

Wendover Church of England Junior School

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Values

We have continued to think about our responsibilities this week and how we can care for our environment. We explored the idea of stewardship - looking after something for others. Children were challenged to think of ways that they can look after the environment so that many more can enjoy it. Ideas included only eating/buying as much food as you need, turning off electrical devices when not in use and up-cycling.

Attendance and Punctuality

We want all children to have outstanding attendance but we know that there are occasions when your child will not be in school. Please remember to contact the school office before 9am on each day of absence. Children have made a good start this year with nearly all arriving before the school gate closes at 8.50am. Please make every effort to ensure that children arrive on time - this helps them get off to the best start each day.

School Uniform

Please remember that hair should be tied back with a simple band or tie of school colour (grey, red or black) and children should not wear jewellery, other than a watch or a plain stud in each ear if pierced.

Harvest Festival

Our harvest festival celebrations this year will be taking place on Tuesday 3 October at St Mary's Church (Y3/4 at 10am, Y5/6 at 11am). Parents, families and friends are invited to join us at the church. As usual, we will be collecting non-perishable goods which we will donate to local good causes. These can be sent in with your child or dropped in the collection box in reception from Monday. Please ensure all items donated are unopened and within their use by date. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

School Photos

If your child was in school on Thursday 7 September they will have received a proof envelope of their school photo to bring home this week. If you'd like to order a copy, please follow the instructions on the envelope and return it to school by Thursday 28 September. If you miss the school deadline, you will be able to order direct from Tempest (details on envelope).

Safety

A polite reminder that the parents' waiting area is a pedestrian zone and children should not be riding bikes or scooters on the pathway. Please remind your child to park their bike or scooter in the designated area as soon as they arrive at school. Similarly, please ensure younger siblings stay with parents/carers and are not allowed to run about outside our classrooms or ride scooters/bikes on the pavement at the end of the school day. We aim to provide a safe waiting area for everyone and we would appreciate your support in reinforcing these message at home.

Slime for Charity

We are encouraging enterprise this year and a group of Y6 girls are already involved in fundraising for the Florence Nightingale Hospice. Tubs of homemade slime will be available to buy after school on Friday 29 September. A range of slime will be available from 50p to £1.50. Please ensure that children have correct change if they would like to support this worthy cause. Well done girls!

Letters Sent Home This Week

Welcome letter and curriculum overviews (whole school)

Club confirmations (via text/email)

Individual photo proof envelopes (whole school)

Reminders

Y5 Space Day - make payment online at www.parentpay.com by Friday 22/9

Parent governor nominations - return by Monday 25/9

Hot dog orders - return order slips and make payment online at www.parentpay.com by Wednesday 11/10

Photo orders - return to school by 3.30pm Thursday 28/9

Diary Dates

28 September	Meet the Teacher drop-in, 3.40pm
w/b 2 October	After school clubs begin
3 October	Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church (10am Y3/4; 11am Y5/6)
10 October	Y5 Space Day
12 October	Y3 visit to St Mary's Church
16 October	Y4 Anglo Saxon Day
20 October	Hot Dog Day
20 October	Close for half term at 3.30pm
30 October	School re-opens after half term



Trust. It's an easy thing to talk about, even an easy thing to aspire to. But how easy is it to do in practice? How easy is it to trust those around us? To trust those who lead us? To trust that there is a genuine purpose to our lives? To trust that God is looking out for us and caring for us?

This Sunday (September 24th) we're starting a new term of our **Explore** All-Age services, looking at the topic of trust. **Explore** is an inclusive and accessible service which aims to cater for all: young and old, those who are new to church and those who've been coming for years.

Explore combines some great songs (and on Sunday we have a jazz band and gospel choir coming from Oasis Academy Enfield), worship, prayer and readings and a chance to explore the theme of trust in five different ways. And there's always plenty of coffee, and a chance to chat...

So, why not come and **Explore**! Everyone is welcome, come and see...

Sunday September 24th, 10.30am.

St Mary's Wendover, Church Lane, Wendover, HP22 6NL.

