

September 2018

New Term & Reminders



No Limits to Learning!

Welcome

Welcome back to a new term and a new school year at Wraysbury. Most importantly, welcome to all of our new families who are joining the school. I hope you all had a lovely restful holiday and managed to make the most of the good weather. There are a few new faces this term joining our staff and I would like to welcome them to our team.

I would like to welcome back Miss Matthews who joins us as a teacher in Foundation Stage, Miss Wise who joins us as a teacher in Year 1 and Mrs Cole who joins us as a teacher in Year 3.

Uniform, Jewellery, Hair, Nails

It was wonderful to see all our pupils looking so smart on their first day. 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 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! Boots should not be worn unless we have severe winter weather.

All Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils will need a school book bag, whilst KS2 may have a school rucksack.

Please remember fruit for KS2 children to have at breaktime and a water bottle for all children.

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.

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 blue/black so that they don't get caught on clothing or other children as they are playing or changing their clothes. Metal clip bows should not be worn as the metal can dig into the head or get caught more easily.



Dogs

Just a reminder that dogs are **not allowed** on school premises even if they are on leads. Thank you for supporting us with this.



School Meals

We do have a new menu this term and of course it is free for all pupils in Foundation Stage, Year 1 and 2. The cost of a lunch for Year 3-6 pupils has gone down to £2.00 and the menu has come home as a hard copy, by email and is on the website. As requested by the school council, pasta replaces jacket potatoes on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please come and ask if you need another copy of the menu or would like it emailed. **Please, please ensure that your child has a dinner money credit. Please pay a week or half term in advance.** Mrs Pearson will happily work out the Half Term cost for you. Please contact the school office if you need your login details for online payment. **We would really rather people paid online it makes it so much easier!**



Grass Bank

A reminder please that children should **not** be on the bank at the side of the school or coming into school across the grass. When wet it can be very slippery and mud then gets spread on the path and into school, but we also plant bulbs there which will get damaged by little feet. 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. If a child has an inhaler or needs any medication on a regular basis please ensure that it has been given to the Office. We will be sending home the Health Care Plans soon for you to renew and their asthma cards to be updated. If medicine needs to be given as a one off such as completing a course of antibiotics or cream for a rash, please ensure a form is completed. No medication should be kept in book bags. We are only able to give one dose which we aim to do at 11.45 am. Please can we also ask that if your child is sick then they should not return to school until 24 hours after the last bout of sickness. We may increase this to 48 hours if we have an outbreak of a bug that is difficult to contain.

Sometimes children have accidents in school. Any donations of spare underwear would be gratefully received and please wash and return borrowed items so that others can use them.

Headlice

With the start of the new term there is always a rise in the number of headlice cases. Please check your child's hair regularly and remember that the best way to prevent an outbreak is to continually comb their hair through with a very fine comb and loads of conditioner.

NUTS!

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.

Lunch Boxes

A reminder that lunchboxes should be as healthy as possible and **should not** contain sweets or chocolate bars.

Recycling

As a school we are always looking for new ways to recycle. We are delighted that we have a facility to recycle used domestic batteries. We have a collection box by the office so please send any used batteries into school with your child to put into the box.



Parking and the Gates!

A reminder that we have 3 gates for you to access school; the side gate, Waylands and the George Gate. The George Gate can be accessed by going down the little lane in between The George Pub and 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 gates are open from 8.40-9.00 and from 2.50 each afternoon. Please note that the George gate shuts at 3.25 prompt. 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 and is where the RBWM minibus will be manouvering.**

Also please note that Fairfield Approach (opposite school) is a private road and has parking restrictions too. Please do not park down this road and especially not over the drive ways.

The George have given permission for parking in the pub car park but in the mornings only.

Please do not park on the grass verge, the white zig-zags or yellow zig-zags outside the front of the school.

Scooter/Cycle Pods

We hope you like our new scooter and cycle pods! These have been bought for us by the PTFA. We hope that these will encourage your child to walk or scooter to school with you, rather than drive. Please be aware that we cannot take any responsibility for any loss or damage to them. Please consider locking your child's bike/scooter. Please ensure that your child walks their scooter/bike in and out of school.

Induction Meetings

Our Induction Meetings will be held this week. Please come and meet the teachers in the team and hear about the year ahead.

Years 5 and 6 Tuesday 11th September 3.20 pm School Hall

(DVD available for the children in Y6DW).

Years 1 and 2 Wednesday 12th September 3.15 pm School Hall

(DVD available for the children in EYFS).

Years 3 and 4 Thursday 13th September 3.20 pm School Hall

(DVD available for the children in Y6 DW).

We are aware that this is quite short notice and that not all parents can make an after school meeting, but we have to arrange the meetings for before the Clubs start and before the teachers have after school borough trainings, which often start in week 3 and 4.

Reading Challenge

If you did the summer reading challenge through the Library service RBWM will present the certificates in an assembly in October. If you went to a Surrey or Slough Library, bring in your certificate and we will present those too!

Start of the School Day

A reminder that our school day starts promptly at **9.00** and this is when the children commence their learning, particularly in Y3, 4, 5 and 6 where the teachers set morning tasks/challenges for the children to do . Please ensure that children are in their classrooms by this time and not still coming in the gate or across the playground. There is a warning bell **at 8.55** which signals that the day is about to start. We ask that parents avoid coming through the school building in the mornings so that we are able to make a prompt start. Messages can always be given to the member of staff on door duty.

If you need to visit the school office please try and use the front door. The reason is that we have Upper Juniors that will be moving to different rooms and the corridor is quite narrow. It also compromises our safeguarding and security.



End of the School Day

A reminder that Foundation Stage, Year 1 and 2 pupils should be collected from their classrooms at the end of the day and that Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 should be collected from the side path or Key Stage 2 playground. Please arrange a collection point with your child.

Please do not wait along the swimming pool path, this is a through route for lots of children and needs to be kept clear. Why not sit on the seating in the middle of the playground? Thank you for your help.

Attendance

Please remember to ring the school office if your child is not going to be at school because they are ill. If we don't hear from you we will send a text followed by a phone call to your named contacts in order to check that everything is OK.

All term time absence needs to be requested on a term time absence form, available from the office or the website. A reminder that holiday/travelling cannot be authorised in term time and exceptional absence can only be authorised in extreme circumstances and where a child has 95% attendance or above.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

As everyone settles into the new year Extra-Curricular Clubs will be starting soon. Some of these are provided by external providers (for which there is usually a small charge). Some clubs are provided by our teachers and these will be finalised shortly and a separate letter sent out.

Spanish starts this Tuesday, Chelsea Football starts next week, Tuesday 18th Y3, 4, 5 and 6 and Friday 21st Year 1 and 2. Street Dance is TBA.

Phase Letters

Over the next week you will receive a copy of the termly newsletter for each phase of the school. This will give you detailed information on the curriculum being covered, ways you can support your child and things to remember. If you have any questions or queries then please do not hesitate to pop in and see your child's teacher or the phase leader, after school is a better time than first thing in the morning.

Second Hand Uniform

The PTFA is having a School Hand School Uniform Sale on Friday 14th September in the Key Stage 2 playground. Please drop in any uniform to the office that you have for them to sell. PE kit, coats and sweatshirts/cardigans/polo shirts with logos are always welcome please.

Parents Teachers Friends Association 1st meeting of the School Year 7.00 pm!

This is on Wednesday 19th September and will be **in the studio**. Everyone is very welcome, it is a great chance to make new friends and socialise with other parents. The studio is across the Key Stage 1 playground in the corner of the modular "L" block.

We wish you all a very happy start to the Autumn term, please remember that if you have any queries we are here to help so please do hesitate to come and ask.

Alison Fox
Headteacher

Diary Dates will be out next week with key dates for the whole term so please look out for them!



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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

Wraysbury Primary School

Rules to Keep us Safe

We will remember to:

- Make sure we are always where our teachers and other adults expect us to be



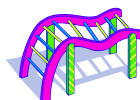
- Always use the School Gates to enter or leave the school site, not the front door
- Not to go out of the gate unless an adult comes to meet us or we have a gate pass



- Walk quietly and sensibly around the school, especially after lunch



- Keep to the footpaths on our way into and out of school and never walk across a car park or on the bank
- Never use the climbing frames or activity trail unless an adult is there to supervise us



- Walk bikes and scooters into school and put them away safely and securely in the racks

