



Autumn Term – Newsletter 2

UPDATE

Families,

I wanted to put a newsletter out today following on from the government's announcement regarding a second lockdown. For those that are not aware a second lockdown has been imposed and will start as of Thursday 5th November and last for a calendar month. The lockdown has similarities to the last lockdown we faced but this time, AT THE MOMENT, schools will remain open as normal. Our aim is to keep the school as it is and there will be no significant changes to what your children have been experiencing so far this year. The government are encouraging everyone to stay at home if they can but I want to reiterate the importance of your children STILL coming to school. I am sure there will be further updates during the week and I will keep you updated as soon as any new information is received. Thank you again for all of your support. Wildridings continues to thrive in these troubled times and as I keep saying this is because of the tremendous community we have supporting us.

The lockdown will bring pressures onto a lot of people but please don't keep quiet. It is okay not to be okay and we as a school are here to support. It doesn't matter how small the issue please come and share it with us. We will help in any way we can!

Let's work together to beat this virus – all we can hope is that there is some light at the end of this tunnel.

Take care and keep safe.

Mr. Cope

Wildridings School and the Lions are both committed to helping people in the local community and this is a great and easy way for you to join in. During Covid-19 and the resulting lockdown, many families have struggled due to loss of income, mental health challenges and inability to access the services they need.

On Thursday 5th November, please bring an item in if you are able to. We have been given a list of items that the foodbank are specifically in need of, and a few items they don't wish to receive as they have over a year's supply in their stores!

ITEMS NEEDED:

- tinned salmon
- tinned meat
- long life fruit juice
- long life tinned puddings
- tinned custard
- toiletries and nice smellies sets for christmas presents

Please do not bring in any pasta or tinned beans as the foodbank is currently overrun with them!



THANK YOU LAURIE!

I would like to express a HUGE thank you and congratulations to Laurie for completing his, rather different, London Marathon this year and raising a great deal of money for some wonderful causes, including Wildridings. A tremendous effort and a real success story. Laurie completed the marathon on the 4th – albeit in Bracknell and Reading and pulling his thigh muscle - in a time of 6 hours and 1 minute.

If there is anyone else who'd like to sponsor Laurie the link is <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/LaurenceFigzal1>.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUB (CLUB 3:30) IS CHANGING HANDS

After Christmas, our CLUB 3:30 will be changing hands. At Wildridings we always want to provide the best possible provision for all of our children and our after school club certainly does this. Mrs. Evans and her team do a fantastic job of providing after school care for a number of children. Due to the club being run internally we are limited in terms of the numbers of children we are able to accommodate. We have always wanted to expand and it is therefore the decision has been made to out-source our after school club to GET ACTIVE. A letter will be coming out this week with a welcome letter from GET ACTIVE and flyer. The bookings are now live and can be made through the system below:

Spring Term:

<https://getactivesportsuk.coordinate.cloud/event/88641>

Summer Term:

<https://getactivesportsuk.coordinate.cloud/event/88644>

Some of the differences:

1. The children can be booked onto the club either long term (like now) or on the day.
2. The club is split into 2 sessions. Sessions 1: 15:30 – 16:30 - £6 per day including a snack. Session 2: 15:30 – 18:00 - £11 per day including a snack and a **cold meal**.
3. GET ACTIVE will also be able to take up to 45 children a day which is over double the capacity we currently offer.
4. GET ACTIVE can also cater for children from 4 years old.

PLEASE remember that these changes will take place AFTER Christmas, until then the service will continue as it is now. If you are interested, I would book quickly to avoid disappointment!

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.

Change in policy – mobile phones on the school grounds...

It was brought to my attention that we do not have a policy for parents or outside visitors using mobile phones within the grounds. We have made a decision that as of Tuesday 3rd November, the use of mobile phones, on the school grounds, during school hours, will not be permitted. The decision has been made due to safeguarding reasons and to protect children, staff and parents alike. You will find staff reminding you of the new rule, just so you are prepared.

Please may I also remind everyone that dogs are not allowed to be brought on to school premises with the exception of assistance dogs.

Full details can be found in the *Parents Carers & Visitors Code of Conduct on School Premises September 2020* which will be live on the website.

Thank you for your understanding.

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

Our lovely Miss Cole and the KS1 team and 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:

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

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.

PTA MEETING – TUESDAY 3rd NOVEMBER – 18:30

PARENTS EVENING WEEK COMMENCING 9th NOVEMBER – PLEASE BOOK YOUR SLOT.