Wildridings Weekly

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Dear Parents and Carers,

When pulling together the newsletter this week it feels like a seemingly endless list of reminders, hints and signposting, which highlighted to me how difficult it can be at times keeping on top of things. We try to find the balance of effectively sharing information whilst not wanting to bombard you with everything, but if you ever feel you have missed something then please do not hesitate to contact us.

This certainly applies if you have issues when booking Parents Evening appointments, (which went live earlier this week), but if you've yet to book then please log in to Parentmail to do so as it would be great to see as many of you as possible. It will provide you with an opportunity to discuss the progress your child has made since the start of the academic year, but if you want to know more about what topics and skills your children have been learning since September, please visit the year group pages on our website.

And finally, we are now entering into the part of the school year where we will be showing prospective parents around for those children starting school in September 2027, with the first one taking place on Wednesday. If you would like to see dates of these tours, book a place or know someone that would, then please click here.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr B Ellis - Headteacher

Diary Dates

October

Wednesday 14th @ 9.30am – Prospective Parent Tour
Wednesday 14th @3.30pm – Y4 Residential Meeting
Friday 16th – Y2 to Bournemouth Oceanarium
Monday 19th – Parents Evening 3.30-6.00pm
Wednesday 21st – Flu Vaccinations
Wednesday 21st - Parents Evening 4.00-7.00pm
Thursday 22nd @1.30pm – YR Prospective Parent Tour
Friday 23rd – Y5&6 Puzzle Locker Escape Room
Monday 26th – Friday 30th – Half Term – SCHOOL CLOSED

November

Friday 13th – Children in Need
w/c Monday 16th – Kindness Week

Weekly Celebration

Lunchtime Medal Winner: Erica Q (Jeffers)

Class	Medal Winner	Writer of the Week	Weekly Attendance*
Nursery	Joshua	N/A	
Butterworth	Katherine Grace	YR Ella	94.3%
Donaldson	Wesley		91.7%
Coehlo	Tyla-Jae	Y1	96.3%
Jeffers	Zoe	Lily	97.5%
Percival	Ernie	Y2	92.5%
Bright	Finleigh	Teddy	94.3%
Dahl	Arthur	Y3	99.3%
Wilson	Roman	Nola	97.6%
Bloom	Arlie	Y4	97.2%
Rosen	Casey	Esme	99.2%
Morpurgo	Emily	Y5	97.3%
Rauf	Reggie	Isabelle	92.1%
Zephaniah	Evan	Y6	97%
Pullman	Grayson	Riley	94.6%

The House Point results are:

Green – 1101 **Red – 1140**

HELPFUL REMINDERS

During pick up and drop off we have a number of guidelines in place to ensure the safety of all members of the school community. It can be an incredibly busy time so we ask for your support that:

-All scooters and bikes to be walked whilst on school site, (including pre-school children)
-No dogs, (or other animals) to be brought on to school site
-'Keep clear' markings on nearby roads to not be parked on, with any residents or disabled parking being respected
-SLOW DOWN when driving near school in order to be aware of pupils and parents crossing
-Minimise mobile phone use during drop-off and pick-up to ensure interactions are child focussed

One reminder that isn't above however, is that we are a no smoking or vaping site because this is followed by everyone. Whilst we cannot control what goes on outside school, some parents have recently contacted us about smoking and vaping at the school gates in the presence of young children and babies, so we please ask parents to be mindful of this.

As always, thank you for your support!

We understand that parents find WhatsApp groups incredibly helpful to share information, ask questions and discuss matters relating to school. However, WhatsApp is not a channel that the school can monitor or control, and information shared within groups can quickly become inaccurate, incomplete or taken out of context.

If you have a concern, **please speak to the school directly**. This gives us the opportunity to listen, establish the facts and, where appropriate, we will take action or provide reassurance. It also ensures that concerns are dealt with by the people who are in the best position to help, the details of which are outlined in our Parent Communication Policy.

As a school, we can control the information we share, the actions we take and how we communicate with parents. We cannot however control what is posted, shared or circulated on WhatsApp.
By coming directly to us rather than relying on information shared through WhatsApp or other informal channels helps us work together positively and ensures that concerns are addressed fairly, accurately and promptly.

Fidget Toys

A small number of children might find fidget toys helpful for maintaining concentration and regulating their emotions. However, we kindly ask parents **not to send children into school with fidget toys from home**.

Fidget toys (and squishes) can quickly become a distraction, both for the child using them and those around them by interrupting learning, becoming lost or damaged, and can sometimes lead to disagreements between children.

If a child has a **specific identified need** for use of a sensory or fidget resource, the class teacher and Mrs Wort (DHT-SENCO) will discuss and agree it's use with parents. In these circumstances, the school will provide or agree an appropriate resource and ensure that it is used purposefully to support learning and regulation.

We appreciate your support in helping us to maintain calm, focused classrooms where children can concentrate on their learning with **fidget toys being left at home unless specifically agreed with school.**

TKAT Consultation Reminder

Just a reminder, in case you are yet to do so, to please complete this form if you would like to raise any questions, queries or comments regarding the proposal to join The Keys Academy Trust. The consultation closes on Wednesday 4th November at 9am.



Just in case you were wondering but we haven't forgotten Harvest this year! With many organisations supporting foodbanks around this time of year, we aim to help replenish their shelves a little later than normal and it will also form part of our Kindness Week (w/c 16th November).

Wildridings Primary School Menu w/c 12th October 2026 - £2.74 per meal (Key Stage 2)

Monday 12	Tuesday 13	Wednesday 14	Thursday 15	Friday 16
Mains Hand Stretched Margherita Pizza with Garlic Slice (V) Sweetcorn Pizza & Garlic Slice (V) VEGAN Margherita Pizza (VG) Chinese BBQ Noodles (VG) Jacket Potato & Fillings (choice) (V) (GF) Filled Roll (choice) **Accompaniments** Sweetcorn (VG) (GF) Green Beans (VG) (GF) Salad Bar Homemade Bread (V) **Desserts** Fruit & Ice Cream (V) (GF) Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt (V) (GF)	**Mains** Macaroni Cheese (V) Meatballs in Tomato Sauce (GF) (contains lentils) Jacket Potato & Fillings (choice) (GF) Filled Roll (choice) **Accompaniments** Carrots (VG) (GF) Garden Peas (VG) (GF) Rice (VG) (GF) Salad Bar Homemade Bread (V) **Desserts** Marbled Cookie (VG) Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt (V) (GF)	**Mains** Roast Chicken (GF) Plant Based Sausages (VG) Jacket Potato & Fillings (choice) (GF) Filled Roll (choice) **Accompaniments** Salad Bar Homemade Bread (V) Homemade Roast Potatoes (VG) (GF) Savoy Cabbage (VG) (GF) Carrots (VG) (GF) Gravy (VG) (GF) **Desserts** Fruit Salad (VG) (GF) Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt (V) (GF)	**Mains** Beef Chilli Con Carne (GF) Jacket Potato & Fillings (choice) (GF) Jacket & Beef Chilli Con Carne (GF) Filled Roll (choice) Hearty Tomato & Herb Pasta Bake (V) **Accompaniments** Rice (VG) (GF) Sweetcorn (VG) (GF) Broccoli (VG) (GF) Salad Bar Homemade Bread (V) **Desserts** Apple Cake (V) Custard (V) (GF) Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt (V) (GF)	**Mains** Fish Fingers Crispy Crumbed Vegetable Gr (VG) Cheesy Butternut Squash Sausage Roll (V) Jacket Potato & Fillings (choic (GF) Filled Roll (choice) **Accompaniments** Chips (VG) (GF) Garden Peas (VG) (GF) Baked Beans (VG) (GF) Tomato Ketchup (VG) (GF) Salad Bar Homemade Bread (V) **Desserts** Banana Bread (V) Fresh Fruit Fruit Yoghurt (V) (GF)