# Wendover CE Junior School Newsletter: 11.11.2022



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)** 



Reflection



## **Parental Engagement**

As we welcomed prospective parents into the school this week, it was a chance to reflect on the many good things that are firmly embedded in our school culture. Our Year 6 guides did a splendid job of showing the parents around the school – there were many positive comments about the school and the guides. Additionally, Year 6 began their class assemblies for parents this week, starting with 6W.

Teachers are busy producing the WINKS for all units of work for this half-term. They will be shared with you shortly. Thank you to everyone who has completed the survey about reports and consultations – results and actions will be shared with you soon. Parent consultations are on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November from 3.40 to 6pm (details about booking an appointment will be shared with you shortly).

Gareth Kynaston - Headteacher

# **This week's Highlights**

**Year 3** children enjoyed their end of unit Spanish quiz and practical poppy making activity in English. The TT Rockstars challenge was very motivating for the children.

**Year 4** have thoroughly enjoyed the Hobgoblin Theatre visit; watching a production of Curse of the Mummy before performing their own drama in a workshop. The theatre group were impressed with the children's knowledge of the Ancient Egyptian period.

Year 5 children have enjoyed getting to grips with fractions.

Year 6 parents enjoyed 6J's class assembly

House point totals: Red 1080 / Green 690 / Blue 1110 / Purple 990

# **Collective Worship**

Our theme for this week has been service and sacrifice. On Monday, we thought about how honey bees are a great example of service. Wing Commander Ashley Mitchell, the senior chaplain at RAF Halton, joined us on Tuesday to lead worship, sharing his message about the importance of service. We joined together as a school today in our remembrance service, reflecting on the sacrifice made by so many over the years.



### **Remembrance Service**

We held our service this morning and children were very respectful during the silence which was held at 11am. The key message for the service was that heroes come in all shapes and sizes and that anyone can be a hero. This built on our theme for the week: service and sacrifice.

Year 6 representatives stood in silent reflection at the memorial in Wendover, after which they laid the wreath containing a message from each class and the names of the old boys of Wendover School.





### **Faith Stories – Extended Learning Competition**

Well done to everyone who entered the competition. There have been so many entries, and the standard is so high, that judging will be a difficult task. We will be using the winning entries for a resource in school and as a display in our indoor reflection area. Children earned 10 points for each entry and winners will be announced soon.



### **PE Kit**

We will be supplying all children with plain black sports shorts soon. We are doing this so that all children are smartly and appropriately dressed for PE. This is a good will gesture, bearing in mind the current economic climate we have negotiated a very good deal with our supplier.

Jogging tops and bottoms may be worn as an additional layer in cold weather (leggings / cycling shorts may be worn **underneath** the sports shorts if children prefer).

School jumpers, sweatshirts or cardigans are not allowed for PE. Children should always bring socks to change into for PE – not wearing socks / tights that they have worn to school.

# **Community Cohesion**

As part of our transition process, we provide a number of opportunities for our children to visit the John Hampden Infant School to talk with the children. Our anti-bullying ambassadors and Junior Road Safety Officers recently visited, talking about the very important they carry out in school.

Mrs Beck, accompanied by some members of the Street Dance Club, performed a Zumba demonstration for the children at the John Hampden this week.

We are looking forward to welcoming the John Colet students for mentoring and volunteering at the school.



# WCEJS Movie Night

#### **MINIONS: THE RISE OF GRU**

Pizza and popcorn deals available with tickets sales on parent pay

Bring your favourite cushion

Tickets will go on sale at 5pm Monday 7 November until Monday 14 November.

#### **THURS 17TH NOV**

#### **3:30PM TO 6PM**

**BOOK YOUR TICKETS FROM 7TH TO 14TH NOV** 

#### WWW.PARENTPAY.COM

PLEASE REMIND YOUR CHILDREN THAT NO PHONES WILL BE ALLOWED. THANK YOU.



# **Children in Need**

The school council have decided to support BBC Children in Need as our charity this half-term.

"We're doing what we love, fundraising For BBC Children in Need. Together we can support children and young people across the UK to rebuild their lives. We will be having a Spotty Mufti Day on Friday 18th November, BE SPOTACULAR!"

You can make a donation at :

https://www.justgiving.com/page/wendover-ce-junior-school-wendover-1667825083020



### **Cancer Research Sale**

Megan, Milly, Poppy, Ella and Penny will be selling items they have made, in aid of Cancer Research, at lunchtime on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November.

Items include:

Slime	£1.50
Bracelets	£1.00
<b>Colouring Pencils</b>	£1.00 for 2
Party Pencils	£1.00
Stamps	£0.50
Keyrings	£1.00



# **Christmas Decoration Competition**

A reminder that it is not long until the end of the decoration competition. Children will have until 18 November to design and produce a decoration for the tree in Wendover. All entries need to be brought into school and must be clearly named. Any materials can be used, but must be weather resilient (previous entries have made good use of recycled water bottles / containers).

Decorations will be displayed on the Christmas tree in the centre of Wendover. Children may win a prize or even be asked to switch the Christmas lights on.



## Year 3 Nativity

An appeal from Mrs McHardy-Jones for large cardboard (fridge freezer / large screen TV size) that will be used for scenery.

If you are able, please bring this to the school office.



### **Class Assemblies**

Each year, classes plan a deliver an assembly just for parents. This is another opportunity for parents to come into school to see just how much your child is learning.

6S - Wednesday 16th November

Assemblies begin at 9am.

# Family Support

#### Walking With You

This is a virtual, parent led support group for anyone supporting children and young people, up to the age of 25, experiencing mental health difficulties. See attached for further <u>INFO</u>. For dates available and how to book see <u>FLYER</u>

#### Our Time

The charity supports children of parents with mental health difficulties, see further information <u>HERE</u>

#### Support for Families and Staff

The <u>Support and Resources for Schools and Families in Buckinghamshire</u> 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.

# Dates for the Diary

Y6 Class Assembly:

6S Wednesday 16th November

**Parent consultations:** 

Monday 28 and Tuesday 29 November 3.40 – 6.00pm

Year 3 Nativity:

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December (details re booking to follow shortly)

Carol Service:

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December at St Mary's Church (Y3&4 10 am, Y5&6 11am)

#### **Premier Education Wraparound & Holiday Club**

Wendover Wraparound Club operates as follows Monday to Friday each week: <u>Breakfast</u> - 7:50am – 8:50am, £5.25 a morning <u>After School</u> - 3:30pm – 6:00pm, £12.00 a session

Click here to book onto one of the wraparound services.

Click here for guidance on how to pay with childcare vouchers

For any further questions please contact Premier's Wendover office on 01296 620097 Martyn – <u>mhutt@premier-education.com</u>