



## Upper Junior Autumn Term Newsletter

Welcome back to a new school year! The new school year has started on a very positive note and it was lovely to see the children returning to school with smiles on their faces and ready to learn. We have an exciting and broad range of topics planned for the coming year and we are planning some exciting trips and visits to enhance our learning.

### Autumn Curriculum

We have a very busy and very exciting term ahead. Year 5 have started the year learning all about the Stone Age to Iron Age and really enjoyed their trip to Butser Farm.

Year 5 will then discover William Shakespeare. We will be working with the 'As You Like It' project leading to a performance at Norden Farm.

Year 6 have started their 'Superhuman' topic; so much has happened in such a short time. The children were particularly fascinated when they dissected lamb hearts. How brave!

After half term Year 6 will move on to World War II. We will focus on the events leading to 'The Battle of Britain'

### Physical Education

Your children will require a clean indoor and outdoor PE kit each week and these should also be clearly named.

#### Indoor PE

white t-shirt, navy shorts, bare feet

#### Outdoor PE

white t-shirt, navy shorts, trainers, dark tracksuit for colder weather conditions (not their school jumper!)



### Uniform

We were delighted with how smart all of the Upper Junior children looked during the first few weeks. We hope this continues throughout the whole school year! However, just a quick reminder about a few points on our school uniform policy:

- All items should be clearly named
- Only small stud earrings can be worn, which **must be removed** for PE
- Permitted religious bangles may be worn and must be covered with a sweatband for PE
- Long hair should be tied back at all times in school
- Only small hair ties and clips are permitted, please **no large bows**.
- Shoes should be sensible, black school shoes, not trainers or canvas pumps
- Nail varnish and false nails should be removed

### Reading

We expect children in Year 6 to read every day and use their reading/homework diaries to record any thoughts about their reading book. This should be completed at least three times a week. This enables the staff to have quality discussions with the children about their book. We love to use their thoughts to recommend texts to other children.

Please ensure that your child's reading book and reading diary are in school every day as we do use them in class.

To celebrate Wraysbury Primary's love of reading, look out to see who gets to take our special reading bag home!

Don't forget to look out for the reading challenges!



### Water Bottles and Healthy Snacks in School

Please make sure your child brings in a refillable water bottle to use throughout the day.

We do encourage children to bring fruit, dried fruit or vegetables to school to eat during break time. We find this to be particularly useful in keeping the rumbling tummies away until lunchtime!

Please do not send in cereal bars, fruit winders, cheese and crackers, crisps or bread sticks.



### Homework

We will continue to use Doodlemaths and this will be set every Friday.

Homework supporting our topic will vary from weekly activities to more in depth project work.

The children have a homework book where all tasks will be stuck in.

### Pencil Cases

A polite reminder: pencil cases need to be **small** enough to fit inside their tray. This should contain their handwriting pen, pencil, rubber, barrel sharpener, small glue-stick, a selection of colouring pencils and highlighter pens.

We are finding that children are bringing in lots of unnecessary equipment. Lots of 'Smiggle' pencils and rubbers are great but they do cause a lot of distraction during our learning time.

I hope this information will be of help to you over the next term.  
If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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