

Wendover Church of England Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to Year 5 at Wendover CE Junior School. The children have made a great start and it has been lovely seeing them settle in well to upper school. We are really looking forward to this important and exciting year for the children and hope that they are too! I hope you find the information below useful.

The Staff

In Year 5 the class teachers are Mr Slade (5W), Mrs Beale (5S) and Mrs Edwards (5J). The classes are supported by Ms Abbott, Miss McLure and Mrs German. We are also fortunate to have Mrs Bartlett as part of our teaching team.

Expectations

The children are now in upper school and we continue to have high expectations for behaviour. Children in Year 5 are also expected to be excellent role models for the younger children in the school. Great learning behaviour will be recognised and rewarded.

In preparation for Year 6 and secondary school, we encourage and support the children to become more organised and independent learners. This includes keeping their school diaries up to date with extended learning tasks and important dates/events to remember.

Uniform

Children are responsible for wearing their uniform correctly. This includes longer hair being tied up in a plain hairband, nail varnish being removed and jewellery kept to a minimum (watch and plain stud earrings which must be removed for PE). Skirts should also be the appropriate length.

Extended Learning

In Year 5, children will be given a reading comprehension task, spellings and a maths task each week. Reading comprehension and maths tasks will be set on a Wednesday and should be returned the following Monday. Spellings will be set on a Wednesday and tested the following Wednesday. In addition, children should be reading regularly, not just as extended learning. Discussing texts with your child not only helps them to make sense of what they have read, but encourages prediction and inference skills. If the children wish to, they can record what they have been reading in the log at the back of their school diaries.

PE

Scheduled indoor PE lessons will take place on Wednesday and will be delivered by Premier Sports. Outdoor PE for the whole year group will take place on a Thursday. Additional sessions may also take place, so it is important that PE kits are in school every day. Children will also take part in swimming sessions during this term with lessons starting on Friday 5 October. More information on this will follow soon.

Respect

Reflection

Responsibility

Resilience

Volunteers

Our curriculum overview for the year is attached. If you are in a position to help with any areas of learning, please make contact with me via the school office. We would really appreciate your help, as we are always looking for ways to make the curriculum even more exciting and engaging for the children.

Important dates in Year 5

27 September	Meet the Teacher
4 October	Space Day (including visit from The Space Dome)
5 October	Swimming starts
5 October	Flu clinic
17 January	5W Class Assembly
24 January	5J Class Assembly
31 January	5S Class Assembly
14 March	Holdenby House trip (Victorians)
13 June	Ashmolean Museum trip

We will be organising more trips and enrichment activities as the year progresses. Details will follow.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the continued support that you give your child and the school. We are really looking forward to getting to know your child over this academic year and seeing them progress both academically and socially. Please do not hesitate to contact myself or your child's class teacher if you have any questions or concerns. We look forward to seeing you at the 'Meet the Teacher' event on Thursday 27 September.

Yours sincerely

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Year 5 Leader