

4th December 2020

School Value: PERSEVERANCE

Children have continued to discuss perseverance and how to get through the learning dip in order to make progress. Year 4 thought about the benefits of reflecting on their work and decided that to improve, 'you should look really hard at your work and spot mistakes and work on them'. They also said that 'looking at other people's work helps you reflect on your own'.

Year 2 agreed that 'we learn from our mistakes and we try again each time'. They thought that it was important 'to be resilient and keep going if things are tricky' and advised 'don't give up – just work together'.

A note from the Headteacher

Christmas Cards and Gifts Reminder

Please be reminded that, due to current restrictions, children may only bring Christmas cards for children (or adults!) in their own class. All cards (and gifts if applicable) must be dropped off in your child's classroom on **Thursday 10th or Friday 11th December** only. Any cards or gifts sent after these dates will have to be returned. Cards will then be quarantined and sent home on Tuesday 15th December.



Phonics Screening: Year 2

As a result of last year's lockdown, Year 1 phonics screening did not take place. The DfE have instructed therefore that all Year 2 children must complete the phonics screening during the Autumn term of Year 2. At Wisborough Green we will be carrying out our assessments during the next two weeks. If your child is currently in Year 2, please continue to help them to practice sounding out and reading real and 'alien' (nonsense) words and recognising digraphs (where two letters make one sound e.g. ch, th, ph) when reading at home. Mrs Bates and the Year 2 team have continued to practice at school each day and will ensure that the screening is as low-key as it can be whilst giving your child every opportunity to demonstrate their phonics skills.

The current Year 1 cohort should complete their phonics screening in June 2021 as usual. More information will be provided for parents during the Spring term.

Results for both year groups will be reported to parents as part of their annual report. Parents will be told that their child 'achieved the phonics threshold' or 'has not yet achieved the phonics threshold'. Children in Year 2 who do not achieve the threshold this term will continue to receive support and will be assessed again in June 2021. Both results will be reported to parents if this is the case.

Covid Hotline – If you receive a positive Covid result for your child over the weekend or during the evening, please email covid19@wisboroughgreenschool.org.uk straight away.

Things we are looking forward to

We have our local hedgehog expert coming in to see the children in KS1 next week. He will be bringing in a hedgehog (in his own self-isolation pod!) to meet the children and they will have the opportunity to ask lots of questions.



Our Chartwells festive lunch and Christmas jumper day is taking place on the 16th. It will be a non-uniform day so pupils can come in wearing festive clothes (please bear in mind that the children will still be playing outside as normal so may get wet/muddy, and sensible shoes are still applicable)!



Important December dates for your diary

Friday 11th – KS1 Hedgehog Visit

Wednesday 16th – Christmas Jumper Day and Chartwells Festive Lunch

Friday 18th – Last Day of Term

Cake Raffle

To find out the winner of our fabulous cake raffle each week, please visit our new Twitter page @WisGreenPrimary.

Team Points

Green – 106

Yellow - 98

Blue – 111

Red - 96

Have a lovely weekend!