



Autumn Term – Newsletter 1

Welcome back

Families,

What a start to the term we have had. The children have come back full of enthusiasm and a real passion for learning. The next 12 months are not going to be 'normal' and I am sure there are going to be more challenges ahead but we are prepared and we will deal with whatever comes our way. Your continued support through this period of time has been amazing and I would like to personally thank you again. We are a team here at Wildridings and if it wasn't for us pulling together, things could have been a lot different.

We are trying to keep everything as 'normal' as possible in school. Children's wellbeing is at the forefront of our mind and our improvement targets this year are going to reflect this. There will be a greater emphasis on Oracy (speaking and listening), which will in turn be developing children's confidence, independence and self-belief. The children have to 'catch up' according to the government guidelines but without feeling good about themselves and having the belief that they can be the best that they can be this will be very difficult. Children will cover the learning gaps that they have missed over the last 6 months or so and leave their current year group – KNOWING MORE. However, not all of the gaps are academic and these are the gaps that we believe are the most important ones for our children at this current time.

I am so pleased with the attitude of the children since returning to school. Believe me it is not easy for them and they have come to terms with the changes amazingly well. It is just so lovely to have a school full of children again and one with such a 'buzz', which is what makes Wildridings such a special place to be part of.

Take care and keep safe.

Mr. Cope

Superstars

I hope you are enjoying the weekly updates on who our SUPERSTARS are. The children are working so hard for so many different reasons. The best part of my job is obviously spending time with the children and I have seen some tremendous pieces of learning over the last few weeks. Some stand out for me were Reggie (Year 4) who has mastered his Roman Numerals; Isla (Year 3) who has done so well with her maths learning, Lilly-Mae (Year 5) who wrote a phenomenal letter linked to her history topic and Khadijah (Year 2) who wrote her name for the first time. These are to name but a few. Over the coming weeks we will be celebrating our children in a number of ways both on the website and through the newsletters. Keep your eyes peeled as it could be your son or daughter that is our next superstar!



Macmillan Coffee morning



What a result! Slightly different this year, but the marvellous Mrs Dos Santos did it again! With your help we raised a whopping **£526.50!!!** Such a wonderful response during these tricky times and I couldn't think of a more deserving charity. Absolutely brilliant!! Thank you all so much!!

Weather is changing - Coats

The weather is changing outside and we are encouraging all children to please bring a coat with them to school. We do aim to get the children outside as much as we can and it is imperative they are dressed appropriately. Thank you.

Lockdown Plan – Just in case...

We will continue to keep you updated with any changes to the Government guidance with regards to the children's schooling. If there is a second lockdown, we will continue to use 'DROP BOX' to post the children's learning. Learning will be posted daily with clear instructions for the children.

Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 will have access to Tapestry. Tapestry will be used for learning to be shared between home and school. Year 4, 5 and Year 6 will have access to staff via year group emails (which are still live), learning can be emailed in to staff.

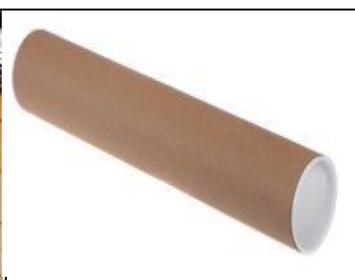
The 'DROP BOX' worked well last time and following on from your feedback in the Parent questionnaire, we feel the addition of tapestry and the email system will enhance the experience. Fingers crossed it doesn't come to this!

School Council / House Captains

Many of the children have been asking about School Council. Sadly this year we are unable to have a School Council made up of children from different year groups due to the risk of cross contamination of bubbles. However, for this year and this year only, we are going to have a School Council with a twist. The Year 6 House Captains are going to make up our School Council. The safest way to have a School Council was to establish one from a bubble. Due to the House Captains roles being limited this year we felt it fitting that they have the opportunity to be School Council. School Council is such a driving force here at Wildridings; I am looking forward to seeing who is voted as our representatives this year! Year 6, if you think you would like to run for House Captain, then start preparing now because the competition this year is going to be fierce!

We need your help – building materials / loose materials for art

Our lovely Miss Cole and the KS1 team are motoring ahead with developing our continual provision. It is proving a real hit with our children and already we are seeing some fantastic results. To take the challenge to the children we are looking for some really specific items and wondered any of you might be able to help us out. The team are on the hunt for:

			
<p>Large pieces of coloured piping – some possibly large enough to get in to.</p>	<p>Cable reels – all sizes.</p>	<p>Any type of guttering.</p>	<p>Solid cardboard tubes.</p>

As well as the above items, the team are also looking for small items for outdoor art such as: shells, curtain Hooks and pebbles. Any contribution big or small would be very gratefully received. Donations can be brought either into school or email Miss Cole at year2@wildridingsprimary.co.uk to arrange delivery of larger items. Thank you all so much for anything you can donate – it makes a huge difference.

Braiswick

This is just a reminder that the photographers (Braiswick) will be coming to school on Wednesday 21st October 21. They will be taking individual pictures only, no sibling photographs this year I am afraid. Please book that hairdressing appointment in quickly!

PTA AGM

Our wonderful PTA are carrying on their fantastic work this year and have their AGM booked for Tuesday 6th October at 18:30. A ZOOM link went out over Parentmail. I look forward to seeing you there. Whether you are new to Wildridings or feel like part of the furniture, everyone is welcome. The team raise a lot of much needed funds for the school and we wouldn't be able to have some of the fantastic things at Wildridings without their continued support. We are looking forward to another successful year of, slightly different, fundraising events. Please see your email for the link to join the Zoom meeting.

Safeguarding

A couple of key safeguarding sites have been brought to our attention last week. I have attached the information sent to me from the Local Authority. One is regarding the site 'OnlyFans' and another about the fantastic application the BBC OWN IT APP. I hope you find this information useful.

The Team at BBC Own it have created a range of content to help young people return to learning, this includes videos from celebrities as well as an app to provide on the go help and guidance to your child's device.

The BBC Own It site contains video content to help young people aged 6-15 with a range of issues they may face online, their brand new '[returning to learning](#)' section has videos and articles all looking at young people going back into education. There are a range of topics covered, such as:

- [Dealing with mean comments online](#)
- [Top tips for moving to secondary school](#)
- [Advice for posting selfies safely](#)
- [Looking at reconnecting with friends](#)
- [Videos from favourite celebrities](#) giving their advice on what to do if you've posted something online you shouldn't have!



WARNING!!!

OnlyFans

OnlyFans is a social media site where users can upload videos and people can pay the creator to watch them. During lockdown signups grew rapidly. Terms of use say that users must be 18 or over to create an account, but of course this is being ignored, by young people and, it seems, the company.

The BBC drew attention to OnlyFans in a BBC Three documentary which found underage girls selling explicit content. Vulnerable people are also at risk.

Find out more:

What is OnlyFans? What parents need to know (internet matters.org)

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/news-blogs/what-is-onlyfans-what-parents-need-to-know>

OnlyFans – what parents need to know (parentzone)

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/onlyfans-%E2%80%93-what-parents-need-to-know>

