

Wendover CE Junior School

Newsletter: 23.9.2022



*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

Parent Survey

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the parent survey in the summer term. The feedback was discussed at the full governing body meeting this week.

Overall the responses regarding safety, happiness, bullying, curriculum and progress were positive – as we would expect. I know that there is work to do: further improving communications, something that has already begun; reintroducing clubs for children at lunchtime and after school; providing more information about what your child is doing in school and guidance on how best to support them.

We will be using more parent surveys this year to inform our planning – such as the recent educational visits surveys. We will keep them short and thank you in advance for completing them.

Gareth Kynaston - Headteacher

This week's Good News

Year 3 children can now enjoy two reading books at home. They are bringing in a good variety of healthy snacks for breaktimes – well done parents! Children are enjoying learning their two times tables and enjoying our English text 'Katie in London.'

Year 4 have enjoyed a carousel of outdoor activities as stimulus for their recount writing in English. They participated in leaf and bark rubbing, playing pirates and sharks and making bug hotels.

Year 5 are getting to grips with grid references and reading maps.

Year 6 are enjoying their first lessons in street art and celebrating those successful in applying for roles of responsibility.

All children are beginning to prepare their thoughts for our Harvest Festival which will be in St Mary's church on Tuesday 4 October.

Collective Worship

We have begun to revisit our model for spiritual growth, thinking about how we can find awe and wonder in many areas of our lives. The model encourages everyone to think about four different areas: our self, others, the wider world and beyond (the larger questions in life).

Over the next few weeks, we will be thinking more deeply about what spirituality is and the part it plays in our growth.



Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating harvest at St Mary's Church on Tuesday 4 October: Y3&4 at 9.45am and Y5&6 at 10.45am. Parents are welcome to join us (please fill up from the back of the church).

All donations to the Wendover food bank will be most welcome. Children will be carrying these to the church on the day – any larger donations may be dropped at school reception on Monday 3 or Tuesday 4 October and will then be transported to the church.



A celebration of the life of HM Queen Elizabeth II

Children are busy completing their entries for our Big Book, celebrating the life of the late Queen Elizabeth II.

Remember, if you would like to leave a short message from your family, to be included in the book, click on this link:

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



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.

Packed Lunches

For children who bring a packed lunch into school, please be aware that:

- Lunches should be balanced with only one item as a treat (small chocolate bar / cake or similar)
- Any uneaten food and wrappers will come home in the lunchbox (this informs parents about what has been eaten)
- Only water should be brought into school – not juice, quash or fizzy drinks

Curriculum Update

Attached to this newsletter is a maths WINK (What I Need to Know in maths by the end of the year) for each year group. This document sets out what children are expected to know in maths by the end of each academic year. Children and adults in school will be using these to support learning in maths.

Parents can use the WINK and the Curriculum Map to help them talk with their child about learning within a particular maths domain / topic. Instead of 'What did you do today?' you could say, 'Tell me about the columns you use in place value.' Further support for parents in maths and English will be coming soon (how to better support your child's learning).

Year 3 – Important Information

Your child will come home today with two slips of paper detailing their Eschools login, reading book level and spelling group. They should keep this information safe at home.

Thank you

Attendance & Punctuality

Please remember that you need to contact the school via email or telephone if your child is going to be absent. Contact should be made by 8.30am so that the school office is able to process absences quickly.

Your child needs to be in school by 8.50am.
There have been far fewer late arrivals since the start of term. Well done everyone!



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 with payment by BACS to secure the place.

Communications

Please remember that all email communications for teachers should be sent to admin@wendoverjunior.co.uk. These will be forwarded to the most appropriate person so that your query is responded to in a timely manner (usually within 2 working days).

Teachers will not respond to parent messages sent through the eSchools platform.

Youth for Ukraine Concert

We would like to invite you and your families to a fundraising concert for Ukraine, organised by former WJS pupil Jude Kayakiran, and two of his fantastic young classical musician friends – Emma Harrington (voice), and Lucy Howitt (harp), who won last year's Bucks Young Musician of The Year competition. They will be joined by Jozef Hatton, a senior violinist in Bucks County Youth Orchestra (BCYO), and Emma's brother Thomas Harrington (piano, clarinet, BCYO), and Jude's sister Iris Kayakiran (trumpet, voice, BCYO). The repertoire includes extracts from Chopin's piano concerto No2, Bach's double violin concerto and Haydn's trumpet concerto, as well as Delibes' Flower Duet and some wonderful operatic arias.

The concert will take place in **St Mary's in Wendover on September 25th** (4-6 pm approx) and the proceeds will go to UNICEF for its work with children caught up in the war in Ukraine. It was in Wendover News.

Entry is free, but donations to the charity are gratefully received, either on the door or via Just Giving. There is a QR code in Wendover news or you can find the page on

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/bucks-young-musicians-concert-for-ukraine>

Dates for the Diary

19 September	Bank Holiday – School Closed
26 September	3.40 – 4.30 pm Meet the Teacher

Revised 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

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