Wendover Church of England Junior School

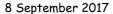
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Welcome

Welcome to all our new parents and children and welcome back to everyone else. It was lovely to see the children pouring through the gate on Wednesday morning, smiling and looking smart, eager to start the autumn term. Even better was that they were still smiling at the end of the day! To make sure our children can exit the school safely at the end of the day, we do ask that parents/carers stand at the side of our waiting area and leave a clear path down the middle of the pavement. We look forward to seeing you in school at our Meet the Teacher session on Thursday 28 September.

Additionally, we welcome Revd Sally Moring to our school community. St Mary's Church was very busy on Wednesday evening for the service to install the new incumbent and we look forward to working with Sally to further strengthen our links with St Mary's Church and the community.

Values

Our new school year begins with our value of Responsibility. This week we have explored how we can take responsibility for supporting one another through simple acts such as smiling and saying positive things.

Uniform

Thank you for ensuring that children have returned looking very smart in their uniforms. Please remember to check that all items brought into school are named - including lunchboxes, bottles, coats and shoes - as this ensures we can return lost property.

ParentPay - School Trips & Activities

In an attempt to remove all cash and cheques from school, and given the imminent closure of our local Lloyds Bank, we would ask all parents to activate their accounts on ParentPay and use this method to pay for school trips and activities, as well as hot meals from AiP. Parents new to the school have been sent an activation letter via their child today. If you need to add a sibling to an existing account, you will now be able to do this via the "Add a Child" tab on ParentPay's home page, as the children's data has been uploaded.

When paying for a school trip, you will also be able to send us electronic consent, reducing the amount of paper used and ensuring slips and payments don't get lost in transit! Families who are in receipt of Free School Meals should also activate their accounts to ensure online consent can be given, but payment will not be required.

NB If you do not have access to online banking, payments can still be made by cash at any local store displaying the PayPoint logo.

Road Safety

We are very proud of our Gold level School Travel Plan and last year's award School of the Region (South East) from ModeShift Stars. These accolades have been achieved by the hard work of staff, our Junior Road Safety Officers, as well as our many very supportive parents. Sadly, there are still a number of parents from across the campus who continue to ignore our school rules, the rules of the Highway Code and break the law. This first week of term we have already received complaints of parents parking illegally on the double yellow lines on the corner of Icknield Close, making it very dangerous for our school crossing patroller and those families accessing the site from that direction. The number plates of these cars have been noted and passed on to the authorities. We actively welcome reports of illegal or inconsiderate parking on or around the campus and these can be emailed to finance@wendoverjunior.co.uk. We ask everyone to work together to get our children to and from school safely - please don't risk being responsible for a child being injured or worse, all in the name of convenience. Thank you.

Letters Sent Home This Week

Clubs booklet (whole school hard copy)
ParentPay activation letters (whole school as required)



Reminders

Clubs application form - return by Friday 15/9

Diary Dates

12 September Y6 Secondary Transfer Tests (preparation tests)

13 September Equaliteach PSHE workshops 55/6S

14 September Y6 Secondary Transfer Tests

22 September Equaliteach PSHE workshops 5W/5J/6W/6J

28 September Meet the Teacher drop-in, 3.40pm

w/b 2 October After school clubs begin

3 October Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church (10am Y3/4; 11am Y5/6) 9 October 6W Injury Minimisation Programme for Schools (IMPS)

10 October Y5 Space Day (letter to follow soon)

10 October 6J IMPS 11 October 6S IMPS

20 October Hot Dog Day (more info to follow soon)

20 October Close for half term at 3.30pm 30 October School re-opens after half term







