



22nd October 2020

Dear parents/carers,

Given the unusual situation that we find ourselves in and with all the restrictions that entails, I am so pleased to have reached the end of my first half term at Wisborough Green with such a positive outcome! Children have soon settled back into school life, staff have worked beyond expectations to provide quality experiences whilst keeping us all safe, and every class bubble has remained open the entire time. I appreciate that not all schools are in this fortunate position.

Before we close for INSET and half-term, I would like to let you know a little more about our plans for the rest of this term.

Termly Reports

Class teachers have completed their initial assessments and are currently agreeing reading, writing and maths targets with your child. This term, the report will look slightly different, with attainment split into four categories:

- working below the objectives for the previous year
- working within the objectives for the previous year
- starting to access the objectives for the current year
- working well within the objectives for the current year

As expected, the long lockdown period has impacted on learning in some areas and this will be reflected in your child's report. Many children will currently be working within the previous year group's objectives in the short-term. Please do not be concerned if this is the case for your child. Their targets will have been selected to ensure progress whilst continuing to be exposed to the current year's curriculum. There will be an opportunity for you to discuss your child's targets in more detail during the parent-teacher conversations indicated below.

We have also decided not to comment on attendance or punctuality this term. I am delighted to say that attendance at Wisborough Green has been high this half-term, well above local and national averages. Most families have taken the sensible approach of only keeping their child at home if they show Covid-related symptoms, are waiting for test results, or if they have been too ill to attend for other reasons. If we feel that your child's attendance has been poor for reasons other than those listed, we will be contacting you directly.

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A paper copy of your child's report will be sent home in an envelope on Friday 6th November. Where estranged parents have requested two copies, a second copy will be posted to the address provided. Please let the office know if your family circumstances have recently changed or if you think that our records may not be up-to-date.

Should you wish to add a parent comment to your child's report, please email the office, for the attention of the relevant class teacher, and they will add it on and send you an updated copy of the report.

Parent-Teacher Conversations

Unfortunately we are still unable to invite you into school. For this reason, we will be offering ten-minute telephone conversations with your child's class teacher next half-term as follows:

Monday 9th November	Reception and Year 6
Tuesday 10th November	Year 1 and Year 5
Monday 16th November	Year 2 and Year 3
Tuesday 17th November	Year 4

Appointments can be booked via the Parent Evening System

<https://wisboroughgreen.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

There is a choice of six one-hour slots from which you may select one. There will be five available places in each one-hour slot. Please only select one place in your chosen slot. Your child's teacher will phone you during your chosen time slot for a ten minute consultation. For example, if you select the 9:15-10:15 slot, the teacher will phone you for a ten minute conversation at some point between 9:15am and 10:15am.

If your call is unanswered, the teacher will endeavour to call again within the hour slot. Calls will be made to the mobile number of the parent or carer who has made the booking. Should you wish us to call on a different number, please email the school office in advance.

Remote Learning

In response to feedback from parents and in line with national guidance, Wisborough Green has signed up to the DfE funded Google Classroom scheme to be used consistently across all age groups should a future lockdown occur. This has proved to be extremely popular with schools across the country, meaning that we have had to wait until our INSET Day for staff training. When we return after half-term, teachers will use this service to administer homework activities.

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Individual accounts are in the process of being activated and more information will follow. Thank you for your patience in this matter.

Supporting Children with Special Educational Needs

The unusual start to the year has meant that some of our usual processes have been delayed. Once reports have been completed, Individual Learning Plans (ILPs) will be reviewed and sent to parents of children on the Special Needs Register. Please be assured that teachers are aware of previous ILP targets and your child's termly report will reflect this. Targeted 1:1 support and group interventions have also recently begun. However, if your child already has an ILP and you have any urgent questions or concerns, please email the office, for the attention of Miss Greenway, our SENDCo.

Remembrance Day

We are aware that poppies cannot be sold in school this year with online donations being encouraged instead. Our children are keen to contribute to the Royal British Legion appeal 'Every Poppy Counts' and so they will be making their own 'poppy item' during the first week back, which they will bring home on Friday. We will provide details for anyone who wishes to make a donation during that week.

Dates for the first week back

- Monday 2nd November Pumpkin Competition
- Wednesday 4th November Years 1 and 2 start whole-class musical instrument lessons
- Friday 6th November Years 5 and 6 Church Remembrance Service (to be filmed)
- Friday 6th November Poppies home
- Friday 6th November Reports home

I would like to wish all our families a lovely, restful half-term break and look forward to seeing you all return safe and well on Monday 2nd November with your pumpkins!

Best wishes,

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