

Wendover Church of England Junior School

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Welcome Back

The summer holiday seems almost a distant memory as we end our first full week back at school. Children have settled well into their new surroundings and are hard at work already, embarking on their current units of work. Our building works are nearing completion and children are benefitting from the larger classrooms and much increased playground space. We look forward to welcoming you to the Meet the Teacher session in two weeks when you will have a chance to see some of the new facilities and meet your child's class teacher. Thank you to the PTA who will be providing refreshments in the hall at this session.

Extended Learning

As well as developing good learning habits and responsibility through completing their work outside the classroom, we encourage our children to foster a sense of curiosity and to try new things. This year we want to give pupils more opportunities to learn about the wider curriculum through our extended learning programme. As well as embedding core knowledge and skills, we will be encouraging all pupils to enter a half termly competition, each one focusing on a different area of the curriculum. Children will be given up to four weeks to complete their entry, which will be rewarded by 10 house points. Further awards will be given to those who demonstrate outstanding effort or for those entries that are highly commended. Our first competition will be all about Growth Mindset and motivation (look out for an email on Monday!).

Extra-curricular Activities

This year's booklet outlining the range of before and after school club activities was sent home on Monday. If you have yet to return your child's choices, please ensure the form is brought into school by Monday latest. Confirmed places will be sent home via your during w/b 24 September, together with information from external providers where applicable.

Uniform

Please help us by ensuring that your child is wearing the correct uniform at all times. In particular, pupils should be wearing black school shoes and have long hair tied up with a simple tie (black, grey or red with no decorations or ears. Jewellery should not be worn, other than a wristwatch or one earring in each earlobe if ears are pierced. Watches and earrings must be removed for PE. NB Children should have their full PE kit in school at all times; lessons are timetabled on certain days but these can change due to other events taking place in school.

Please also ensure all your child's property (uniform, coat, PE kit, shoes, lunchboxes, etc) is clearly marked with their full name. Firmly fastened labels are preferred, however if you choose to use a pen, please check items regularly to ensure the name hasn't washed off and is still clearly visible. It is also helpful to remove any old names (siblings or friends) as this can be very confusing!

Punctuality

Children need to be in school by 8.50am each morning in order that they can make the very best start to the day. We will be monitoring punctuality and attendance closely this year.

Medicines in School

From time to time your child may require ad-hoc medication in school, eg antibiotics. A reminder that all medicines must be delivered to the office by an adult (in the original packaging showing the prescription details) and a consent form must be completed. NB Only 4 dose a day antibiotics can be administered in school.

Hot Dog Day

Advance notice: we will be running a hot dog day for the children on Friday 19 October. If you had booked a hot meal for this day, it has been cancelled online. You can either choose to order a hot dog (details to follow later this month) or send in a packed lunch.

Head Lice

Please remember to check your child's head regularly and treat as necessary.

Premier Sports - Parent Invitation

Interested in joining a running club for parents? Premier Sports will be holding free sessions on a Friday - details via the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/1671295523108924/posts/2114124958825976/>

Letters Sent Home This Week

Waterside Theatre trip - online safety (Year 6 only)

RAF Halton trip - Cool Aeronautics (Year 6 only)

Extra-curricular activities (whole school)

Reminders

Payment/consent for Year 6 trips via ParentPay by TODAY (Waterside) and MONDAY (Halton)

Diary Dates

17 September	Y6 to Waterside Theatre (online safety show)
20 September	Y6 to RAF Halton (Cool Aeronautics)
27 September	Meet the Teacher, 3.30-5pm
1 October	Individual photos
1 October	Clubs and activities start
2 October	Harvest Festival, St Mary's (10am Y3/4, 11am Y5/6)
4 October	Y5 Space Day
5 October	Red, White & Blue Day (MUFTI and donation)
5 October	Flu clinic (Y3/4/5)
5 October	Y5 swimming lessons start (last session 30 November)
19 October	Hot dog day
19 October	Close for half term at 3.30pm

PTA NEWS

Welcome back – we hope you all had a good summer.



PTA Members

If you could like to join the PTA – we would love your company! Your contribution can be as large or small as you wish, and you don't have to attend meetings if you can't make it. We meet 1-2 times a term and we have a lot of fun organising events for the children. Please email the office and we'll get in touch. Our AGM will be held at the school on Wednesday 19 September at 7pm – everyone is welcome.

Foreign Currency

Please keep hold of any foreign currency that you didn't spend on holiday. We will be running a fundraiser to collect and convert this for the school. Keep an eye of future newsletters for details.



30 September – Fun Run

The JHS and WJS PTAs will be holding their annual fun run on 30 September. Save the date - entry forms will be sent out shortly.



Meet the Teacher – Cream Teas & Refreshments

The PTA will be serving cream teas and refreshments at the Meet the Teacher event on 27 September. We hope to see you all there as it's a great opportunity for us to meet the Y3 parents and any other families new to the school.



Easyfundraising

In the last 30 days our cause has raised **£30.76** and recruited **1 new supporter**. Our target is £2,000 and 200 supporters (half the families and staff).

Sign up for **free** - go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/wendoverpta/>

	Your cause has raised... £421.69	No. supporters 70
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Calling all secret agents...

This Sunday, September 16th at 10.30am, St Mary's Wendover will be kicking off our new **Ignite activities for children aged 5-11. Our first session will appeal to anyone aspiring to be the new James Bond, Ethan Hunt or Alex Rider. So if you fancy solving some riddles and cracking some codes, come along to St Mary's at 10.30am on Sunday morning.**

Ignite is our new Sunday morning activity for children aged 5-11, taking place during our 10.30am services on the first and third Sunday of every month. We all join in the first part of the service and children usually leave for **Ignite after the first song. Parents are welcome to stay in the service or to join in what we're doing in **Ignite**.**

If you fancy it, just come along. We'd love to see you there...

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Wendover
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MEMORY WALK Sunday 16 September 2018 Wendover Woods

Park at main Wendover Woods car park: HP22 5NQ
Start and finish point Memory Walk Gazebo

Registration from 10am / Warm up 10:45am / Walk starts at 11am

1km / 2km / 5km routes
Suitable for all ages, sadly not suitable for wheelchair users



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For information please contact cjamesagosti@aol.com

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