

Wraysbury Primary School Whole School Newsletter



End of Spring 2 – April 2022

As we finish this Spring Term we would like to wish everyone a very restful Easter break. The last half term was a busy one and we all worked hard to deliver such an exciting curriculum and wonderful opportunities for the children alongside higher COVID rates, the usual illnesses and a number of staff off with COVID/illness too, but thankfully everybody seems to be recovering. Thank you to our amazing staff for all their hard work and flexibility in ensuring that everything that we had planned could still take place.

In this Newsletter I want to celebrate all the things that have happened this term and give you an idea of what is to come. I also want to use it as a timely reminder of some of our policies and procedures

Since February we have had a couple of staff changes; a few goodbyes to mention as well as a hello to a new member of staff and a welcome back!

We have sadly said goodbye for a while to Miss Alexander who leaves us to have a baby (no news yet!) and to Mrs Foster who has been a cover teacher with us for a while now. We welcomed Mrs Stack back from her maternity leave and she will be teaching in Year 2BA on a Monday and

Tuesday. We also have a slight change of role. Mrs McGregor who is a Teaching Assistant in EYFS will return to a teaching role on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in Year 2BA (she will still be in EYFS on a Monday and Tuesday for a few weeks). We have also appointed a new Teaching Assistant, Ms Wingfield has joined the Lower Key Stage 2 Team and we welcome her to our team.

As you know we have unfortunately been a little short of staff in our office team as Mrs Ebdon has been off sick and we have been looking to recruit a new Child and Family Support Worker. We are hoping that Ms Ebdon will be back after the Easter break and we then hope to introduce our Child and Family Support Workers to you.

We do owe huge thanks to Mrs Croft our Relief School Business Manager who is still with us whilst we appoint a new Business Manager and Mrs Rajasansi for holding the fort single handed on some days!

We have also been busy appointing a replacement for Miss Doherty who goes on Maternity Leave in a few weeks time. We will be

welcoming Ms Stephens to the Upper Key Stage 2 Team. We will be working with her over the next couple of weeks to ensure a smooth transition. Finally we are delighted to be welcoming a sports coach into our school every lunchtime from 11.45-1.45 pm. We have been looking at how we can increase the children's physical activity at lunchtime and thus improve their mental health and fitness and so the sports coach from Sport Egham will be running a wider range of physical activities in order to engage our children and support them in their play.

REMINDERS FOR THE SUMMER TERM

School Uniform

We have noticed that there are a number of children not in the correct school uniform. **In particular children are wearing trainers instead of black school shoes. Please use the Easter Holiday to purchase the correct school uniform.** Do come and talk to us if there is a reason that your child is not in the correct uniform. **Please note that boots should NOT be worn.** Please ensure that your child's uniform is **all named**. We have a box full of unnamed sweatshirts and cardigans ☹️.

As the weather turns warmer blue checked summer dresses may be worn.

For PE/Games every child should have a white t-shirt with the school logo and navy blue shorts. Tracksuits in a dark colour may be worn for outside games in colder weather. Velcro trainers should be worn in Y1 and Y2 as they give more support and are easier to do up.

As we will be starting swimming in the first week of May you may wish to start getting swimming kit together. Everyone will need a swimsuit or swimming trunks/ shorts (no bikinis and no longer length swimming shorts), a towel, a hat and crocs or flip flops.

Please remember fruit for KS2 children to have at break time **and a water bottle for all children. The children now take their water bottles out for breaks and PE in order to keep them hydrated.**

Please remember that no jewellery should be worn in school except for stud earrings. Earrings **must** be removed for PE and swimming so it is better that they do not wear them on days they have these things. Permitted religious bangles **must** be covered by a sweatband for PE. Please ensure that your child does not have nail varnish or false nails on school days and hair that is shoulder length or longer should also be tied up please.

Communication

Do please keep an eye on our website. It will be updated regularly with useful information including letters, COVID information, useful links and details of what the children are currently learning. We will also be using Twitter to celebrate the wonderful work and achievements of our children. Follow us on @wraysburyschool

School Dinner Costs

The cost of school dinners for Y3-6 is £2.20. Whilst it is possible to prebook your child's dinner choice online, please be aware that you will need to cancel it if your child is off sick, decides to have a packed lunch or is sent home. Unfortunately, meals ordered and not taken will incur a charge. It may therefore be best not to book too far in advance. Do please contact the school office to cancel an order by 9.30 am on the day.

Please be aware that dinner money accounts must be run in credit (have money on them at the start of the week that a child will be having dinners). Please check your account and clear any debts before the start of the new term as a huge amount of time is taken up chasing dinner money payments.

Pupil Premium

If you think that your financial situation has changed recently you may be eligible for Pupil Premium. This may entitle your child for free school meals. It also means that

should your child/family have to isolate due to COVID we will give you supermarket vouchers. The Borough also provide supermarket vouchers during holidays which is really helpful in contributing towards the family shop. If you believe that this may be applicable to you then please check on this website. We will then be in touch with you. You just need your NI number to hand.

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/rbwm/>

Families who are currently eligible do not need to reapply.

Medicines and Welfare

We are fortunate to have Mrs Croft 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 have been sending home the Health Care Plans for you to renew and asthma cards to be updated. Please ensure that paperwork is renewed and replacements for out of date medication are given into the office as a matter of urgency. This is particularly important as we move into hayfever season.

Lunch Boxes

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

Lates

A reminder that we start teaching at 9.00 and children who are just about to come through the gate at 9.00 will be sent to the Office as they will not have time to get to their class for the register/dinner orders. Any child arriving after 9.00 will be marked late so do please ensure that you are at school in good time.

We are now using our new electronic sign in system. Any child arriving late or leaving school outside of the normal finishing time will need to be signed in or out by a parent on the electronic system. A member of staff will guide you with this.

Please **do not park** on the grass verge, the white zig-zags or yellow zig-zags outside the front of the school or on yellow lines. Please do not park across our emergency access into the staff car park or in Waylands.

Scooter/Cycle Pods

We hope the children (especially those who have now passed their bikeability) will use the scooter and cycle pods! Please be aware that we cannot take any responsibility for any loss or damage to them. Please consider locking your child's bike/scooter.

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 all of your named

contacts in order to check that everything is OK and it is vital we know the reason for absence in order to monitor and report to the borough and other authorities.

All term time absence (including medical appointments) needs to be requested on a term time absence form, available from the office or the website. A reminder that holidays **cannot** be authorised in term time and exceptional absence can only be authorised in extreme circumstances. Please ensure that you ring in every day if your child is off in order to update us on the reason.

Parents Teachers Friends Association!

A huge thank you to the PTFA for their continued hard work. We had a fantastic disco as on Red Nose Day, a wonderful doughnut sale and at present they are very busy organizing our Spring Fayre for the 7th May. **Do look out for all the information that will be coming out the first week back at school!**

The PTFA are raising money for the KS1 and 2 play equipment that will be installed the week beginning the 3rd May and the week beginning the 6th June!

Governing Body

In the recent parent Governor election, Mr Khan was the only parent who was nominated so he is duly elected and will begin his term of office this term.

A huge thank you to the whole Governing Body for the time and effort they put into the role and their commitment and loyalty to our school.

They had a wonderful morning in school on the 10th March when they spent time working alongside the children in lessons and out with the children in the playground. They were able to see how their policies and procedures work in practice and were able to gather information to inform future plans.

Parents' Evenings

We held our parents' evenings just a few weeks ago and these were very much based on the progress that your child is making with their learning. We will be putting in place an opportunity for Mrs Cole to meet with the parents of pupils in her class. If you were unable to attend the parents' evening and your child has an Individual Education Plan/Wellbeing Support Plan then the admin team will be in touch for you to come and collect a copy from the school office. This is to ensure that they do not get lost in book bags on the way home.

Year 5

Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed and benefitted from The Windsor Schools Sports Partnership Badminton sessions this term. They loved having a specialist coach in to teach them and taking part in a sport that we are not normally able to do in school. Our Y6 children have

also benefitted from a Dance Coach and took part in the Windsor School Sports Partnership Dance Festival. They were amazing and I received messages from other Headteachers on how fantastic they were as well as how superb their behaviour was! Well done Year 6!

This term it is Year 4 who will benefit from the sports coaches. They are going to be doing orienteering in the school grounds.

Young Voices!

A reminder to all those who are taking part in the Young Voices Singing event at the O2 that this is on the afternoon/evening of the 4th May. More details to follow straight after Easter.

World Book Day!

Thank you to everyone for getting into the spirit of World Book Day back in March! Our theme was “sharing bedtime stories” and we took part in buddy reading, staff class swapping for stories, amongst other things. Children were invited to bring a book (new or in very good condition), wrapped up with a label for the age group that it would suit. The classes had great fun unwrapping them to see what they had!

We also started back up the Book Café’s for KS1 which as always was so well attended. We will be holding another one on the 10th June.

100 days!

We also celebrated the fact that EYFS had been in school for 100 days with a number day! The children came into school wearing clothes that had numbers on or had a pattern and they had an action packed Maths day.

Family Sharing and your child’s learning

It was lovely to welcome back our Family Sharing sessions. The children were really excited to share their learning with you and hopefully it gave you a bit of an insight into what their day consists of

Do you know what your child has been learning this term? Do you know that it is all on the website?

Why not have a look at the Curriculum on the Our Learning Tabs for your child’s year group. There you will find the topic maps and curriculum overviews which will help you in supporting your child’s learning. Next term’s learning will be up very shortly.

SATs and other parent curriculum meetings

So far we have held workshops for parents on the statutory tests that our Year 6 and Year 2 pupils will be doing in May, commonly known as SATs. We hope that you found them informative. We also shared the Multiplication test that the Year 4 pupils will be doing with the Year 4 parents, getting them to do it and putting them under pressure to test their tables knowledge!

We hope that you found it useful. Finally, the Year 1 pupils will be undertaking their Phonics Check in June and so there will be a meeting for Year 1 parents on the 6th May at 2.30 in the Hall.

Ladies’ Day

We hope that all our special Ladies in EYFS enjoyed coming to the special Mothers’ Day Assembly. It was so lovely to hear from the children why their Mums are so special. Thank you too to the PTFA for running the special pop up gift shop.

Peter Pan

I am sure that you will join me in praising the Y3 and 4 team, both the staff and the children for their absolutely amazing production of Peter Pan. The children were superb and joined in with such enthusiasm. It really was a team effort and the children learnt a lot from working together and having to support each other as a team.

Events and Dates

There is a huge amount to come in the next term and it will all be on the calendar on the website once we are back to school.

Thank you so much everyone for your support this term. We are really looking forward to the next term of learning 😊

Reminder! Year 4 residential meeting Monday 25th April 3.20 pm School Hall.