

# **Newsletter**

## **January**

### **2020**



**No Limits to  
Learning!**

What a busy term we had before Christmas! The school year is flying by and already we are into the 2<sup>nd</sup> term in the lead up to Spring. We hope that you and your children enjoyed all the productions and events last term. Thank you so much to all the staff and the PTFA particularly for all the extra time and effort that they put in to make it a really special time, something that we are really good at here at Wraysbury Primary. We have received some lovely feedback from members of the community about the Christmas Tree Festival and the singing in the Village and at Savill Gardens in particular. Well done to everyone who took part.

### **Welcome and Goodbye!**

A very warm welcome to Mrs Cleary who has joined us as a teaching assistant in Early Years. She has settled in so well and is really enjoying being with us. We also welcome our new facilities manager, Mr Richens who has started with us. You will see him on the gate at the beginning and end of the school day as well as around the school. It is lovely to have him with us and I am sure that he will enjoy meeting you all.

Sadly we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Pearson our school Bursar on Friday. She has done an amazing job looking after our school finances and overseeing our school office, we wish her all the best in her new job.

In the meantime, Mrs Rajasansi and Mrs Ebdon will be able to help you with any queries.

### **Parents' Evening**

Thank you to everyone for coming to the parents' evening back in the autumn term. We are sorry some of you couldn't make it, but the next one is on the calendar of dates. As part of the parents' evening we were updating our pupil data sheets and it is important that we do this each year. We will be contacting you if we have not got updated sheets and making arrangements for you to do this. Because of GDPR we are unable to just send these home book bags.

### **Online Payments**

During the autumn term we were also trying to ensure that all of our parents were set up and using the online payment system. This makes things easier for you as parents (as all dinner money needs to be paid in this way) but it is also so much easier for the office. Again we will be contacting parents who may not be set up for this and helping to ensure that this facility is working for you.

### **School Uniform and Winter Clothing**

Recently we have noticed that a number of children are wearing the incorrect uniform or PE kit. Please note that the girls should have a **grey skirt/pinafore or black trousers**. Pale blue polo shirts or cotton shirts should be worn and not roll neck jumpers or long tops under their polo shirt. If the weather is particularly cold then a vest or short sleeved t-shirt may be worn (however it does get warm in the classrooms!)

For PE, boys and girls should be wearing navy blue shorts and a white t-shirt with **trainers for Infants and Juniors**. In colder weather the children may want to wear tracksuit bottoms and a sweatshirt or fleece to keep them warm when they are doing outside games.

When the weather is very wet or snowy we allow children to wear boots to and from school, but **please** can parents ensure that children bring their school shoes to change into in the building. Boots in the school building can mean a lot more wear and tear on our carpets and polished floors and the excess water makes it very slippery. If they do not have school shoes then we will ask them to change into their trainers.

**A reminder about footwear, all children should be wearing black school shoes, not trainers. Please ensure that your child has the correct school uniform and equipment.**

**Please note that our Uniform Supplier, who sells everything you need, is based in Staines or you can order online! [www.schooluniformdirect.com](http://www.schooluniformdirect.com)**

### **A Reminder of some of our School Uniform Rules**

We have noticed that we have had to remind quite a few children of some important school rules. Please can you help your child by reinforcing these at home.

- Hair that is longer than shoulder length should be **tied up** please for health and safety reasons. A small discrete bow or ribbon may be worn
- We have a policy of **not allowing jewellery** except stud earrings but these must be removed for PE so it is better not to wear them at all. Bracelets and necklaces **should not** be worn
- Nail varnish and make up **should also not** be worn
- Pupils are welcome to bring their bike or scooter to school, but please ensure that they are NOT ridden on the school grounds and are locked up or put in the pod if you are leaving them here
- A reminder that pupils should not bring mobile phones to school. In exceptional circumstances (in agreement with the Headteacher), a Year 6 who is making their own way home may bring a phone in to be kept in the school office

### **Lateness**

Please be aware that registration finishes at 9.00 and we expect the children to be on the school site for 8.55 when the bell rings. The children are involved in a variety of activities between 8.40 and 9.00 such as challenges, reading with an adult, support for learning later that day and so it is really beneficial for children to be in promptly to engage in this extra learning. The gates remain open for just a couple of minutes after 9.00 to allow you as parents to leave. Please don't try to come in if there are only a couple of minutes left, you may get trapped in school for the day! I appreciate that the traffic can be busy on some days but please try and allow for roadworks etc. If the gates are locked, please ensure you bring your child to the office via the front of the school and sign them in.

Foundation Stage parents, please ensure that you leave enough time to say goodbye to your child and exit through the school gates. We are not able to allow you through the main corridor for safeguarding reasons.

### **End of the School Day**

A reminder that school finishes at 3.00 for Infants and 3.10 for Juniors. Unfortunately teachers are not able to look after children after this time as there are meetings and training courses that they need to attend. If a child has not been collected by 3.10 (Infants) and 3.20 (Juniors) then they will be brought to the school office where we will try and call parents and other emergency contacts. Our Health and Safety Policy contains a "left pupils clause" and should we not be able to contact any of the named contacts for a child we will seek advice from social care. In this respect it is absolutely vital that we are kept up to date with contact numbers. Thank you for supporting us with this.

### **Absence**

A reminder please to ring into school and let us know if your child is going to be absent. Once the registers have been taken, we will text parents of pupils not in school for whom we don't have a reason. Please reply to the text by phoning the school office as if we don't hear from you we will contact other numbers on the child's emergency contact list. This is because it is really important we ensure that your child is safe. It is also a way of checking of course that nothing has happened to you during the morning or on your way to school. Should we not be able to communicate with anyone and check that everything is OK, we will start to contact other professionals to help us. Thank you for help and support with this.

If a child is off for a few days we will check in with you that everything is OK and we may be able to help with support and advice for you.

### **Clubs at Wraysbury!**

The uptake to our teacher led after school clubs has been brilliant this term and we apologise that we cannot accommodate all the children who wish to be involved. We continually look into ways to increase the numbers of children who can attend these clubs, but it is not always possible. A huge thank you to teachers for giving up their own time to run these opportunities for our children. ☺

The Gap Club will be sending out a questionnaire shortly, do please take the time to respond, even if your child does not attend the club as it is really useful to get the feedback of your thoughts and ideas.

### **Year 3 Top Secret Science Investigation!**

All Year 3 parents are invited to come into school on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January to take part in a very special Science Investigation. We are not telling you what it is but we can guarantee that you will find it great fun and we are sure that your children will be talking about it for years to come!

Please enter through the front office door just before 2.15 pm. We look forward to seeing you!

### **Monday Maths Breakfast**

It was great to have so many Y3 and 4 parents join us for the Monday Maths Club this week. Do look out for the next one on the calendar.

### **PTFA Meeting**

A reminder that the PTFA will be meeting on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January to plan this term's activities. They are great bunch of people and at this meeting we will be looking at the plans for the refurbishment of the Library which we are currently raising money for. Do come and join us, we will be meeting in the school hall (entry through the hall fire exit) at 7.00 pm and afterwards there is usually the chance to socialise in The George.

### **Website and Twitter**

Finally, a reminder to keep looking at the school website, especially if you think you have missed a letter. We upload nearly all the letters to whole school section or to the Phase section. Also, follow us on Twitter to see what has been happening and what the children have been learning.

