

Wendover CE Junior School

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We aim to be the school of choice at the heart of our community.

Through living our Christian values, all children and adults at WCEJS have the opportunity to flourish as individuals.

We nurture the curiosity to learn, the courage to lead and the compassion to care.

WCEJS Newsletter 19 March 2021

Our second week with all pupils back has gone well with children eager to show all they have learnt so far this term. It is lovely to see full classrooms once again with children eager to share their thinking. Our curriculum provision for the summer term is being reviewed; we are determined to provide a broad curriculum whilst also making sure that children consolidate their learning ready for September.

Collective Worship

Responsibility has remained our focus for this week with two key messages:

1. Don't play the blame game
2. You can tell, but don't tell tales

Our collective worship presentations are available on the parent section of the school website.

COVID Update

Please follow our COVID protocols when dropping off or collecting children. The vast majority of parents are being very supportive. However, we have received a number of concerns from local residents and parents about a minority of adults who are not modelling safe behaviour. In particular:

- wear a face mask or visor whenever on the school campus;
- do not stand and socialise in close groups, particularly if this is blocking the pathway or causing others to reduce social distancing;
- do not drive onto campus unless authorised to do so, children are being put at risk by unnecessary traffic and some are being encouraged to walk across car-parks or on roads; parents should never park on double yellow lines, verges, near junctions or anywhere else that causes a potential hazard.



We fully understand that this continues to be a very difficult time for everyone. Hopefully we will see things continuing to improve. Continue to monitor your child's health carefully. **Do not send them into school if they, or anyone else in the household, is symptomatic or awaiting a test result.**

Attendance

Attendance has been high this week. We fully understand that children and parents may still be anxious at this time, but every effort should be made to come to school if you are well. If your child is unable to attend school, please email admin@wendoverjunior.co.uk, before 9.30am, stating the reason for absence.

Extended Learning

Extended Learning has started again this week. The purpose of extended learning at primary level is to:

- build good attitudes towards independent study, developing the necessary skills for independent work
- consolidate learning and practice skills
- give children the opportunity to explore and be creative.

Respect

Responsibility

Reflection

Resilience

Each week, children receive extended learning tasks to help them remember basic knowledge in English and maths, eg spellings, times tables etc. They may also be required to apply knowledge and skills through simple tasks, such as comprehension exercises or solving maths problems. Additionally, children are expected to read daily and across the week there should be a mix of independent reading, reading to an adult and listening to someone read to them / reading together.

Answer sheets are provided for each task so that children receive immediate feedback. Parents may choose to mark the work or children may self-mark. It is often helpful for them to spend just a few minutes reviewing incorrect answers - this is often a good indicator as to whether they have just made a simple mistake or they may need to relearn a particular skill / topic.

Extended learning is acknowledged and rewarded by class teachers. Children need to click the submit button on eSchools to show that they have completed the work. House points will be awarded for completed work and further reward will be given once the knowledge / skills have been successfully demonstrated in school, eg children will receive spelling certificates once they score highly on their current spelling level. Teachers will not usually provide detailed feedback for extended learning tasks, however they will use information from the tasks to inform their planning.

Each half-term, children are provided with an extended learning project. The theme of the project varies and may be based on subject, a number of subjects or a wider theme, such as values. We allow children to show their learning in different ways and often display completed work in school and on our website. Children are rewarded for their efforts with house points and headteacher award for those making an outstanding effort.

Comic Relief Day – Mufti Day

Thank you to everyone who contributed today. We managed to raise a grand total of £480.

SEN Reviews

You will already have received an invitation to an online meeting with Mrs Bartlett, to discuss planning for the summer term and any other relevant issues, please email admin@wendoverjunior.co.uk if you haven't already booked your appointment.

SEND Update

If you would like to participate in a SEND virtual coffee morning during the summer term, please email admin@wendoverjunior.co.uk with any topics you would like support with.

Safeguarding

If you have a safeguarding / welfare concern or need additional support then please contact Mrs Bartlett: admin@wendoverjunior.co.uk Further information is available on our website.