Wendover Church of England Junior School

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Values

This week has been a chance for us to think about ourselves; what can we learn from looking in the mirror? On Monday we considered what animals think when they look in the mirror - many try to attack the image they see and only a few recognise that it is a true reflection. In the same way, we can become defensive when we recognise something we are not sure of. On Tuesday, Becky led collective worship and reminded us that quiet time with God is a good way to reflect.

Growth Mindset

Our work on Growth Mindset continues this term. We will be looking at the brain more closely, what each part does, how we 'grow' the brain and how we can take care of it. As part of Wendover's commitment to becoming dementia friendly, we will learn what happens if different parts of the brain are affected by disease or injury.

Safeguarding

It is important that we know where children are if they are not at school. Therefore:

- Please inform the school office if your child is absent; a call should be made by 8.50am on each day of absence.
- If your child is in school but will not be attending an after school club they are registered for, let the school office know before 3.00pm so we can update the register. NB Where a number of sessions are missed without explanation, the place may be re-allocated.

Governor Update

Governors have been working with the School Leadership Team to update the new school development plan following last year's successful OFSTED inspection. We have been looking at progress data from the Autumn term to identify any trends and patterns and discussing what actions the school is taking in response. We joined teachers during the recent INSET day to observe how the new approach to assessing writing is being adopted in the school

After four years as Chair of Governors, Tony Fish is standing down and handing over the reins to Jo Garlick, one of our Local Authority governors. Tony will continue as a governor for the rest of the school year to ensure a smooth transition. We have one vacancy for a co-opted governor (normally drawn from outside the parent body). Do you know anyone that might be interested? They can get in touch with us via the school office or <u>governors@wendoverjunior.co.uk</u>.

School Library

The school library will be closed for a period to allow us to stocktake and review our overall provision. Please help us by returning any outstanding books to the Y3/4 & Y5/6 library by Wednesday 25 January. We are currently in the process of organising class visits to the Wendover Library as part of our commitment to strengthening links with the local community.

PE Kit

Please ensure your child has a full PE kit in school at all times: shorts, house t-shirt, trainers, joggers and sweatshirt. Outer layers are especially important for outdoor PE lessons this term.

Ollie's Fund

Your child will be bringing home a book of raffle tickets today in aid of Ollie's Fund. If you can help them raise the last £60,000 for Ollie's treatment, they would be extremely grateful. Please return all stubs and money to the school office in an envelope marked "Ollie's Raffle" by Wednesday 1 February. Thank you for your support.

Service Families Coffee Morning

Thank you to all the families and representative from other schools who came along to our Services Coffee Morning yesterday. It was lovely to meet you all and to find out a little more about you and your children. As many of you will know, Helen Brettell provides pastoral support to services children at WCEJS and other local schools. If you wish to get in touch with Helen, please contact her via the school office.

Letters Sent Home This Week

Fossils workshops (Year 3 only) Cross country event at St Edward's (club members only)

Reminders

- Y4 Viking Day permission/donation due by TODAY! Please send in on Monday if outstanding. Thank you.
- PTA Disco ticket order due by TODAY! Please send in on Monday if outstanding. Thank you.
- Hot dog orders by Friday 3/2

Diary Dates

26 January	5W class assembly, 9am
27 January	Y4 Viking Day
27 January	PTA Winter Disco
1 February	Y3 Stone Age Day
6 February	4W/4J multi-skills competition
7/8 February	Y3 Fossil workshops
9 February	5J class assembly, 9am
10 February	Hot dog day
10 February	Y4 swimming block starts
10 February	Close for half term at 3.30pm

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Monday 6th February at the Shoulder of Mutton pub. 8pm-10. Theme of buttons and hearts. Make 3 items to take home with a glass of prosecco and pudding included in the price.

Tickets £20. You can book through my facebook page The Creation Station Bucks Wendover or E mail Nicolacliffe@thecreationstation.co.uk