

Wendover CE Junior School

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*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)

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Respect

Responsibility

Reflection

Resilience

COVID Update

It is likely that there will be no statutory covid restrictions in place soon. However, covid is affecting staffing in schools. We will continue to do all we can to keep children in school and avoid a switch to remote learning (this is something we have thus far narrowly avoided). This means that we may still have restrictions in place. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

All visitors are required to LFD test before coming into school and to wear a mask (this includes parent meetings and assemblies).

Coffee Mornings



RAF Coffee Morning – Wednesday 9 February

Thank you to all the parents who came along to meet with us. Mrs Austin is currently unwell, but we hope she will be back in school in time for the Little Troopers Pyjama Day on 17 February. At the RAF Coffee morning, we learned about a couple of clubs for RAF children: Airplay and the Ben Club. A leaflet is attached with the Newsletter.

SEND Coffee Morning – Thursday 17 February

The focus of the SEND Coffee Morning will be canvassing a parent perspective on transition between year groups - including the move up to secondary. Do feel free to attend if you would like to be part of this. You don't have to wear pyjamas! 😊

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Mufti Day



On **Thursday 17 February**, we will be holding a Mufti Day. Everyone is invited to come to school wearing their Pyjamas and to bring a teddy if they would like. We have set up a donation page on Just Giving to make it a smoother system. Click [here](#) to access the link.

All proceeds made will go to the **Little Troopers Charity**. This charity supports all service children across the country who have parents in the British Armed Forces.

School Trips and Events

We are delighted to once again be in a position to offer pupils the opportunity of school trips and workshops. This enrichment is invaluable in supporting pupil learning and engagement, but we can only do this with your support with voluntary contributions towards the cost. In the event we do not receive sufficient funds to cover activities in the future, we will consider cancelling specific events.

The school office are happy to assist with any issues you may be experiencing with your ParentPay accounts which includes re-setting your account or viewing items. Thank you.

Forgotten PE Kits

A significant number of pupils are not bringing in their PE kits to school which is preventing them from participating in the activities. A reminder that this takes place outside in all weathers and so pupils need layers (sweatshirts and tracksuit bottoms) to keep them warm. Below for your convenience, is a reminder of the days these are held:

PE Sessions:

Wednesday: Years 3 and 5

Thursday: Years 4 and 6

A reminder that all items of uniform should be named.

This Week's Highlights

Year 3 loved Roman Day and enjoyed all the performances.

Year 4 enjoyed going to the canal to get ideas for their English letters.

Year 5 enjoyed pitching their buildings for Dragons Den

Year 6 **6W** enjoyed their trip to Trenchard Museum. **6J** and **6S** are looking forward to their forthcoming trips.

Parent Communication to School

If you wish to get in contact with a teaching member of staff or SLT, please email the school office at admin@wendoverjunior.co.uk We do not recommend using eSchools as a method of communication.

If parents have a face to face enquiry for the office, we ask them to visit Reception between:

8.50 am to 9.15 am

3.10 pm to 3.30 pm

This will enable us to keep the main foyer area clear and assist pupils entering and leaving our premises in a safe and timely manner.

Dates for your Diary

Date and Time	Event
Monday 14 February (Rescheduled)	Year 4 Anglo Saxon Day
Tuesday 15 February AM	6J class trip to RAF Halton
Thursday 17 February 9.00 am 5W Assembly (Rescheduled) MUFTI DAY	SEND Coffee Morning (Peace Room) 5W Class Assembly (School Hall) parents to wear a mask and 2 adults per child welcome. ALL YEAR GROUPS
<i>Friday 18 February</i>	<i>School Closed – Inset Day</i>
<i>Monday 28 February</i>	<i>Pupils back to school</i>
Tuesday 1 March (AM)	6S class trip to RAF Halton
Wednesday 2 March (Rescheduled)	PTA catch up at Shoulder of Mutton at 8.00 pm
Monday 21 – Tuesday 22 March	Year 4 residential trip to Woodrow High House – 1 night stay
Monday 28 March (after school) Wednesday 30 March (after school)	Parent Consultations – full details with timings and booking information to follow Parent Consultations – full details with timings and booking information to follow
Monday 20 – Friday 24 June	Year 6 residential trip to Llain Activity Centre, Wales.
Wednesday 20 July	Last day of term – 1.15pm finish

Would you like to be a Learning Support Assistant?

We will need an LSA after half term to support our children with Special Educational Needs. We need someone with at least GCSE level Maths and English, who is patient and willing to learn. Previous experience of the LSA or TA role is not essential – just an open-minded and positive approach to learning and working as part of a dedicated and hard-working team.

If you are interested, send an email to the School Business Manager for an application form admin@wendoverjunior.co.uk or contact Jenny Bartlett the SENDCo for a chat about the role.

Q & A's

As part of improving communications, this regular page in the Newsletter aims to address non-urgent questions raised by parents during the week, rather than sending individual emails.

Question: What is the progress on the school reintroducing hot lunches?

Answer: We are in the due diligence stage which includes examining quotes from a number of potential providers to ensure best value.

Question: Will extra-curricular clubs at lunchtime be starting soon?

Answer: A number of outside activities already take place during the week and we are looking to extend these, as well as providing a range of play equipment for children. Covid is still presenting problems for schools, not least in staff absence which reduces capacity to provide indoor clubs.