

6<sup>th</sup> November 2020

## School Value: PERSEVERANCE

This half term, our values focus will be perseverance. This is represented by the 'work at it', wise old owl who never gives up. Children will, as always, be encouraged to show continued effort to do or achieve something despite difficulties or failure. This is one of the areas that we have noticed children finding difficult since our return to school after lockdown and we will begin by helping them to consider how best to make progress against their individual learning targets.



## A note from the Headteacher

### Remembrance Service

As you will be aware, Years 5 and 6 had planned to mark Remembrance with a short service at church this week. Unfortunately, we were informed that, under new Covid-19 restrictions, this would no longer be permitted. Both classes did, however, take part in their own Remembrance Services at school. A video and photos will shortly be displayed on our website.



All of our children have been learning about Remembrance Sunday this week and have drawn or made their own poppy to bring home. As we are unable to sell poppies or collect donations in school this year, we ask that, if you would like to, to make a small donation instead to The Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal via School Gateway by **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November**. We will then transfer the total amount to the British Legion and will let you know how much we have raised.

### Covid-19 Restrictions

Following the Prime Minister's announcement of new national restrictions on 31 October, the DfE published information on what these new national restrictions meant for education and childcare settings. Despite a few minor adjustments, there are no major changes in primary schools or their provision at the current time. We will continue to follow and review our rigorous school risk assessment to ensure that we minimise risk to children, staff and our families. In order to do this, we ask that you only attend the school office if absolutely necessary, phoning or emailing instead if at all possible. If your visit is absolutely necessary, we politely ask that you wear a face mask or covering and only enter one at a time. May we also remind you that only one adult should be dropping off or picking up per family to minimise the number of visitors to the school site. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.



### Community Hub Support for Families in Need

With another lockdown in progress, we appreciate that more of our families may need support or help, particularly with the provision of food and essential household supplies. The West Sussex Community Hub, which was set up in March 2020, offers practical support and information to anyone adversely affected by COVID-19, and is totally confidential. Contact is available seven days a week, between 8am and 8pm, when staff are on hand to respond to enquiries.

You can find more information and request support online at [www.westsussex.gov.uk/covid19communityhub](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/covid19communityhub) or you can speak to someone on 0330 222 7980.

## Road Safety: Newpound Lane

As Covid-19 restrictions are tightened nationally we are even more aware of how lucky we are to still have every class open and staffed. As part of our risk assessment, we decided to offer a car drop-off and pick-up facility to parents in order to reduce the risk of possible transmission. We are keen to continue with this option but we are becoming increasingly aware of the impact this is having on the traffic on Newpound Lane. We have received several complaints about safety for pedestrians on this road and find ourselves in the unenviable position of having to balance the dangers of possible Covid-19 transmission against the road safety of our families leaving school. On average, at least 70 cars per day are dropping off or picking up which has a major impact on the volume of traffic on Newpound Lane.



We strongly request therefore that parents adhere to the following points:

- Only drive if absolutely necessary
- Consider parking in the village and walking through to the playground
- Arrive promptly at the allotted time and not before, as this results in long queues of traffic (our earliest drop-off is 8:40am for Years 5 and 6 and our earliest pick-up is 2:55pm for Years 1 and 2 - no cars should enter the school premises prior to these times)
- Avoid parking on Newpound Lane.

We have been in touch with WS District Council, WSCC Transport Services for Schools and the community police service for advice but, should the traffic situation continue to be a danger on Newpound Lane, we will have no option but to revert to walking only for drop-off and pick-up, with staggered times. Should this occur, we will ask you respectfully to wear masks when entering the school grounds. We sincerely hope that this problem can be remedied to avoid making this decision.

## Durbans Road: New Layby and Crossing Point

Wisborough Green Parish Council has asked us to highlight the new crossing point on Durbans Road, in the village centre. They indicate that this crossing was created to address the safety of crossing from a layby, between parked cars, restricting visibility. This crossing point, nearer to the junction, is designed to give clear visibility, to both pedestrians and drivers, and encourage crossing at this point, rather than cutting the corner at the junction or crossing between cars; it also links to the pavement creating a safe route to the school entrance. The Council urges you to advise children who reach the crossing point before you, to wait away from the kerb edge, to discourage drivers from stopping.

## Reports

Parents and carers of children in Years 1 to 6 will have been given a paper copy of their termly report today, in a sealed envelope. Please check in book bags if this does not appear to be the case. Along with their poppies, your child may have a lot to carry (or mislay!).

A reminder that parent telephone meetings begin next week. If you haven't already had the chance to book your slot, please access it via the Parents Evening System (<https://wisboroughgreen.schoolcloud.co.uk/>).

**Bookings close on Sunday at 8.00pm.** Any problems, please email the office.

## School Photos

We will also be sending home your child's recent individual school photo this week. We ask, where possible, to order online with the company, Yellow (instructions will be within your pack), as this will minimise paperwork that would need to be quarantined within the school. If you wish to use the paper order form, please complete and return via the post box to the left of the main entrance doors. **The closing date for all orders is TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER.**

## Flu Vaccination Consent Forms

Today was the deadline to return forms. If you are yet to return your child's form – please do so on Monday at the latest. Without a consent form, your child will not receive the flu shot at school. Thank you.

### Important November dates for your diary

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> – Deadline for booking parents evening calls

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> – Deadline for Flu Consent Forms

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> – Children in Need (more details to follow)

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Odd Socks Day (Anti-Bullying Week)

### Team Points

Green – 207

Yellow - 183

Blue – 175

Red - 222

### Cake Raffle

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

***Have a lovely weekend!***