

Wildridings Primary School



Autumn Term Newsletter 2018

October 2018

Head's News

I hope you all had a fantastic half term and a well-deserved break. As ever, the children have come back to school and settled into their routines beautifully. I am so proud of all the children. We are currently taking prospective parents around the school and the comments about how smart our children look; how polite and well-mannered they are, the quality of their learning and most of all the feel of Wildridings Primary School. Thank you all so much!

We have another busy half term ahead (please see the dates). We have our first parents evening on Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22nd November. This is a real opportunity to find out how your children are settling in to their new year group, how they are settling on in terms of their targets and more importantly an opportunity to look at some of their amazing learning. I look forward to seeing you all there, please try and make an appointment. If you really can't make it come in and speak to the class teacher and an alternative appointment can be made. I can't stress enough how important parents evenings are.

As you are aware the children have been introduced to the new cornerstones scheme of work for topic. Some of you were invited in by certain year groups to view some of the learning the children have been taking part in. The learning opportunities being delivered are really inspiring the children and the quality of their learning is really starting to shine. At the end of this half term all year groups will be opening their doors for you to come and experience some of the learning opportunities your children have taken part in this term. Again, we really look forward to sharing these with you.

A highlight of this half term was going to see the Queen at the Lexicon in town. We were allowed to take 1 boy and 1 girl from the school. To make it fair all the boys' names and girls' names were put into two separate buckets and a name was pulled from each. The lucky children were Connor Smithers (Y4) and Courtney Ferris (Y6). It was a really memorable experience and one I am sure the children will never forget.

The end of term was topped off by another fantastic Halloween disco. All the children (and parents) had a fantastic time even though the temperatures may have melted some face paints. The newly formed PTA did a fantastic job and raised an amazing £967.00. A huge thank you goes out to everyone who supported this event. The decision on what we are raising money for this year is as always down to the children. School Council have visited all the classes and have collated the results, once we have met we will share with you our targets for this year. An amazing start so far!

I also want to say a huge thank you for all your support. I can't believe we are already half a term in already. The children are an absolute credit to you and to the school.

Mr. Cope

Staffing updates...

We are sadly saying goodbye to Mrs Moss and Mrs Parsons. Mrs Moss and Mrs Parsons are part of our lunchtime team. Mrs Moss and Mrs Parsons are both leaving us to spend more time with their families. I would like to personally thank both of them for all their hard work and support over their time at Wildridings. As always, people never really leave us here at Wildridings and both of them have promised they will be back to come and help whenever they may be needed! 😊😊

We do have two new members of staff joining us next week. Miss Cole (another Miss Cole) will be working in Year 2 and Mrs Baldwin will be joining the Year 1 team. We welcome them both!



Poppies

Our Year 6 children will be selling remembrance merchandise all of next week. Please send your children in with some pennies so we can support this worthwhile cause. Prices will be sent out via Parentmail.

Remembrance assembly will be held on Monday 12th November at 11am.



Wider Curriculum - Blue Abyss (Year 4)

What did we learn?

Firstly, we know that fish STINK when they are dead! But we also learnt that bioluminescent is something that glows in the darkness. There are five layers of the ocean (sunlight, twilight, midnight, abyss and trench. Vincent J Scarpace, he is a famous artist that focuses on detailed drawings of sealife. We all have drawn a picture of sealife that is very colourful.

What was our favourite?

Our favourite was making a Comb Jelly, Hawaiian Squid and an Anglerfish. We used sugar paper, cardboard and paint. Art is our favourite side of things and our other favourite was making our clay pots. We had to mould it and let it dry for 4 days (it was nerve racking!). When it was done we painted it and Mrs Milns took our pictures for the display. We would like to thank all the children who came to look at our display and the parents too.



By Amalie Smith and Emily Drury

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to the Year 3 and 4 football team who WON the Bracknell Forest Football tournament. An amazing effort from all the players and ANOTHER trophy for our cabinet – well done team.

The Year 5 and 6 Boys and Girls football season has started extremely well with all the players so far demonstrating fantastic ability, sportsmanship and brilliant team spirit amongst themselves. Special mentions to Tabonga and Harvey who scored their first competitive goals for Wildridings Primary School.

The League has now stopped due to bad light throughout Autumn and Winter and will start again in February. I look forward to having everyone back on the football pitch!!

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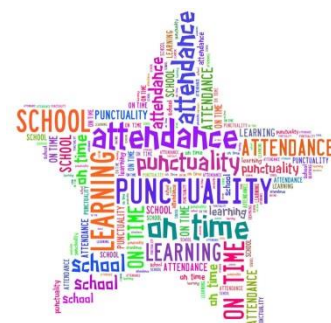
The weather is getting colder, can you please ensure that children are equipped for the change in weather conditions. All children should have a coat (named) and a track suit for PE, as we will be taking the children outside when possible.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Our current overall attendance percentage is 96.7%

Please try and get your children to school every day and arrive promptly. The doors are open at 8:40 am. Every time your child is absent or late they are missing key learning opportunities which may have an effect on their education.

We have 189 children who have had 100% attendance this half term. We are really starting to make a difference. Thank you all so much, but we have a long way to go!



LET'S ACHIEVE OUR GOAL TOGETHER



Internet safety

PLEASE ensure that parent settings and restrictions are on all of your children's electronic devices. Keep an eye on what your children are doing, especially on their phones.

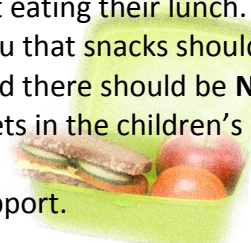
Remember you are responsible for monitoring their actions! There have been some issues being raised over the use of Snap Chat!

School dinners

Please talk to your children about what they do and don't want for their lunch. We are still having issues with hot dinners and packed lunches where children are simply not eating their lunch.

Can we also remind you that snacks should be a piece of fruit or veg and there should be **NO** chocolate bars or sweets in the children's lunchboxes.

Thank you for your support.



Christmas Fair
SAVE THE DATE...
THURSDAY DECEMBER 6th
17:00 – 20:00

After School Club and Breakfast Club

We are delighted to say that our after school club is now full! If you are still interested in using our after school club provision, we do have a waiting list so please contact Mrs. Evans via the main reception. The cost is £10.00 per session and this runs from 15:30 – 18:00.

Breakfast club is also available from 08:00 – 08:40 – you don't need to book just turn up and sign in. The cost for breakfast club is £2.50 a session.

Parents we REALLY need you!

We need your help. If you are available at any time during the week to help support the children with their learning then please pop in and speak to your child's class teacher. We really do value the support you are able to offer and it is always well received. Whether it is 30 minutes in the morning or 30 minutes before pick up, any support would be greatly appreciated.

Diary dates

Friday 2nd November – African Drumming workshops for the whole school

Monday 5th November – Reception to Year 5 Flu Immunisations (please return your forms)

Monday 5th November – Reading training for parents 9:00am

Wednesday 7th November – Year 3 and 4 badminton competition

Monday 12th November Braiswick collecting final school photo orders

Wednesday 14th November – Reading museum Year 6

Thursday 15th November – Reading museum Year 6

Thursday 15th November – Year 1 and 2 cinema trip

Friday 16th November – Cross country relay for Years 4 / 5 / 6

Friday 16th November – Children in Need Bring and Buy Sale

Tuesday 20th November – Parents evening 15:30 – 19:00

Thursday 22nd November – Year 3 and 4 cinema trip

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Friday 23rd November – Year 5 and 6 cinema trip

Thursday 29th November – Theatre company in for the whole school (Robin Hood)

Friday 30th November – Year 6 Cake Sale

Thursday 6th December – Christmas Fair 17:00 – 20:00

Monday 10th December – Year 4 Roman Day

Tuesday 11th December – Reception / Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Play 9:15am

Wednesday 12th December - Reception / Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Play 9:15am

Thursday 13th December - Reception / Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Play 9:15am

Friday 14th December – Christmas Jumper day and a Christmas surprise for the whole school!!

Monday 17th December – Year 5 and 6 Christingle at school 17:00

Tuesday 18th December – Year 3 and 4 Carol concert at school 17:00

Wednesday 19th December – CHRISTMAS DINNER

Thursday 20th December – KS2 Christmas Talent Show

Friday 21st December – Finish for Christmas at 13:10

Monday 7th January – INSET DAY

Tuesday 8th January - Children back to school