

## Spring Term – Newsletter 2



Families,

What a fantastic half term we are having here at Wildridings! It is amazing to be back and I cannot thank you enough for all your kind words and support, it means a lot. The last 15 weeks have been very difficult both personally and for the school. My team have been exceptional during very difficult circumstances and I cannot thank them enough for everything they have done for our children and families. I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank Miss. Cook for doing such an incredible job of leading the school in my absence. It isn't easy leading a school in normal circumstances but with the issues the pandemic has brought and the recent OFSTED visit, Miss. Cook has been exceptional. I feel very proud to be part of such an incredible 'family' and I am looking forward to getting back to work on a full-time basis.

You would have received by now the exciting news regarding our recent OFSTED visit. Please take time to read the report. We are very proud of our achievements and it is well deserved. The outcome is a celebration of the whole Wildridings Community. This has been a journey of almost 6 years, and you all have played a huge part in our achievement as a school. Wildridings is an incredible school and I hope you will join me in celebrating and shouting - very loudly - how proud we all are – spread the word! 😊

World Book day was another big success, a big thank you goes to Miss. Cole for organising, the children looked fantastic and did us proud as always, even though I was very jealous of some of their pyjamas!

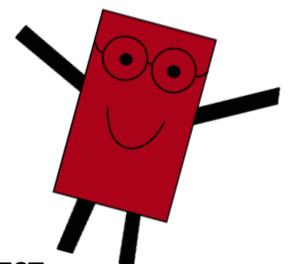
Thank you all so much for your contribution to parents evening this term. I have heard a lot of very happy parents and teachers. It is so important to find out how your children are doing and to spend that ten minutes talking to the class teachers. Fingers crossed we can return to normal very soon and get back to having our face to face meetings. We are keeping everything crossed.

I am not sure where the time goes but we have almost reached the 'Easter Holidays'. On April 1<sup>st</sup>, there will be a few activities going on as always. It will be a mufti day for all of the children, the PTA are asking for a £1 donation, all of the proceeds will be going to the school. We will also be holding our annual **Easter Bonnet competition**, so get creative and bring your bonnets into school on April 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be a prize for the winning bonnet in each year group! The PTA are also arranging a **colouring / design competition** which the children can take part in. The egg templates will be given to the children and we ask that the designs are returned to school no later than Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March. Please ensure their name and class is on the back of the design 😊. Again, there are prizes for the winners and the designs will be displayed for all to see on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April.

Thank you all again for your continued support, it really is time to celebrate and reflect on our journey. For some of you that journey has just started but for others you have been with us from the beginning. Simply AMAZING!

Take care, keep safe and be kind to each other.

Mr. Cope



## Wildridings Football Teams are flying high!

The Wildridings A and B football teams league campaign has resumed with both of them off to a brilliant start! So far, Wildridings have played Great Hollands, New Scotland Hill, Whitegrove and Holy Spring.

The A team remain undefeated with 4 wins from 4 games, scoring 17 goals and conceding just 4.

The B team have won 3 out of 4 games, narrowly losing 2-1 last week.

With 4 games left to play in the season, both teams look set to finish strongly and continue their brilliant form so far.

Keep it up Wildridings!

Mr Stevens



## Our very own Alan Sugar

Hama Beads Sale!

*Hello, I'm Esther and I am in Fiennes class. I wanted to raise some money for our fantastic school so I decided to sell some of my Hama Beads designs that I had made during lockdown. I advertised it to the Year 5 and 6 classes and had my first sale on Friday at lunchtime (25th Feb). I was amazed to raise £64. Not everyone remembered to bring in their money so I had another sale the following Friday. The total amount I raised for the school was just under £75.*



Thanks everyone!

Esther Rudge (Year 5)

We are very fortunate to have so many up and coming entrepreneurs here at Wildridings. Esther is one of many with fantastic ideas and as you can see it has been a roaring success. Esther and her friends organise the sale themselves. She even made me a 'Magpie' as she hadn't made a Newcastle logo – I wonder why! Well done Esther and team – a great result!

## PTA – Twosday challenge

The PTA have a new 'Chair'. The lovely Rachel Sawyer and Jade Knight have joined forces to take on the role as 'Chair'. I would like to express my gratitude to both ladies stepping into the role. The PTA is such a fantastic group of parents and is a major source of income for the school and ultimately our children. It was lovely to see some new faces at the first meeting and please remember – everyone is welcome. I would also like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to Jade Stannett for her contribution to the PTA. Jade remains an active part of life at Wildridings Primary School but due to other commitments could not continue as Chair.

The most recent event – the Twosday challenge has been a huge success! The PTA has loved seeing what you have been up to from making cakes, clearing car parks, keeping bedrooms tidy etc. If anyone would like to share photos of what they have been up to please email them to [pta@wildridingsprimary.co.uk](mailto:pta@wildridingsprimary.co.uk).

I would like to do a special shout out to Thomas Kislingbury who raised £50 for litter picking the community car parks opposite the school! Well done Thomas and thank you. Rosie Brunt was also brought to my attention for the range of things she took part in to raise money including trying Feta cheese. You are braver than me Rosie! Well done to everyone, your hard work and support means we are able to provide exciting new things for the children.

## Visiting Athlete – Nerys Pearce

Last week we were all inspired by the visit of Nerys Pearce. Nerys, along with Chloe Jacobs, came to school to see the children and also run the very tiring circuit classes! Nerys was an inspiration and spoke to the children about her journey and her achievements. It was an emotional assembly, but Nerys delivered it beautifully and with immense positivity.

We have raised a whopping £2000 so far from the sponsored event

– a percentage of this will go to the charity with the rest being spent on new sports equipment for school.

– Miss Bartram is VERY excited.

Please do look up Nerys and her story – it is something special.



## School Council

It has been a long time coming but the School Council have had their first meeting. The School Council comprises of Madhura (Year 1), Finley (Year 2), Marley (Year 3), Elsie (Year 4), Luke (Year 5) and Molly (Year 6). The Year 6 House Captains are also attending the meetings.

The School Council's aim this year is: **To improve lunchtime and playtime activities for all children at Wildridings.**

The children have already delivered a wish list to the PTA and are looking into how they can raise money and also provide cost free options to achieve their aims. We will keep you updated on the School Councils progress.

## Bill Hill – Year 1



Year 1 went on a school visit to Bill Hill! The Year 1 team braved the weather and had a fantastic time. The children loved being at one with nature and it provided a real memorable experience that they will never forget 😊.

## Stage Troupe



Our Dance Team (Year 5 & 6) shall be performing their dance routine 'Blast From The Past' on Sunday 27th March. They will be performing this at Lift Off Dance Festival at South Hill Park. For a lot of the children, this will be their first experience of being on stage. They've all worked incredibly hard to learn this routine, develop their stage presence, and together create a strong team. We are very proud of them all.

The concept of the dance is a museum full of statues from different 20<sup>th</sup> Century decades. Once the coast is clear, they all come to life and together they explore the music, dance styles, and costumes of their decades. Beginning with some Charleston in the 20-40s, to rocking 'n' rolling in the 50-60s, catching disco fever in the 70s, cutting footloose in the 80s, and finally stylishly arriving at the 90-00s.

They'd love any extra support so if you are interested in coming to watch them, you can purchase tickets from here: [https://uk.patronbase.com/\\_SouthHillPark/Productions/Q439/Performances](https://uk.patronbase.com/_SouthHillPark/Productions/Q439/Performances)

## Jewellery sale Coming Soon!!

The talented team led by Mrs Dos Santos and Mrs Upton have been very busy. They will be holding a Jewellery sale on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March after school to sell some of their creations! They have a lot to sell and we are hoping it will provide an opportunity for the school to see what they have been up to. I will certainly be there – looking forward to it!

## Breakfast Club and After School Club!

Mrs Upton and the team will be running breakfast club from 7:45am until 8:30am with doors closing at 8:15am. There will be a NO booking system and the breakfast club will be held in KS1 hall only. The cost is £2.50 per day and includes breakfast. Payable on the day or in advance.

GETACTIVE have also been fully operational. GETACTIVE are running our after-school wrap around care from 15:30 – 18:00. We are excited about being able to offer this service again. There are two options for booking and food is provided! Booking with GETACTIVE is required.

The link to book directly is; <https://getactivesportsuk.coordinate.cloud/event/88644>

We really are fortunate to have this service available to us. Numbers are steadily increasing and we are hoping for even more. The children always have a fantastic time both before school and after school, it really is taking off again – but we need more! 😊 So, come on, sign up, even just to try it out. I promise you and the children will absolutely love it!

**Please visit:** [www.wildridingsprimary.co.uk](http://www.wildridingsprimary.co.uk)

### KEY DATES

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Jewellery Club Sale

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Mothering Sunday

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Egg Colouring Competition deadline

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Mufti Day (£1 😊), Easter Bonnet competition

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Finish at 13:10

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April – INSET DAY

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April – Return to school