Wendover CE Junior School Newsletter: 02.01.2023

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)

Respect Responsibility Reflection Resilience

I hope that everyone was able to have a lovely Christmas and perhaps even a rest!. We are looking forward to seeing everyone back in school on Thursday morning, ready to start the new term. I am sure that this will feel like a very short term compared to the autumn and it will be very busy.

Our focus will continue to be high participation, deep thinking and positive choices, as well as making sure that our school values are lived out to help us achieve our vision. Within the curriculum, there will be a strong focus on writing and maths. We are looking forward to seeing parents in school for class assemblies, coffee mornings and consultation evening. We are also planning to hold our Easter service in St Mary's Church – parents as ever will be invited.

Please support your child and the school by ensuring that they return in full school uniform – including school shoes. Alternate footwear should be worn to and from school if the weather is adverse.

Gareth Kynaston - Headteacher

Happy New Year!

Wendover C of E Junior School would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year!

Just a reminder that Wednesday 4th January is an inset day.

We look forward to welcoming all the children back to school on **Thursday 5**th **Janaury**, well rested and excited to start the Spring term.



Tuition

The National Tutoring Programme began as a response to school days lost as a result of covid. Initially, the tuition was intended to support vulnerable children, for instance pupil premium children or children with special educational needs, in order that they make progress in the core subjects. (Tutoring has absolutely nothing to do with the secondary school transfer test that is taken by children wishing to go to grammar school). Since it's inception, the DfE has broadened eligibility for tuition. At Wendover CE Juniors, we want all children to make as much progress as they can from their starting points and for as many children as possible to reach their age related expectation by the time they leave us. We also unashamedly support the initial concept, that tuition should benefit vulnerable children in the first instance.

Schools currently receive some funding towards the cost of tutoring children. We intend to continue offering tuition for as long as this funding is in place. Whilst we would like to offer tuition to everyone each term, this is not practicable. Teachers and leaders closely track progress in reading, writing and maths each term in order to identify who is most likely to benefit from this opportunity.



Family Support

Our Time

The charity supports children of parents with mental health difficulties, see further information HERE

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

Inset Day

Wednesday 4th January

School reopens for Spring Term:

Thursday 5th January – gates open at 08:40

Year 4 Swimming Lessons

Ever Friday - Friday 13th January - Friday 10th March (please consent on ParentPay and complete the online form https://forms.office.com/e/Ne1YEHuffn)

2023 PTA events

School Disco:

Friday 20th January

Bingo:

Wednesday 22nd February

Easter Crafts:

Tuesday 28th March

Strawberry Fayre:

Thursday 29th June

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:

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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