

Wendover CE Junior School

Newsletter: 20.01.2023

*We aim to be the school of choice for our community.
Through living our Christian values, everyone at WCEJS has the opportunity to flourish.
We nurture the curiosity to learn, the courage to lead and the compassion to care.*

Building solid foundations (Mathew 7:24-27)

Respect

Responsibility

Reflection

Resilience

Collective Worship

This week has seen us exploring curiosity further. In particular, we thought about how being more curious might help us to become calmer and more supportive of others. Instead of jumping to conclusions, asking just a few questions, or taking time to consider more deeply, can give us a very different outlook – something that is more important than ever in a fast moving digital world where social media demands immediate responses.

Our song this week has been 'Peace like a River'
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1_1i93Pqjul



This week's Highlights

Year 3 A Good collaboration and enthusiasm from the children during science investigations this week. Children are enjoying accessing Reading Plus on the iPads this week in school and researching Romans for their non-chronological reports in English lessons.

Year 4 are enjoying learning about how to look after their teeth in science.

Year 5 started learning about Europe, and now know the names of a number of European landmarks and capital cities, and which countries they are in.

Year 6 have enjoyed learning about the heart and blood vessels.

House point totals: Red 1070 / Green 710 / Blue 876 / Purple 690

NEU Strike Action

Following a successful ballot, the National Education Union has informed schools that strike action will take place this term. Individual schools may be affected on up to 4 days (three national strikes and one regional):

- Wednesday 1 February 2023
- Wednesday 1 March 2023
- Wednesday 15 March 2023
- Thursday 16 March 2023

I fully intend that the school remains open; we will do our absolute best to ensure that all children are able to attend school on each day affected by strike action. Planning is currently underway and more details will be shared with parents next week. In the meantime, I would ask that parents refrain from speculation on social media as this is may not be helpful.

Thank you
Gareth Kynaston

PE Uniform

We aim to get children outside and active wherever possible, even in cold weather. Extra layers are highly advisable and we have a uniform policy that aims to be as simple and cheap as possible. For clarification:

- Tracksuit / jogging bottoms and or top can be worn as an **additional** layer
- We recommend that plain, dark and inexpensive coloured clothing is used as it is likely that it will become wet or muddy (we will not accept responsibility for staining / damage to clothing)
- Children are not allowed to wear clothing displaying inappropriate slogans (this is the case for any additional layer worn into school)
- Hoodies are not ideal for PE but may be worn. Hoods are to be tucked into the back of the top for any activity that may result in the hood being caught.

Year 5 Parent Assemblies

Year 5 children will be sharing all that they have done so far this year on the following dates:

5W – Tuesday 7th February 9am

5J – Wednesday 8th February 9am

5S – Thursday 9th February 9am

Fancy learning a musical instrument?

There are still spaces in our extensive range of instrumental lessons.

Did you know we offer:

Drums/Bass/Electric Guitar (Pippa Beckford)

Piano/Keyboard (Michele Beckford)

Brass (Steve Kitchen)

Strings/Classical Guitar: (Gareth Hart)



Here is an opportunity for your child to begin their journey in music, and develop life-long skills that they will never regret.

At WCEJS we are working hard to provide pupils with more performance opportunities in music, and would love more of our pupils to get involved and learn from our talented peripatetic music teachers.

Spaces still available in: Brass (Trumpet, Trombone, French Horn) Strings (Violin, Viola, Cello) and Classical Guitar
Some lessons can be taken in small groups, which reduces the cost.

Applications should be made via Bucks Music Trust: <https://www.bucksmusic.org/book-lessons-2/>

Please email them for more details and they will help you book your lessons and field them to the relevant teacher

School Office Opening Hours

Please note that the school office is open from **9:00am until 3:15pm** – this allows us to be able to get all of the children in and out of school safely by keeping the main entrance clear.

All other correspondence can be emailed to the office or via a phone call

Email: admin@wendoverjunior.co.uk

Telephone: 01296 696822

Dates for the Diary

Year 4 Swimming Lessons: Every Friday - Friday 13th January – Friday 10th March

Year 5 Parent Assemblies: 5W Tues 7 Feb, 5J Weds 8 Feb, 5S Thurs 9 Feb at 9am

Spring Half-Term: Friday 10th February – school closes at 3:30pm

School reopens: Monday 20th February

Easter Service: Friday 31 March at St Mary's Church (Y3&4 10am Y5&6 11am)

2023 PTA events

Bingo: Wednesday 22nd February

Easter Crafts: Tuesday 28th March

Strawberry Fayre: Thursday 29th June

Airplay and Ben Club for Service Families

At RAF Halton, Airplay youth workers are working in partnership with RAF Community Development staff to deliver a range of activities for children and young people. The initiative is designed to help relieve some of the pressure on highly stretched RAF families. Activities provided through the Airplay programme aim to stimulate and nurture children's aspiration, ambition and resilience. We also provide vital support and reassurance to families.



Monday

1600 – 1800 – Junior school years 3,4 and 5. Come along and hang out with friends and do fun activities including arts and crafts, games, cooking and more.

1800-2000 – Senior school years 6+. Come along and chill with your friends, play video games, do some cooking and other cool activities.

Tuesday

1530-1715 – Ben club for ages 5-7. Arts and crafts, games and more. £1.20 entry including a snack

All sessions run from the YAC (building 222) and sessions are £1 entry. There is a tuck shop with maximum spend £1 for Juniors and £2 for Seniors.

For more information about Airplay contact Julia Purton, Station Youth Worker 07548 831755
julia.purton@oneymca.org or Facebook: RAF Halton Airplay Youth Club

Premier Education Wraparound & Holiday Club

Premier Education are providing before and after school care every day the school is open and also offer multi-activity camps during the school holidays. Our aim is to deliver a top quality, Ofsted registered provision, with a range of stimulating activities in a safe, secure and fun environment, providing an outstanding service for busy parents.

Our staff will adapt each day based on particular children's needs or the weather, but timings and structure of the days will be consistent. Activities will be designed to fit in with the schools termly theme and include arts & crafts, baking, sports, Lego, games, quiet reading and general free play.

Our sessions run at the Wendover Youth Centre Monday to Friday for the breakfast and after school club. For the Breakfast club, children are dropped off at the Youth Centre from 7:50am, and will be taken to the school at 8:45am. Children attending the After school course will be collected from the school playground (meeting at the adventure playground) and escorted after registration over to the youth centre.

Prices:

Breakfast club, 7.50am – 8.50am - £5.25 a session

Afterschool club, 3.30pm – 6pm - £12.00 a session

Contact:

Chilterns.office@premier-education.com

01296 620097

Booking:

<https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/17247/?location=wendover>

Booking for Gymnastics and Dodgeball:

<https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/12019/?location=wendover>

Family Support

Our Time

The charity supports children of parents with mental health difficulties, see further information [HERE](#)

Support for Families and Staff

The [Support and Resources for Schools and Families in Buckinghamshire](#) document has been updated with further contacts and links for finance and budgeting, health and wellbeing, food and cooking advice. Please share with staff, families, colleagues, friends and let us know of anything we have missed.