

# Wendover CE Junior School

## Newsletter: 21.10.2022



*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**

# Parental Engagement

*Thank you to everyone who have completed the various surveys that have been sent out this term. Below is a link to a survey about reports and parent consultations – the feedback from this will help us to refine our provision so that parents receive more of the information they want.*

<https://forms.office.com/r/fZ6fkvwtdt8>

*This has been a very busy term in school. We have accomplished much and it has been lovely to see so many parents back in school. I hope that everyone is able to have a safe and enjoyable half-term.*

*Gareth Kynaston - Headteacher*

# This week's Highlights

**Year 3** children enjoyed lots of things this week, particularly typing in computing and the mufti day.

**Year 4** have really enjoyed making their canopic jars as part of the Ancient Egypt investigation.

**Year 5** have shown great resilience this week in completing their assessments this week.

**Year 6** children have enjoyed investigating electrical circuits and experimenting.

House point totals: **Red 1240** / **Green 810** / Blue 390 / Purple 630

# Collective Worship

We focussed on 'beyond' this week. This area is all about the bigger questions, such as where do we come from and why are we here? We thought about it as 'making sense of that which is outside the *everyday*.'

Bible stories, and stories from other faiths, are one way in which we make sense of the 'beyond'. Our Extended learning Competition for this half-term is all about faith stories.



# School Planner

Your child should have brought their school planner home today. These are to be brought to and from school each day. The planners contain useful information for children and parents. They are also an excellent way of communicating between home and school (short messages) and children should record their personal reading in them.

Sadly, due to supply issues, the planners were late arriving this term.



# Reading Plus

Reading Plus is our online reading platform that we use in and out of school to support the teaching of reading.

Last year, this was rolled out to Year 3 and 4. Year 5 have now completed their baseline assessments and should be able to access the platform. Year 6 will follow after half-term. Please see the attached pdf for more details.



# PE Lessons

Physical Education is part of the national curriculum and as such is statutory. Only the teacher can authorise non-participation. Parents must email the school office if they believe accommodations need to be made for their child, eg an injury that restricts / prevents direct participation. All children are expected to take part in lessons as far as they are able.

Children must bring their PE kit to school and the PE kit should be as per the school uniform policy (this includes wearing red or black football socks rather than the socks they wear to school and PE shorts – not leggings). No jewellery should be worn in lessons (parents must provide tape for recently pierced ears). Parents will be informed if their child is not prepared for PE.



# Extended Learning Competition – Faith Stories

The first competition of the year has been launched! The challenge is to recount a faith story in 200 words or less, or to illustrate a story. All entries will be rewarded with 10 house points and there will be prizes for the winners. Entries must be handed in by Friday 4 November.

Children may choose a story from the suggested list or choose one of their own. They need to include the moral of the story / how the story helps people to live their lives. We will be collating the winning entries to use in a whole school resource.





# Christmas Decoration Competition

We will be launching our annual Christmas Tree Decoration competition after half-term. The decorations will be displayed on the Christmas tree in the centre of Wendover. Children may win a prize or even be asked to switch the Christmas tree lights on.

Children will have until 18 November to design and produce a decoration for the tree in Wendover. All entries need to be brought into school and must be clearly named. Any materials can be used, but must be weather resilient (previous entries have made good use of recycled water bottles / containers).





# WCEJS Movie Night

## MINIONS: THE RISE OF GRU

Pizza and popcorn deals available with tickets sales on parent pay

Bring your favourite cushion

Tickets will go on sale at 5pm Monday 7 November until Monday 14 November.

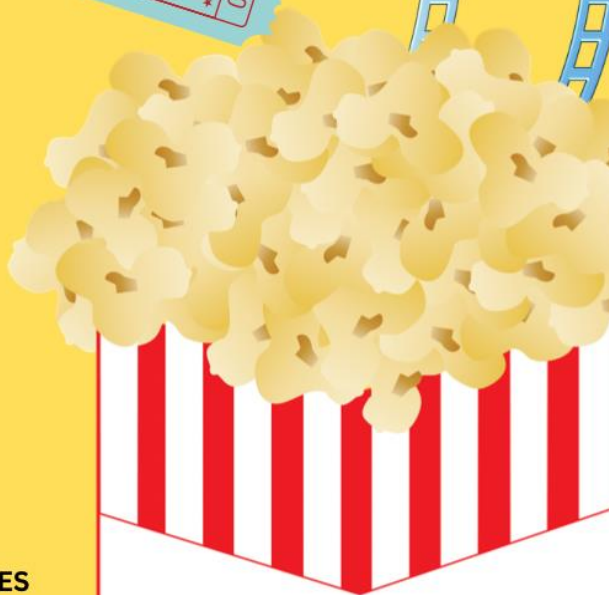
### THURS 17TH NOV

### 3:30PM TO 6PM

BOOK YOUR TICKETS FROM 7TH TO 14TH NOV

[WWW.PARENTPAY.COM](http://WWW.PARENTPAY.COM)

PLEASE REMIND YOUR CHILDREN THAT NO PHONES  
WILL BE ALLOWED. THANK YOU.



# Halloween Jam Jars

Thank you to everyone for supporting the Halloween mufti day in aid of World Mental Health Day and the PTA jam jar sale. So far, over £400 has been raised (our target is £500)

Below is the link to the Just Giving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/wendover-ce-junior-school-wendover2>



WORLD  
**MENTAL  
HEALTH**  
DAY





# Jam Jar Winners:



# Child-led Fundraisers

Thank you to everyone who supported the Cancer Research sale las Friday. Mia and Isabell managed to raise £260 – a fantastic achievement.

Thank you also for supporting the sale in aid of the RSPCA that took place yesterday.



# Class Assemblies

Each year, classes plan and deliver an assembly just for parents. This is another opportunity for parents to come into school to see just how much your child is learning.

Year 6 assemblies will be after half-term on the following dates:

Wednesday 2nd November - 6W

Wednesday 9th November - 6J

Wednesday 16th November - 6S

Assemblies begin at 9am.



# Curriculum Update

Attached to this newsletter is science WINK (What I Need to Know) for each year group. This document sets out what children are expected to know in the science unit they have been studying this half-term.

The WINK gives you more information about what your child has been learning in school. WINKS for the remaining areas of the curriculum will be shared with you throughout this year.





# Road Safety

We do not want a road collision involving children.

We have reminded children to:

- Always use pathways
- Push scooters / bikes across car parks and on pathways
- Find a safe place to cross, look both ways, walk across the road and continue to look both ways

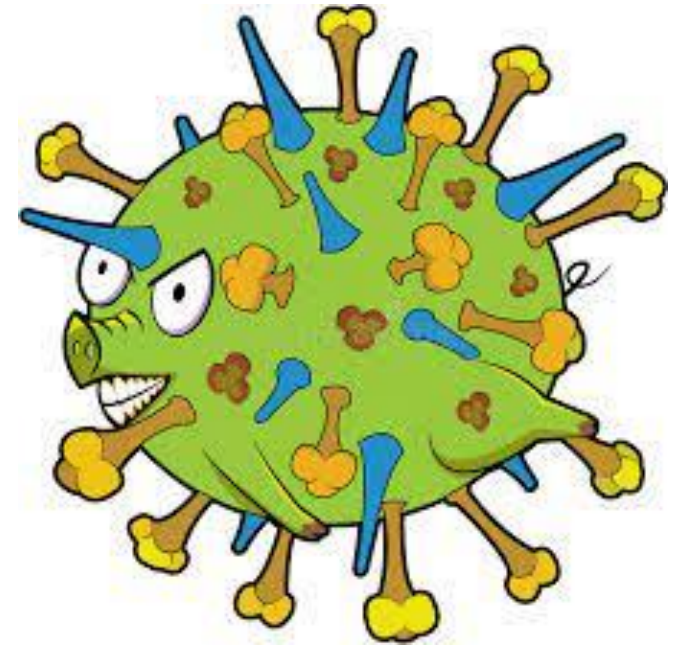
Please help us by modelling this behaviour and remembering that no cars should be driven onto campus unless you have been authorised to do so by the school office. Additionally, parking cars on hazard / double yellow lines / over driveways is inconsiderate and sometimes dangerous as it blocks access for emergency vehicles.



# Flu Vaccination

Information regarding flu vaccination has been emailed to you.

Vaccinations for all children will take place on 3 November in school. Parents are required to confirm or decline the offer of a free vaccination online (see separate email for details of the link).



# Family Support

## **Walking With You**

This is a virtual, parent led support group for anyone supporting children and young people, up to the age of 25, experiencing mental health difficulties. See attached for further [INFO](#). For dates available and how to book see [FLYER](#)

## **Our Time**

The charity supports children of parents with mental health difficulties, see further information [HERE](#)

## **Support for Families and Staff**

The [Support and Resources for Schools and Families in Buckinghamshire](#) 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.

# Extra Curricular



*We are delighted to confirm that [Dramarama Clubs](#) will be offering a lunchtime drama club for both Years 3 and 4 and Year 5 and 6 every Thursday lunchtime. Children will be delighted to spend their lunchtimes 'playing games' and having fun with new and existing friends but parents can be assured that their child is developing essential skills in communication and collaboration, whilst boosting confidence, concentration and creativity. With strictly limited places, the Dramarama ethos is about giving every individual child a chance to shine, receiving coaching, support and advice on how they can develop their skills - whatever level they are at.*

*Just £3 per week for a 25 minute workshop - termly booking required (term starts Thursday 29th September).*

*Places can be booked via: [www.dramaramaclubs.uk](http://www.dramaramaclubs.uk) with payment by BACS to secure the place.*

# Communications

In response to the recent parent survey, and after discussion with governors, we have added further detail to our communications policy. The following points under Communication with Parents are now as follows:

- Our preferred method of written communication from parents is email; parents should email [admin@wendoverjunior.co.uk](mailto:admin@wendoverjunior.co.uk) clearly stating who the message is intended for and the subject (parents should not use eSchools to message teachers directly).
- We strive to respond to all communications within two working days. However, more complex enquiries may take longer – particularly if the input of a number of staff or outside agencies is required.
- Your email will be directed to the most appropriate person - in most cases this will be the class teacher. Year leaders / SENDCO / Designated Safeguarding Lead / headteacher may be involved if required. It is therefore, quite possible that the person you sent the message to does not reply to you directly (see appendix A for further clarity of who to contact in the first instance).

The Communication Policy is attached to this newsletter.

# Dates for the Diary

Y6 Class Assemblies:

Wednesday 2nd Nov 6W, 9th Nov 6J, 16th Nov 6S

Flu Vaccinations:

Thursday 3 November

Parent consultations:

Monday 28 and Tuesday 29 November 3.40 – 6.00pm

# School Office Opening hours

Please note that the office will be open from 9am – 3:15pm.

All other correspondence can be emailed to the office in the usual way or via a phone call

[admin@wendoverjunior.co.uk](mailto:admin@wendoverjunior.co.uk)

01296 696822



# Premier Education Wraparound & Holiday Club

Wendover Wraparound Club operates as follows Monday to Friday each week:

*Breakfast* - 7:50am – 8:50am, £5.25 a morning

*After School* - 3:30pm – 6:00pm, £12.00 a session

*Click here to book onto one of the wraparound services.*

*Click here for guidance on how to pay with childcare vouchers*

*For any further questions please contact Premier's Wendover office on 01296 620097 Martyn – [mhutt@premier-education.com](mailto:mhutt@premier-education.com)*