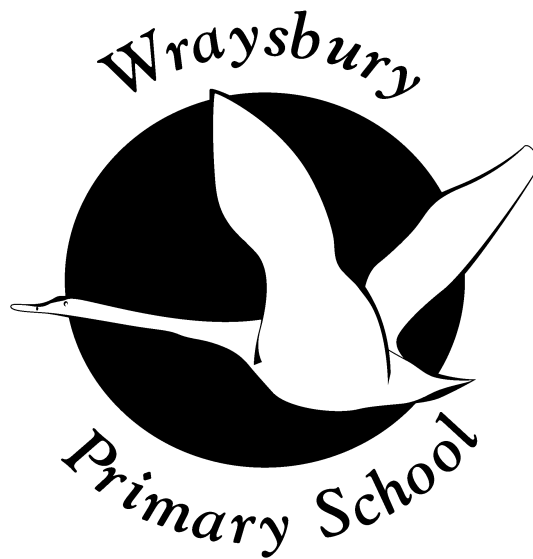


October 2019

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, which seems so long ago now and managed to make the most of the good weather. The recent wind and rain is certainly giving an autumnal feel so please ensure that your child has raincoat in school.

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 Miss Preston who joins us as a teacher in Year 3 and Miss De La Perrelle who joins us as a teacher in Year 5. Miss Wear also joins Foundation stage and is undertaking the Graduate Teacher Programme with us this year.

Hopefully you have also met our new finance officer, Mrs Ebdon who is working in the main office. She will gladly help you with online payment queries and DBS enquiries in particular.

As you may know we said goodbye to Mr Gregg at the end of term. He was offered a wonderful job working with footballers, which is his passion, and one he could not turn down! We are currently advertising for a new Premises and Facilities manager so please speak to Mrs Pearson if you know somebody who is interested.

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 break time 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/bands 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.

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 up to £2.07 and the menu has come home as a hard copy, by email and is on the website. In addition to the meat and veggie options pasta is available on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday and Jacket Potatoes on a Tuesday and Thursday. Please come and ask if you need another copy of the menu or would like it emailed. A reminder that no cash can be accepted for school dinners and **please ensure that your child has dinner money credit at the beginning of the week.** Please contact the school office if you need your login details for online payment. We can set it up with you if you have any queries, just pop by the office.

Grass Bank

A reminder please that children, including siblings, 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. We also ask that younger siblings do not play with the bikes and other learning equipment that we have out for our school day. Thank you for your support.

Medicines and Welfare

We are fortunate to have Mrs Blackman 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 already been sending home the Health Care Plans 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 medical 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.

Head lice

With the start of the new term there is always a rise in the number of head lice 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 manoeuvring.**

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 driveways.

The George has given permission for parking in the pub car park but for 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 will use the scooter and cycle pods! These were 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.

Pupil Leadership Team

We are delighted that our school Leadership Team is all in place. We have changed their name from Prefects to Leadership Team to recognise the role that they do in school. We were also delighted that our House Captains and Sports Ambassadors are all in place. In fact they have already had their first Leadership Day off with the School Sports Partnership. They were recognised for their amazing behaviour and manners and superb attitudes to the day.

The children also voted on who they wanted to represent their class as the school council rep. They have already met this term and they are busy sorting out what we will be doing for our harvest collection.

The Book People

Do you ever use the Book People to buy books? If you do please put in our school code at the checkout and for every £10 you spend we get £1. If you go through Easyfundraising of course, we get even more!

Golden Time

Do you have any games, Lego or other construction activities in good condition? We would like to replace some of our "well loved games". Please bring any donations to the school office.

Pizza Express

What a great time Year 2 are having exploring their topic of food! Miss Alexander's class have been off to Pizza Express in Staines to learn about everything involved in making pizza and Mrs Brech's class are off this week! Many thanks to Pizza Express for accommodating us!

Aldi Stickers

Still on the theme of food, do you shop in Aldi? If you do, please can you collect the Olympic stickers for us? We will be able to get a Sports Kit if we fill the chart in the walkthrough with stickers and we will also be in with a chance of winning £20,000. Please ask the people in front and behind you in the queue for theirs too if they don't want them!

Butser Farm

Year 5 have got the term off to a fantastic start and have already been off to Butser Farm to kick off their topic "Back to Basics". They learnt all about life in the stone age! Again their behaviour was exemplary and Miss Doherty and Miss De La Perrelle have been so impressed with the learning that it has sparked since they returned.

Welcome Meetings

Our Induction Meetings were held last week and Y3/4 is next Thursday. We hope that you found them informative. Thank you so much to all the Y1 and 2 parents who attended the first book café of this year and enjoyed coffee and a croissant while reading with your child.

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 have started. Some of these are provided by external providers (for which there is usually a small charge). Some clubs are provided by our teachers. If you have a place on a teacher club please be aware that this is a commitment and your child should attend regularly. We do have a waiting list of children who would love to take up an unwanted space. Please let us know if your child is unable to attend the club for a good reason.

Chelsea Football has started on a Tuesday Y3, 4, 5 and 6 and a Friday Year 1 and 2. Street Dance is on a Wednesday for KS2.

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 SecondHand School Uniform Sale on Thursday 17th October after the Foundation Stage Welcome Assembly at 10.00 and after school for Y1-6, 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!

This week the PTFA held its first meeting of the term. It was lovely to see some new faces. Welcome to you all ☺. The PTFA is a great group of people who help to fundraise for the extras whilst having "fun". Everyone is very welcome, it is a great chance to make new friends and socialise with other parents. Don't worry if you can't commit to loads of meetings; there aren't loads! You can do your bit by perhaps just helping at one event! At the end of this year many of the experienced members will be leaving and without new blood to fill a few gaps the PTFA will be no more! Do you have any financial skills, publicity skills, DJ skills? Do you have an attitude where you are willing to get stuck in? If you do then please let us know as we would love you to shadow someone this year and maybe take over next year. Please email us at wraysburyschoolptfa@gmail.com.

Communication

We will endeavour to keep paper to a minimum so please remember to check your inbox for any emails from us. If you do misplace a letter then nearly everything is on the website either as whole school or a particular year group letter. We are also going to use twitter far more this year so please follow us @wraysburyschool.

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 not hesitate to come and ask.

Alison Fox
Headteacher

Diary Dates

October

Thursday 3rd	Class 2AB Pizza Express
	Year 3/4 Induction Meeting for Parents 3.20pm Hall (DVD for siblings in 6MW)
w/c Monday 7 th	EYFS Stay and Play Week
Wednesday 16 th	Year 6 Twickenham Stadium
Thursday 17 th	EYFS Welcome Assembly - 9.30am Hall
Monday 21 st	Individual Photographs
Wednesday 23 rd	Open Morning 9.30am
Thursday 24 th	KS1 Harvest 2.00pm, St Andrew's Church, Wraysbury
	KS1 and KS2 Disco
Friday 25 th	INSET Day - School Closed to Pupils
Monday 28 th Oct to Friday 1 st November	Half-term - School Closed

November

Thursday 21 st	Bag2School Collection
Friday 29 th	Scholastic Book Fayre
	Book Café 8.30-9.10am Studio
Friday 29 th Saturday 30 th	Wraysbury School Christmas Tree Festival - TBC

December

Tuesday 3rd	Christmas Lunch TBC
Wednesday 4 th	Foundation Stage Dress Rehearsal
	Year 5 at the Windsor Pantomime
Thursday 5 th	Foundation Stage Production 2.00pm
Friday 6 th	PTFA Christmas Fayre after school
Monday 9 th	KS1 Production - Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 10 th	KS1 Afternoon Performance 2.00pm
Wednesday 11 th	KS1 Evening Performance 6.00pm
Friday 13 th	PTFA Christmas Shop for the children
Monday 16 th	Foundation Stage Christmas Tea 2.30pm
Tuesday 17 th	KS2 Carol Concert, St Andrew's Church, Wraysbury 7.00pm
Friday 20 th	Pupils break up for the Christmas Holidays at 2.00pm

A Reminder of our School Rules

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

Rules to Keep us Safe

We will remember to:

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