

# Wildridings Primary School



## Autumn Term Newsletter 2018

September 2018

### Head's News

First of all let me welcome you all back! It has been a fantastic start to the Autumn term. The children have come back to school with big smiles on their faces, engaged with their learning and extremely positive. The children have been back at school now for a few weeks and already it is clear to see that they are learning and making progress. Their motivation and enthusiasm, in addition to our creative and inspiring curriculum, has made this possible.

It has been very clear to see that so many of the children, with your support I'm sure, have been making an extra effort with uniform and my goodness- don't they look smart! Please see below for reminders about uniform.

The club list has gone out and it's been lovely to see how many children are keen to participate in our clubs. Extra-curricular activities are so important in terms of the positive impact they make on well-being, health, independence and developing those all important social skills.

Thank you so very much for the huge effort that so many of you have made to arrive at school on time. As you are aware we have a new Educational Welfare Officer called Ms. Mace. She is now working on behalf of the school to help us improve attendance at Wildridings to national levels. We will get there, but it needs to be a real team effort. As parents please ensure your children arrive at school on time and please do not book holidays during term time. The holiday dates are on the website if you are not sure.

Our GOLDEN VALUES of Being the BEST you can be; Showing respect; Being safe; Honest and Responsible and Listening underpin all that we do. Our aim for your children is to inspire in them a love of the challenge of learning, to think out of the box and have a resilient approach to learning with a growth mind-set. Learning new things is never easy and it takes great effort- the Wildridings staff are committed to develop 'grit' in the children, to enable them to succeed! We have successfully launched the new Cornerstones scheme of work which your children will be learning over the next 12 months. The topics chosen by the staff are exciting and practical, combining all necessary skills across the curriculum. We hope you are hearing all about their learning! Year 2 have already been to the seaside for the day, the children had a fantastic time and learnt so much – they even got an ice-cream!

Thank you so much for all your positive comments and support this term. We love hearing from you. Please keep the communication open and come and find one of the team if you need anything!

Mr. Cope

## Year 2 go to Bournemouth...

The children in year two started the school year with a trip to Bournemouth beach and aquarium. It was a lovely sunny day and the children had a great time building sandcastles and collecting shells and stones. The aquarium tour and hands on session were engaging and the children were able to ask lots of questions to help them to find out more about the animals. It was an amazing day that included ice lollies on the beach. The children made us very proud. A fab way to start the term!



## Year 6 House Captains



Congratulations to our new House Captains and Vice House Captains. The children had to present themselves to their houses and the children elected who they felt would be the best leader for their house. All of the children who came forward did ever so well and we were all extremely proud of their efforts. It is not easy speaking in front of that many people.

Well done all of you!

## Mr. Cope's School Council

Our new school councillors have been elected for this year:

Year 6 – Joseph and Paige

Year 5 – Imogen and Brooke S

Year 4 – Ava and Phillip

Year 3 – Chloe and Jessica

Year 2 – Varenya and Talia

The children are already on their first assignment, feeding back to the council on what the children would like the PTA to raise money for this academic year and designing posters to attract potential new governors to join our team. We had a very successful first meeting and I am sure they are going to aide in making some amazing things happen at Wildridings over the course of the next 12 months!

## UNIFORM

Thank you to everyone for how smart your children look!

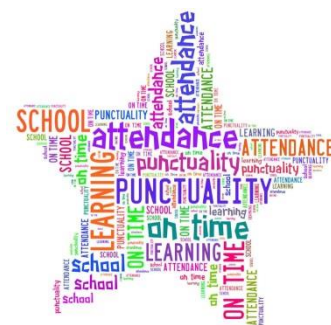
Just a reminder about the uniform expectations, the full policy can be found on the website.

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 for PE and Games.

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Our current overall attendance percentage is 96.9%

Please try and get your children to school every day and arrive promptly. Every time your child is absent or late they are missing key learning opportunities which have an effect on their learning.



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!

### PTA

We had our first PTA meeting of the year, which was very successful. We have a lot of new members which is brilliant.

Our fantastic new trim trail has now been installed on the KS2 playground – paid for by the PTA. The children are going to love it!

The PTA's next event is the Halloween disco on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October.

KS1 disco will run from 16:45 – 17:45 and the KS2 disco will run from 18:30 – 19:45.

Tickets will be on sale the week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> October. We look forward to seeing you all there.



### 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.

## **SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS**

Year 5 and 6 competed in the first competitive football match of the season on Tuesday. Unfortunately, both teams lost against a very good Wooden Hill side. However, all members of both A and B teams demonstrated fantastic desire, determination and resilience to compete until the full whistle.

Man of the Match 'A team' – Archie Shadbolt

Man of the Match 'B team' – Louis Firth

Well done boys!

## **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**

Monday October 1<sup>st</sup> – Ufton Court visiting Year 5

Wednesday October 3<sup>rd</sup> – Year 3 and 4 football – TBC

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October – CENSUS DAY! Can we please encourage all Reception / Year 1/Year 2 children to have a school dinner on this day please ☺**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October – Ufton Court for year 3

Thursday October 11<sup>th</sup> – Braiswick individual photos (including siblings)

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October – Parent workshop – Reception and Year 1 (9am start)

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Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Halloween Disco Reception and KS1 – 16:45 – 17:45 / KS2 – 18:30 – 19:45

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Finish for Half Term at 15:20

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October Half term – BMACTIVE holiday camp.

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October – INSET DAY

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Children back to school

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Parent Forum meeting (Letter to follow)

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – African Drumming workshops for the whole school

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

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November – Reading training for parents 9:00am

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Year 3 and 4 badminton competition

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Ufton Court in Year 4

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Reading museum Year 6

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Reading museum Year 6

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Year 1 and 2 cinema trip

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November – Cross country relay for years 4 / 5 and 6

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November – Parents evening 15:30 – 19:00

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Year 3 and 4 cinema trip

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Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – Year 5 and 6 cinema trip

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

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Fair 17:00 – 20:00

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas surprise for the whole school!!

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Finish for Christmas at 13:10

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January – INSET DAY

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January - Children back to school