are going to be performing at Norden Farm Arts Centre. Y5 have been studying Shakespeare and are now moving on to performing one of his plays. Every Monday and Wednesday Mrs Russell has been helping Y5 with the play and after half term they will head off to perform it in front of other schools. The final performance will be back at school in the hall and you will be taken back to medieval times! You will be inspired! **(By Oscar Williams Y5, Headteacher for the morning)**

Data Packs

At parents' evening, every parent/carer of a child in Y1-6 (except new children) was asked to update their data. We will shortly be contacting parents who were not able to attend to get you to do yours. Please help us by responding to the request promptly so that we are sure that we have the most up to date information.

Our PTFA

We have a wonderful PTFA at Wraysbury. They are a group of supportive and fun loving parents, carers and friends (as well as teachers!) who work tirelessly to support the school by buying things that the budget just won't run to! New faces are very welcome so let them know if you want to help out but were unable to make the meeting earlier this term. They are on Facebook or can be emailed on wraysburschoolptfa@gmail.com

School Meals

As you know, we have to ensure that meals are paid for in advance. The cost is £10.00 for a full week, but of course if your child usually has 2 or 3 a week then we ask that you run your account in credit by that amount. Please, please consider registering for online payments through our new cashless system, it will be far easier for you! We are also able to offer the opportunity to pay for school trips through this method. If you have any queries please ask at the office but why not try setting it up next week? All parents who have not registered will be given their code again soon so do look out for it!



Healthy School

We are proud of our “Healthy School” status and work hard to maintain it. Please help us by supporting our guidelines.

Please be aware that we are a nut free school and have children and staff with severe allergies. Please do not send nuts into school or products that contain nuts. Thank you for your support (this includes lunches and birthday treats).

- Please **do not** send sweets or chocolate bars in lunch boxes
- Please chat with your child and pack a balanced healthy lunch with fruit and vegetables (maybe crisps and a chocolate biscuit could be a once a week treat?)
- Birthday sweets are fine but we will ask children to put them in their book bag to bring home. Please help us by not allowing children to eat sweets on the school grounds.
- KS2 pupils do get hungry so please encourage them to bring in a piece of fruit or some vegetables.

Picking up from School Clubs

A reminder that if you are picking up from a club, we ask you please to **wait by the Waylands gate, or as directed on your acceptance letter**. Access to the school is through the Waylands gate only. Please do not come through or leave by the front doors. The reason for this is that we need to ensure the safety of our children who are still on the school site as well as guard against any accidents when cleaning is taking place along the main corridor. **The people who run the clubs will bring the children to you.** Thank you for your support.

Medicines and Welfare

We are fortunate to have Ms Cornish in school who helps to look after the welfare needs of our children. Please check that you have returned your child’s Health Care Plan if they have one.

School Emergency Procedures

We are always very proud of how well our children and staff react in emergency situations and as a school we have clear guidelines and policies in place. We recently practised the procedures again for fire and evacuation. They were very quick at getting out of the building, especially our Foundation Stage – well done everyone!

Ten at Ten!

Our school was a hive of physical activity the week before last! At 10.00 everyone got active. Thank you to our Sport Ambassadors who each went to a different class/year group and led physical activities for 10 minutes! We continue to do the daily mile which is great for getting our bodies moving and we think it helps to get our brains working harder for longer!



Football Team

Our Year 5 and 6 boys went to play in the Windsor School Sports Partnership competition and came a reputable 9th and 4th against many other teams. They played really well and of course thoroughly enjoyed the competition. Our Benchball and Dodgeball teams are in action just after the half term holiday. We wish them luck!

Waylands' Play Park

We know that our children love going to the park in Waylands after school to play and let off steam. Please be aware that the park has no connection with the school and that when children are in the park they are the responsibility of the parent or carer. Our children know what we expect of them in terms of behaviour. The children know that when they are in school uniform they can be identified as belonging to our school and that we expect the same standards of behaviour. We ask parents please to support us in this.

In the same way, please ensure that you supervise your children when they are waiting for older siblings at the end of the school day. Whilst we appreciate they will want to play on the equipment, children should not be climbing up the top of the slide or running through the new Gazebo (Outside Classroom).



Harvest

Thank you for the wonderful selection of gifts for the Windsor Foodshare – the photo is on our Twitter feed! They were so grateful and our Y6 prefects enjoyed delivering it to them. Don't forget that the Y1 and 2 Celebration is on Thursday at 2.00 pm in St Andrew's Church Wraysbury (the road opposite The George Pub).

The EYFS Harvest Assembly is on Friday this week, when we will welcome our Foundation Stage Children to our school with a gift and they will also tell you about Harvest.

Parking - a reminder

A couple of weeks ago I reminded parents about parking. In short, I promoted the use of The George Pub access. It is accessed from by the telephone box and then the gate is just a few yards down on the left. The path comes around the school field which gives very easy access to the whole school, but Y1 and 2 and Foundation Stage in particular. The gate is open from 8.40 until 9.00 and from 2.50-3.20 only. You are welcome to park in The George Pub in the mornings **BUT NOT IN THE AFTERNOONS PLEASE AS IT IS USED FOR CUSTOMERS**. Why not park in the village car park or the Village Hall Car Park down The Green. Please do not block the driveway by the George as it is a residential driveway and cars and vans do use it throughout the day. Please be aware that there are yellow lines at the entrance to Waylands, no cars should park on these yellow lines. Cars should park in the **marked bays only** and **not block the school's double gate** which is the access for the emergency services. Also, please note that Fairfield Approach (opposite school) is a private road and has parking restrictions too. Please do not park down this road **or over the driveways in Poulcott**. Please think about the safety of those crossing and living in Poulcott and do not park or abandon your car on the junction!

We have a Cars on the School Site Policy which we enforce for the safety of people in our school and to ensure delivery vehicles and emergency vehicles can access the school site. **PLEASE do not come into the staff car park to park or turn round at any time (unless it is an evening school event, you are accessing Gap Club, or your child needs picking up as they are injured and cannot walk a distance to the car)**. Cars dropping off/collecting children at Breakfast/After School Club will be permitted access to the school site only before 8.15 am or after 4.00 pm. Please do not park in any numbered or initialed spaces or park on the yellow hatching. Thank you for your support in keeping our children safe.

Staff Changes

We sadly said good bye to Mrs Lewitt on Friday. She is going off to work for St John's Ambulance service teaching First Aid to children in schools. We also will be saying farewell to Miss Wight on Friday as she moves down to Portsmouth. We wish her all the best in her new job and thank her for all the hard work. Miss Wise (supported by Mrs Juneja and Miss Macaulay-Brown) will continue to teach the class for the rest of the year.

Family Sharing

Why not pop in and have a look around your child's class on Thursday? It is Family Sharing and they would love to share what they have been doing with you!

Volunteering

Do you have any spare time or know someone who has? We would love to have some help and support in school, either an hour a week or half term or maybe more? Look out for more information coming soon!

Reminder of Leave of Absence in Term Time – statutory requirements.

As you know there are regulations for term time absence, these have now been in place for 3 years.

Headteachers are now required **not** to allow absence in term time for holidays. Should parents choose to take their child out of school for a holiday, the Borough may issue a fixed penalty notice. Some people will already be aware of this as I have made it clear in the response to applications for term time absence. Please take the time to read the policy and guidance carefully. The policy is also available in the policy section of the website. Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any queries. **Please remember that you must apply for any absence in term time (except sickness and emergency doctors appointments) on the school form at least 2 weeks in advance.** Illness of a child should be reported on the first day of illness by a phone call into school. Please contact the school again the next day if the child is still ill. For medical appointments/dental appointments or operations please bring a copy of the letter into the school office and ensure you let us know that you would like to collect your child early or that they will be late in.

The borough is tightening up on the requirement for pupils to attend school and will be following up on rates of attendance as well as punctuality. Please remember that learning starts at 9.00 so children should be coming into school at around 8.40 – 8.45 to give them time to get ready for the day.

In order to ensure that we know exactly who is on the school site and for safeguarding reasons please note that we have a signing in and out book:

- In the morning, if you arrive after the gates have been locked please bring the child to the front office and **sign them in. Please do not just drop them off.**
- In the afternoon, if you arrive 10 minutes or more after the end of the school day (3.10 Infants and 3.20 Juniors) please come to the school office and **sign them out.**

Therefore pupils late to school or late being picked up must be accompanied by the adult taking responsibility for them.

Also, please ensure that if you are not going to be picking up your child, you ring and tell us who is. We are not able to hand children over unless we have been informed by the parent.

Alison Fox
Headteacher

Calendar Dates

Wednesday 17 th	Individual Photos
Thursday 18 th	KS1 Harvest at St. Andrew's Church (2.00pm-2.45pm)
	Family Sharing 3.00pm - 3.30pm
Friday 19 th	Foundation Stage Harvest & Welcome Assembly 8.45am for 9.15am in the School Hall
	Cyberbullying Production for Year 6 (pm)
	PTFA Disco KS1 4.15 - 5.30pm KS2 5.45 - 7.00pm
Monday 22 nd Friday 26 th	Half-term - School Closed
Monday 29 th	INSET Day - School closed to pupils
Wednesday 31 st	Bag2School drop off 3.00 - 4.00pm Waylands

November

Thursday 1 st	Bag2School drop off 8.30 - 9.00am
	Image Theatre - Pinocchio for all years
Wednesday 14 th	Flu Vaccine FS, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5
	Shakespeare Production Year 5RS at Norden Farm, Maidenhead
	Shakespeare Production Year 5TS TBC at Norden Farm, Maidenhead
Friday 16 th	Children in Need
Wednesday 21 st	Shakespeare Production to parents Year 5RS at school
	Shakespeare Production to parents Year 5TS TBC at school
Thursday 22 nd	Provisional date Year 6 trip to RAF Hendon

December

Tuesday 4 th	Christmas Lunch (TBC)
Wednesday 5 th	Foundation Stage Dress Rehearsal
Thursday 6 th	Foundation Stage Performance @ 2.00pm
Friday 7 th	Muffy Day Christmas Fayre @ 3.00pm
Monday 10 th	KS1 Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 11 th	6.00-7.00pm KS1 Performance
Wednesday 12 th	KS1 Performance pm - Time TBC
Thursday 13 th	KS2 Carol Concert - St. Andrew's Church 7.00pm
Friday 14 th	Christmas Shop for Children
Wednesday 19 th	Pupils break up for the Christmas Holidays at 2.00pm

January 2019

Thursday 3 rd	New term starts for children
Monday 8 th	Open Morning