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# Newsletter 12

## For our Parents, Carers, Pupils and the Wraysbury Community

Here is the last Lockdown Newsletter from Wraysbury Primary School. It has been a busy few weeks especially as we have been preparing for the end of term and indeed the end of the school year, along with plans for September!

### **Thank You!**

Before I share all our news and plans with you, I wanted to thank all of our amazing school staff for their very hard work not only over this school year, but particularly over the last 4 months. In all honesty, it has been one of the most challenging years I think we have ever faced (or hopefully will face) with all of the plans that have had to be put into place. These plans have then constantly required updating and reworking in order to ensure that we met the Government guidelines along with doing the very best for our children and their families. Through all of this, the children have been at the centre of everything that we have done; the home learning provided; the phone calls made; the lessons taught; the wellbeing messages and support fostered in school and at home; the village activities engaged in; the school meal vouchers

delivered; the communication engaged in and finally the desire to continue the learning through a fun and limitless way and not giving up.

### **Thank you to each and every member of staff!**

### **So what have we been up to?**

Along with our Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 bubbles we continued to take in additional Key Worker and more vulnerable families up until July when we were then unfortunately full in terms of taking new children. We are extremely grateful to the Governors who agreed to try and find pockets of money to fund the swimming pool not only for these few weeks, but also for the month of September if the weather allows!

### **Sports Day Not Sports Day!**

A couple of weeks ago we managed to run a "Sports

Day, not Sports Day" as we called it and the children were able to take part in all the old favourites as well as some new races (welly boot throwing was a great success!). We had the younger children in the morning and then the older children in the afternoon and of course our Y6 pupils were fantastic at organising and running the events. Great fun was had by all!

### **Sammy Snake**

It is the last few days of the Sammy Snake! This is where everyone is invited to decorate a rock and add it to Sammy Snake's body outside the front of the school. We worked with the initiative that Mrs Griffin-Smith gave us of building a snake full of love and support and indeed this all fitted in with our underlying theme of Hope for the future that we have had over this half term!

## **Book of Hope**

We hope that you have seen our **Book of Hope?**

Each day for the last few weeks we have been and will email out and tweet a couple of pages from our Book of Hope. The Book of Hope starts as a message for everyone from the staff and then is a compilation of messages from our children, staff and families. Do look out for them. We will put them on our website too and the originals are of course in a beautiful, enormous, hard backed book for us to treasure for the future.

## **Our own Ginger!**

Thank you so much to Benta Hickley! Everyone in Wraysbury and Hoton knows Benta well but she is a special part of our school, having worked here for a number of years. She has made us our own, slightly larger Ginger! We will invite our Ginger to our end of term/year events and sharing him (or her?) with our children. Thank you so much Benta for making us our own special one to keep, which we will treasure and put in pride of place in our school!

## **Consultation on the New SEN Provision**

PLEASE don't forget to go online and complete the SEN consultation. We would really like this provision to be based in our school as it will enable

us to support our children. It will give us the opportunity to access professionals such as speech and language therapists who are very much needed by a number of our children.

<https://rbwm.afcinfo.org.uk/pages/local-offer/information-and-advice/send-consultation-hub-and-resource-bank/consultations>

## **End of the Old Year and into the New**

### **Goodbyes...**

As we end this year we have said goodbye to a couple of members of staff. Mrs Lloyd (our child and family support worker) has left to go back into teaching. She will be supporting students with medical needs, teaching in a private hospital. We also said farewell to Mrs Panesar who was one of our teaching assistants and we wish her well in whatever she chooses to do.

Miss Wear has worked with us this year in EYFS and in Year 3. She has just completed her Graduate Teacher Programme and will be leaving us now to teach in a school in Bracknell. We wish you all the very best Miss Wear.

We are also saying goodbye to one of our long standing Teaching Assistants. Mrs Whiting has been at the school for over 24 years and she will be hanging up her

pencils and paint brushes! Many of you will know that she has mainly worked in our Upper Key Stage 2 classes, teaching Art as well as supporting intervention groups. We will truly miss her artistic talent, her amazing sewing skills and her fantastic much loved sense of humour. We wish you all the very best Mrs Whiting and thank you for your dedication and loyalty to our school!

## **Hello and welcome to ...**

We are going to be joined by some new staff (and some not so new!).

Firstly congratulations to Mrs Muggeridge who is currently one of our teaching assistants and she has been accepted onto the Graduate teacher Programme and will start her training with us in September. We know that she will be a tremendous asset to our school. She will be teaching alongside Mrs Woodhart in Year 6.

In addition to Mrs Muggeridge, we have a new Graduate Teacher joining us who will work in Year 2 with Mrs Brech, her name is Mrs Pinkerton and she comes from a local First School. We wish her all the best too.

We also have a new teacher joining our Year 4 team. Miss Caplin will be teaching in Year 4 from September and we are looking forward to working with her just as much

as she is excited about joining us!

At the other end of the school we welcome two specialist Early Years practitioners; Mrs Privett and Mrs Bhamra will be joining the team.

In Year 1 we also have a new teaching assistant joining us, Mrs Taylor will be working with Miss Wise.

In Year 3 we have Mrs Sweetman joining us who will be working alongside Miss Preston.

Finally, Mrs Henderson is returning from her Maternity Leave and we are looking forward to welcoming her back.

### **End of Year Reports**

Very shortly, if you have not received them already, you should receive your child's report pack. It of course contains your child's report up until the end of March as well as a response sheet. This is an opportunity for you to share what they have learnt at home. Do please put your comments on this as well as those of your child and return it to us as it does contribute to their learning profile and aids us with planning for September. You can drop it back hard copy at the picnic or do scan and email it to us.

### **Belongings**

Mrs Ebdon has been in contact over the last few weeks about belongings that

we still have (mainly PE kits). These will be available at the picnic but if your child is not coming to the picnic do please come and collect them **before Tuesday lunchtime.**

### **School Uniform**

**Please note that if you want to purchase school uniform or equipment from School Uniform Direct you must have an appointment. These appointments must be booked by the 31<sup>st</sup> July! Do look at recent correspondence from them on our website or contact them.**

### **Our Website**

Do please keep an eye on our website. It will be updated with information and now contains information on what the children will be learning in September as well as other useful links and of course will have some of our fantastic photos from our recent events.

There is and will be information for our new starters into EYFS. This will include photographs and videos giving a virtual tour!

### **Our New Library**

Funky Furniture, the company doing our brand new Library furniture are in school on Monday and Tuesday creating what will be the wonderful place to snuggle up with a book! We are so excited and can't wait to fill it

with beautiful reading material. Thank you again to our PTFA and those of you who support their events.

Talking of which...

Have you got bags and bags of stuff from wardrobe clear outs or do you know someone who has? We have organised a Bag2school collection for the **23<sup>rd</sup> September** so please hang onto it for just a little bit longer for us!

### **Our End of Year Picnic and Visit from the Ice Cream Van**

I am sure that your child is really looking forward to the picnic on Monday or Tuesday. Do please check the information on the leaflet that was sent out and it is on the website. It is important that we keep to the timetable and the arrangements for everyone's safety. Please remember:

\*Picnic Food

\*Rug/mat

\*Bag (maybe x2) to take stuff home

\*Bring back any reading books or library books that you have had at home or find!

\*Bring back report slips

\* Bring a hat and apply sun cream

\*No school uniform

## **New Book Donation**

Whilst on the phone to you, through emails and on Social Media you have been expressing how you have appreciated how much the school has done for the children, the families and the Community. Thank you for your lovely words and sentiment. Many of you have asked if there is something you can do for us, something you could get us and whilst we have impressed upon you that it is our job and the least we could do, we have had a think and we have come up with an idea!

If you would like to (and there is no expectation) you could mark the easing of lockdown and end of this very strange year with a gift for our newly refurbished Library.

We are going to need to buy all new books to stock our fabulous new shelving. As you know we gave our old books out to the Community and delivered books to families who desperately needed them to support learning during Lockdown.

If you would like to purchase a book to donate to us then that would be amazing! Do please drop it off at the school office or hand it in on the gate when you come to the picnic. We appreciate that some people may still be shielding, so if you wanted to give a small donation or a voucher then that would also be very kind of you.

## **School Dinner Costs**

Please be aware that Y2 pupils will now need to pay for school dinners on line in September (unless you are eligible for Pupil Premium). We will give you a code for accessing the online payment system. **The cost of school dinners increases in September to £2.16**

### **Looking forward to September**

Whilst there may still be some uncertainty for September the Government has asked schools to plan to open fully to all children and that is what we expect to do.

We will email out specific details nearer to September, as I suspect some things will change as we near the end of the summer but the main arrangements are:

- We will stagger the children onto and out of the site through our 3 gates using the alphabetical system we currently have in place.
- Start and finish times will be 3.00 for Key Stage 1 and 3.10 for Key Stage 2. We may need to alter them once EYFS are full time
- Please vacate the school site and car parks promptly so other parents can access the parking and gate areas

- **Please walk if possible**
- For the start of term only KS1 parents will be able to enter the school site at drop off and preferably only if necessary (kept under review)
- Parents will not be able to enter the school site at pick up time but the staff will bring the children to the gate (kept under review)
- Siblings of KS1 children will be released from their classroom first at the end of the day with other children following a few minutes afterwards
- Different drop off and pick up arrangements will operate for EYFS.
- The children will operate as Year Group Bubbles
- The Gap Club hope to operate before and after school care
- There will be no other after school clubs for the time being
- Our enhanced cleaning regime will continue
- Frequent hand washing will continue.

**School finishes at 2.00 pm on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July and returns for Y1-6 on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 8.40 am. Happy Holidays everyone ☺**



